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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Beginning in April, students in the state of New Jersey will participate in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment for the fourth year. PARCC is designed to assess the curriculum content and skills that our students experience every day in our classrooms. The results of the test can provide you with timely information about your child's progress and attainment of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and also provide the district with important information of student progress towards College and Career Readiness.

New this year, in addition to the PARCC assessments, the district will also be participating in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S) field test. This new computer-based test will be administered to fifth, eighth and eleventh grade students during the month of May, and replaces the NJASK Science and NJ Biology Competency Test (NJBCT) administered in previous years. This district will continue to share any additional information about this new evaluation tool as it is made available from the state.

Please note, according to New Jersey Department of Education State PARCC regulations, electronic devices are not permitted in any testing room during testing. If a student is found to have a device after testing has begun, we are obligated to confiscate the device until a parent or guardian can pick it up from school. We are also required to contact the NJDOE to inform them of the testing irregularity. This mandate applies to all electronic devices, including cell phones, smart watches, and digital readers. Please share the severity of these mandates with your child prior to test administration.

There are a few ways parents can help prepare their child for the assessments:

- Make sure your child attends school on the days of testing. Students who arrive late during testing will not be able to enter the classroom due to interruption while others are testing.
- Send your child with a pair of headphones, which are needed for the assessment.
- Have your child get a good night's sleep the night before each test.
- Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast each morning before testing.

PARCC and NJSLA-S schedules and information can be found on the district website www.chclc.org in the Academics tab, under the Assessment heading. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the spring administration of the assessments, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

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