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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment will be administered to students enrolled in grades 3–8 in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics throughout public schools across New Jersey through the months of April and May, 2018. For specific dates of testing for each grade level in our district, please refer to the calendar on back of this letter. It can also be found on the school website ([www.obboe.org](http://www.obboe.org)).

The PARCC assessments were designed to provide information to districts about how well students are achieving in English Language Arts and Mathematics relative to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The CCSS determine what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level. As in the past, results will provide a snapshot of how your child performed on a standardized test on a given day in relation to his/her peers. Some portions of the PARCC assessments contain an audio/video component, which requires students to wear headphones. Students may feel most comfortable wearing their own headphones, in which case they are encouraged to bring a personal set from home. Additional sets of headphones will be available to use as a backup, if needed. Please note; **NO Bluetooth headphones are allowed to be utilized during testing.**

As part of the school community, you play an important role in preparing your child for this testing situation. Please have your child in school each day on time and make sure they have had a nutritionally balanced breakfast and a restful night's sleep. Your support and encouragement can also go a long way to set a positive tone for this test-taking situation. If for some reason you chose to allow your student to refuse to take the PARCC assessment, a letter must be sent to my attention stating that you are refusing to allow your child to take the PARCC. Your child will be assigned to a classroom during the testing period but must be engaged in an academic activity (reading, writing, math problems) not requiring the use of tech. All of our computers will be utilized during this period.

On behalf of the professional staff of our district, I thank you for your continued support in making this a positive experience for students.

Respectfully Yours,

David Astor  
Superintendent

SCHEDULE - All times include extra minutes for reading of instructions and distribution of materials.

	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27
4th	8:20 - 10:10 ELA	8:20 - 9:30 MATH 10:00 - 11:00 MATH	8:20 - 10:00 ELA	8:20 - 9:30 MATH	8:20 - 10:00 ELA+
7th & 8th	8:20 - 10:00 ELA 10:30 - 11:50 MATH 10:30 - 12:00 Algebra	8:20 - 9:50 MATH 8:20 - 10:00 Algebra	8:20 - 10 ELA	8:20 - 9:50 MATH 8:20 - 10:00 Algebra	8:20 - 10:00 ELA
	Apr. 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
3rd	8:20 - 9:30 MATH 12:30 - 1:30 MATH	8:20 - 9:30 - MATH 12:30 - 1:30 MATH	8:20 - 9:55 ELA	8:20 - 9:55 ELA	8:20 - 9:55 ELA
5th	8:20 - 10:10 ELA	8:20 - 9:30 MATH 10:00 - 11:00 MATH	8:20 - 10:00 ELA	8:20 - 9:30 MATH	8:20 - 10 ELA
6th	8:20 - 10:00 ELA 10:30 - 11:50 MATH	8:20 - 9:50 MATH	8:20 - 10:00 ELA	8:20 - 9:50 MATH	8:20 - 10:00 ELA