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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) will be administered at JTMS on the following date:

Grade 8- Wednesday, May 31st, 2017.

This year the NJ ASK assessment is covering 8th Grade Science. The State PARCC exam recently held covered Languages Arts and Mathematics. Testing on this day, the 31st will begin promptly at 7:45 am and continues for approximately two hours. The two hours includes the handing out of materials, instructions from the proctor/examiner, testing time, and collection of materials. The purpose of this letter is to bring these dates to your attention as well as to inform you of testing guidelines prescribed to us by the State of New Jersey.

We are very proud of our students' accomplishments and are confident that they all have the potential to perform well on this assessment. In order to support your child's success and to comply with State testing procedures and security, we are requesting that you, as parents, help us in the following ways:

- ❖ Please make sure that your child arrives to school on time. 8th Grade students arriving late to school will report to the ISS room until testing has concluded and will be scheduled for the NJ ASK make-up session on the 7th.
- ❖ Please do not pick up your child while testing is in session. Students will not be allowed to go back and complete unfinished sections of the test. This will have a negative impact on your child's score.
- ❖ Remind your child that they are not permitted to have a cell phone in the testing site. Students who have cell phones during testing will have that section of the test voided and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken as a result.
- ❖ Finally, please make sure that your child has plenty of rest the evening before the testing day and that your child has a well-balanced breakfast in order to sustain them through the testing period.

Your child has received a copy of the New Jersey Assessment of Skills & Knowledge NJ ASK 2017 Parent, Student, and Teacher Guide. Please refer to this booklet as it contains information regarding the most frequently asked questions about the NJ ASK and its importance in your child's education. This information explains what to expect on the NJ ASK, who is tested, how students can prepare, and where to find more information about NJ ASK. On pages 5-8 you will also find sample questions. Please be sure to review this booklet with your child.

If your child is not present on the 31st, the State issued one make up day slated for June 7th.

If you have any questions regarding test administration, please contact your child's guidance counselor at 973-697-1980.

Thank you,

Robert Hayzler
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Building Test Coordinator