

April 2019

Dear families,

Our NYS Math assessments are coming up next week on Wednesday, May 1, and Thursday, May 2, for our 7th and 8th graders. We will administer these tests in the middle school classrooms in the mornings and then will carry on with our regular school day mid-morning. Our make-up day will be Friday, May 3. Please make every effort to have your student here on time as testing will get started at 8:15 each day. Students will need to bring #2 pencils and a non-graphing calculator. All 8th graders taking the Algebra 1 or Geometry regents in June will be exempt from taking the NYS Math tests. Instead, these students will be in assigned study halls and will be expected to attend their Algebra and/or Earth Science classes if they have those in the morning.

Here are some upcoming dates for planning purposes:

- May 16-18 8th Gr. Class trip-Washington, DC (Mrs. Linge)
- May 20-22 7th Gr. Class trip-Frost Valley (Mrs. Garbade)
- May 31 Career Exploration for Gr. 7&8
- June 14 Last day of classes
- June 17-21 Final exams for Gr. 7&8 (including Algebra 1 & Earth Science)

We are starting to plan for an afternoon of guest speakers on Friday, May 31, to give our middle school students exposure to different careers. We will use 7th, 8th, and 9th periods which are 40 minutes long so speakers will give the same talk 3 times and students will rotate after 40 minutes so they can hear 3 different speakers. If you or someone you know would like to serve as a speaker, please let us know.

Lastly, please join us for our Middle School production of The Wizard of Oz which opens tonight at 7:00 here at Seton, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00, and Sunday afternoon at 3:00. The students have put in many hours rehearsing, including learning American Sign Language for this very special production!

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sheila Martin, School Counselor