

March 21, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Farrell Area High School will once again be administering the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) from April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup>. The English/Language Arts and Math tests will be given during the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The Science test will be given during the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> to all **8<sup>th</sup> graders. We will be on an adjusted schedule on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. The schedules are enclosed.**

A student's score will fall into one of the following categories – *Advanced, Proficient, Basic, or Below Basic*. It is our sincerest wish for all of our students to do their very best and achieve *Proficient or Advanced* status. Accomplishing this will take a concerted effort not only of the school, but also of each household. Please assist us in our efforts by impressing upon your child the need to *do their very best, leave nothing blank, to get plenty of sleep and to be on time* for school each day.

As always, please refrain from signing your child out during school hours. We ask that you schedule all appointments for *after* school hours. In addition, there is a strict ***No Cell Phone Policy*** during testing to maintain optimum security. If a student is caught with a cell phone, it will be taken from them and you will be required to retrieve it at the end of the school day. **If a student is caught breaching security (i.e. use of a cell phone, cheating on the test) a possible expulsion could occur.** We especially need your compliance in this matter during the PSSA testing to us help maintain the optimum testing environment.

We are confident that our students will do well on this assessment!

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Matthew Fowler  
Principal

Jordan Snyder  
Guidance Counselor

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Director of Curriculum/DAC

## **PSSA ELA**

### **Grades 7 & 8**

**April 10 & 11**

8:00 – Students go to their assigned classroom. Any late students, report to the library for testing.

8:00 – 8:15 – Students permitted to eat breakfast

8:15 – 9:40 – Section 1 of ELA (April 10), Section 3 of ELA (April 11)

9:40 – 9:45 – Restroom Break – (April 11 – receive lunch and students dismissed at 10:00am)

9:45 – 10:15 – Lunch

10:15 – 11:55 – Section 2 of ELA (April 10)

11:55 – Dismissal of students who are finished with the sections for the day. Any student not finished will go to the Library to finish the section they are currently working on.

**\*On April 11<sup>th</sup>, students will complete Section 3 and then eat lunch. They will be dismissed at 10:00am.**

### **Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12**

**April 10**

12:00 – Students report directly to lunch

12:00 – 12:32 – Lunch

12:35 – 1:09 – Pd. 1

1:12 – 1:44 – Pd. 3

1:47 – 2:19 – Pd. 5

2:22 – 2:55 – Pd. 7

Students dismissed at 2:55

### **Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12**

**April 11**

**Report at 10:00am**

**Follow 2 hour delay schedule**

## **PSSA Math**

### **Grades 7 & 8**

**April 17**

8:00 – Students go to their assigned classroom. Any late students, report to the library for testing.

8:00 – 8:15 – Students permitted to eat breakfast

8:15 – 9:40 – Section 1 of Math

9:40 – 9:45 – Restroom Break

9:45 – 10:15 – Lunch

10:15 – 11:55 – Section 2 of Math

11:55 – Dismissal of students who are finished with the sections for the day. Any student not finished will go to the Library to finish the section they are currently working on.

### **Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12**

**April 17**

12:00 – Students report directly to lunch

12:00 – 12:32 – Lunch

12:35 – 1:09 – Pd. 2

1:12 – 1:44 – Pd. 4

1:47 – 2:19 – Pd. 6

2:22 – 2:55 – Pd. 7

Students dismissed at 2:55

## **PSSA Science**

**Grade 8**

**April 24**

8:00 – Students go to their assigned classroom. Any late students, report to the library for testing.

8:00 – 8:15 – Students permitted to eat breakfast

8:15 – 9:40 – Section 1 of Science

9:40 – 9:45 – Restroom Break

9:45 – 10:15 – Lunch

10:15 – 11:55 – Section 2 of Science

11:55 – Dismissal of students who are finished with the sections for the day. Any student not finished will go to the Library to finish the section they are currently working on.

## **Grades 7, 9, 10, 11, & 12**

**April 24**

12:00 – Students report directly to lunch

12:00 – 12:32 – Lunch

12:35 – 1:09 – Pd. 3

1:12 – 1:44 – Pd. 4

1:47 – 2:19 – Pd. 5

2:22 – 2:55 – Pd. 6

Students dismissed at 2:55