



## BRIGANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

The testing window for the statewide assessment system, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) begins the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> and concludes on May 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the PARCC, our students in grades five and eight will be taking the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S). The testing window for the NJSLA-S is May 7<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>. This year the NJSLA-S assessment is being administered as a field test. Like the PARCC, it is a computer-based test.

It is important to note the importance of these tests and your child's participation. Not only do they provide the district information to consider in alignment with our own benchmarks when reviewing our programs, but state assessment scores have also become a requirement for some district's applications within the School Choice Program. In addition, the new accountability regulations included in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan indicate that students who do not take the test will negatively impact the school and district level results. It is important for our schools to have full participation in these assessments.

Throughout the school year, students have been preparing for PARCC and NJSLA-S as they work with the NJ Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts, Math and Science. As always, it is important that students get a good night sleep and have a healthy breakfast so that they can do their best on the assessments. Our school cafeteria will continue to offer breakfast for students prior to the start of the school day for \$1.20 or free/reduced for eligible students. We encourage students to participate in this program. Make-up testing will take place throughout the PARCC and NJSLA-S test windows.

*Finally, on the reverse side you will find a detailed schedule with specific administration dates for each grade level.*

Thank you for all you do for your child(ren) and our school community. Please contact me or your building principal if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Pruitt  
Superintendent of Schools

Grade Level	PARCC Testing Dates
Grade 3	ELA: May 7 <sup>th</sup> – May 9 <sup>th</sup> Math: May 15 <sup>th</sup> – May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 4	ELA: May 10 <sup>th</sup> – May 14 <sup>th</sup> Math: May 15 <sup>th</sup> – May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 5	ELA: May 7 <sup>th</sup> – May 9 <sup>th</sup> Math: May 15 <sup>th</sup> – May 18 <sup>th</sup> Science: May 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 31 <sup>st</sup>
Grade 6	ELA: May 7 <sup>th</sup> – May 9 <sup>th</sup> Math: May 15 <sup>th</sup> – May 17 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 7	ELA: April 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Math: May 10 <sup>th</sup> – May 14 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 8	ELA: April 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Math: May 10 <sup>th</sup> – May 14 <sup>th</sup> Science: May 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 31 <sup>st</sup>