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Dear Parents and Guardians,

New Jersey public schools are required to give a statewide assessment called the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The assessments are administered to students in grades 3 through 11 and are designed to measure whether students are meeting the NJ Student Learning Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics.

Please be aware that for the class of 2020 (current 9th grade), students **must take all PARCC assessments** associated with the high-school level courses for which they are eligible and receive valid test scores. If students meet this criterion, they can meet state graduation assessment requirements through any of the three pathways below:

1. Achieving passing scores on the high school – level PARCC assessments;
2. Achieving certain scores on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT or Accuplacer;
3. The submission of a student portfolio through the New Jersey State Department of Education's portfolio appeals process.

Based on the above information, participation in the PARCC exams is **required for all students** in the 9th grade at Park Ridge Jr./Sr. High School. Refusing to take the PARCC will negatively affect your son's/daughter's ability to meet the state mandated graduation requirement and his/her ability to graduate on time from Park Ridge High School.

Park Ridge Jr./Sr. High School will be administering the English/Language Arts portion of the test on the mornings of April 25, 26, and 27. The Mathematics section will be administered on the mornings of May 16, 17, and 18.

During the testing days listed above, students in grades 7-11 will report to school at the regularly scheduled time (7:45am). Students will report directly to their testing rooms. The PARCC testing will take place from 7:50am to approximately 9:45am each day. All classes will meet on an abbreviated schedule following testing. The school day will finish as usual at 2:44pm. A period-by-period schedule is attached.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of your children. Please be in touch with my office if there are any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Troy Lederman
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