

# VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to inform you of a change in our middle school schedule for the New York State Assessments. We will be administering N.Y.S. Assessments to our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. It is very important for us to provide the students with an appropriate testing environment. We will be using an alternate schedule that will enable us to do the following:

- Eliminate many distractions such as bells and traffic in the hallways
- Utilize every room in the building as a testing site
- Administer test modifications to our special education students appropriately
- Create smaller test sites as a result of having every teacher available to serve as proctors

Smaller testing groups and focused purpose have been very successful for us in the past. We want to continue to provide our students with the best environment for success.

In order to provide an optimum testing environment we will run a split-session schedule on these dates.

The N.Y.S. English Language Arts Assessments will be administered to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students on **Tuesday, March 28; Wednesday, March 29; and Thursday, March 30, 2017.**

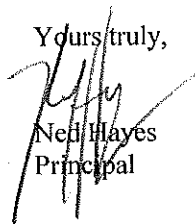
The N.Y.S. Math Assessments will be administered to all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students on **Tuesday, May 2; Wednesday, May 3; and Thursday, May 4, 2017.**

- Sixth and seventh grade students will be in attendance from 8:02 AM - 10:30 AM. Students will take their normal AM bus run to school, and a normal PM bus run home following the assessment.
- Eighth grade students will be picked up between 11:00 AM and 11:15 AM. **(Please note eighth grade students will be picked up at their afternoon bus stop.)**
- Eighth grade students will be in attendance from 11:30 AM. - 1:52 PM. They will be transported home on the high school afternoon bus run.

We don't anticipate any weather related delay or cancellation on those dates, however, testing will be moved to the next day and we will use the schedule described above.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

  
Ned Hayes  
Principal

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