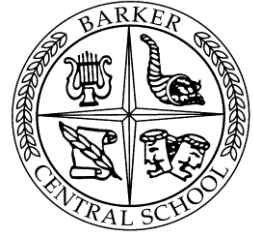


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March 17, 2023

To Parents/Guardians of Barker 3-8 Grade Students:

The annual New York State assessments are coming up again and we wanted to remind parents of some of the information.

Dates:

ELA Grades 3-8: April 25 and 26.

Math Grades 3-8: May 3 and 4.

Science Grade 8 Performance: May 31

Science Grades 8 Written: June 5

The ELA and Math assessments are two daily sessions each and are untimed. Students have as much time to complete as they deem necessary until the end of the school day, if they are engaged.

This will be our second year that ELA and Math will be Computer-Based Testing (CBT). The NYS Education Department has been encouraging the use of CBT for several years and we have adopted this process. We have done sample assessments and tested our equipment to ensure there are as few technical issues as possible on the day of administration. **All students in grades 3-8 must have their district-issued Chromebook on the days of these assessments. Please ensure your child brings it in and it is fully charged. Any student who does not have a school issued Chromebook will be given one to use on testing days.**

Furthermore, there is no Grade 4 Science assessment this year due to the state's transition to new learning standards. The Science 8 assessment will be paper based.

Also, please remember that these assessments are only one data point in the overall assessment of a student's learning. A full picture of a child's success is better understood when we use multiple measurements and data points throughout an entire school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter, District Principal