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Dear Parent,

Texas students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades will participate in the state-required State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) this spring. STAAR is a state assessment program designed to measure the full range of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies. STAAR was developed to identify students' academic achievements in writing at grade 7, in reading and mathematics in grades 6, 7, and 8, and in social studies and science at grade 8. We hope that students will regard the test as important, but that they will not approach the test with undue anxiety. In accordance with state guidelines, your son or daughter will be tested on the following dates:

Date	Subject	Grade Level
Tuesday, April 9	Writing	7
Tuesday, April 9	Math	8
Wednesday, April 10	Reading	8
Wednesday, May 8	Algebra I EOC	8
Monday, May 13	Math	6
Monday, May 13	Math	7
Monday, May 13	Science	8
Tuesday, May 14	Reading	6
Tuesday, May 14	Reading	7
Tuesday, May 14	Social Studies	8

Results of the 8th grade mathematics and reading tests will arrive at the school approximately 2-3 weeks after the date of the test, and parents will be notified as soon as possible. Students who do not meet the passing standard will have additional opportunities to retake the 8th grade mathematics and/or reading tests. Results of all other tests will be available online to parents at the end of this school year. The scores will provide teachers and other educators with information needed to help students improve achievement in mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies.

As always, we wish to keep parents involved and informed about student programs. Please contact the Counseling Department at 469-752-7015 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Principal