

# BURGETTSTOWN AREA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) testing season is rapidly approaching. The PSSA is a test administered to students in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It helps to evaluate the effectiveness of our school at the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels in various academic subjects. Students in grades 6 and 7 will be tested in Math and English Language Arts, while students in grade 8 will be tested in Math, English Language Arts, and Science. The English Language Arts test will be given to students on April 25th, 26th, and 27th. The Math test will be given to students on May 2nd and 3rd. The Science test will be given to students on May 4th and 5th.

We look at many factors for test preparation and have made many decisions concerning curriculum and courses to help students demonstrate their proficiency and achieve higher scores on the PSSA. We strongly believe in the student's physical well-being before taking important exams. The district will provide breakfast every day for the students testing in the building. A good breakfast, plenty of rest and proper encouragement are integral to a student's preparedness and focus during an exam.

We strongly believe in promoting a positive morning when we take these exams. Please see to it that your student gets plenty of rest, a good breakfast, and remind them of doing their best on these exams. Even the slightest bit of encouragement can go a long way.

We have also included the Code of Conduct for Test Takers, information on Electronic Devices and Calculators, and PSSA Frequently Asked Questions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

*Brian Fadden*

Mr. Brian Fadden  
Principal