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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Beginning the week of **April 20, 2020**, all **students in grades 3-8** will be participating in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). For all grade levels, the **English Language Arts (ELA)** assessment will be administered **April 21st, 22nd** and **23rd**. The **PSSA Math Assessment** will be administered **April 28th** and **April 29th**.

The **Middle School PSSA Science Assessment (for grade 8)** will be administered on **April 30th**; while the **Elementary PSSA Science Assessment (for grade 4)** will be administered **April 30th** and **May 1st**. More information regarding the PSSA Assessments go to www.pdesas.org and choose assessment or visit our website at <https://www.cgsd.org/Page/84> for Parents and Guardians.

The PSSA Assessments are based on the English and Language Arts, Math and Science Standards. The assessments are designed to assist school districts in determining the quality of their educational programs. Parents can reassure children that these assessments give them an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and help teachers plan the best possible instruction. These assessments will also determine school achievement for the school and district.

Per the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), there are rules and policies regarding electronic devices (cell phones, smartphones, and other prohibited devices) during the administration of the PSSA Exams. Please refer to the parent letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (see reverse side). Share this important information below with your child:

- We encourage students, if applicable, to leave all electronic devices including cell phones, smart watches, fitness trackers and electronic reading devices at home on the days of testing.
- Students are not permitted to have cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, fitness trackers, cameras, and other prohibited electronic devices during the administration of the assessment. These items will be collected as students enter the testing site (classroom), should they bring them to school. These items will be returned to the student, once all testing is complete for that day.

We thank parents and guardians for supporting the assessments. Here are some ways you can assist:

- Be sure your child receives a good night's sleep (at least 8 hours).
- Start the day with plenty of time and avoid a morning rush to school.
- Be sure your child has a good breakfast.
- Encourage your child to dress comfortably.
- Please avoid unnecessary absences.
- Do not schedule any medical or other appointments during the test times.
- Encourage your child to do his/her best work.

Please feel free to contact your child's principal or guidance counselor should you have any questions.

Thank you for your support,

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