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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

PARCC Assessments will be administered in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics beginning Thursday, March 30, 2017. Testing will be conducted over the course of six consecutive mornings with all students testing simultaneously and completing one unit per day. Tests will be administered from 7:35 - 9:45 a.m. each morning followed by homeroom and a modified bell schedule beginning at 9:50 a.m.

On the reverse side of this letter you will find the bell schedule for each testing day as well as a list of SHS courses that have a corresponding PARCC assessment. Students enrolled in an English or Math course that does not have a PARCC Assessment are required to report to school by 9:50 a.m. each day. During Mathematics testing on March 30th, March 31st, and April 3rd, a second round of bus transportation will be provided for Branchburg students who do not have a Mathematics Assessment. The second round of bus transportation will pick students up two and a half hours later than their normally scheduled pick-up time.

Students who attend Somerset County Vocational Technical High School A-Shop or Somerville Medical Sciences Academy will remain at Somerville High School for the administration of the test. We will notify the appropriate program coordinator to excuse the day. Vo-Tech C-Shop students will report to VoTech in the afternoon as normal.

Students are required to bring a fully charged Chromebook and their own headphones. Calculators are built into the testing software; however, students are welcome to bring their own handheld calculators if they wish. All calculator memories must be cleared prior to testing and the TI-Nspire model is not permitted.

Please note that demonstrating proficiency on the PARCC Assessments remains a means by which students can satisfy the State graduation requirements in English Language Arts and Mathematics. As a result, we believe it is important that each student work to the best of his/her ability in an effort to meet this requirement. Your support and encouragement is imperative to your son/daughter's success.

Special Note for the Class of 2020 (current Freshmen): Alternate test scores (SAT, ACT, etc..) for the Class of 2020 students may only be used to satisfy the graduation requirement if the student has sat for every PARCC assessment associated with a high school-level class in which he/she is enrolled. An outline of the testing requirements for each graduating class can be found on the Guidance Department website or by visiting <http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/parents/GradReq.pdf>.

Sincerely,

Gerard T. Foley
Principal

Current SHS Course Enrollment and Corresponding PARCC Assessment

| Current SHS English Course | PARCC Assessment |
|---|---------------------|
| English 1, English 1CP, English 1H | ELA 9 |
| English 2, English 2CP, English 2H | ELA 10 |
| English 3, English 3CP, English 3H | ELA 11 |
| English 4, English 4CP, AP English, English 4CP/Comp 1, English Composition 1&2 | No PARCC Assessment |

| Current SHS Math Course | PARCC Assessment |
|--|---------------------|
| Algebra 1, Algebra 1CP, Alg 1: Non-Linear | Algebra 1 |
| Geometry, Geometry CP, Geometry H | Geometry |
| Algebra 2, Algebra 2CP, Algebra 2H | Algebra 2 |
| Linear Mathematics, Advanced Algebra, PreCalculus CP, PreCalculus H, Calculus, AP Calculus, Statistics CP, AP Statistics | No PARCC Assessment |

Testing and Bell Schedule

| Thursday March 30th | Friday March 31st | Monday April 3rd | Tuesday April 4th | Wednesday April 5th | Thursday April 6th |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Math - Unit 1 7:35 - 9:45 | Math - Unit 2 7:35 - 9:45 | Math - Unit 3 7:35 - 9:45 | ELA - Unit 1 7:35 - 9:45 | ELA - Unit 2 7:35 - 9:45 | ELA - Unit 3 7:35 - 9:45 |
| Homeroom | | | 9:50 - 9:56 | | |
| Period 1 10:00 - 10:30 | Period 3 10:00 - 10:30 | Period 1 10:00 - 10:30 | Period 3 10:00 - 10:30 | Period 1 10:00 - 10:30 | Period 3 10:00 - 10:30 |
| Period 2 10:33 - 11:03 | Period 4 10:33 - 11:03 | Period 2 10:33 - 11:03 | Period 4 10:33 - 11:03 | Period 2 10:33 - 11:03 | Period 4 10:33 - 11:03 |
| Period 5 | | | 11:06 - 11:46 | | |
| Period 6 | | | 11:49 - 12:29 | | |
| Period 7 | | | 12:32 - 1:12 | | |
| Period 8 | | | 1:15 - 1:45 | | |
| Period 9 | | | 1:48 - 2:20 | | |