

Good afternoon South Orange Middle School Families,

There have been some adjustments to next week's middle school mid-term/common assessment schedule that have been made since Assistant Superintendent Grierson's letter went home this week. The assessment schedule for next week is the following:

	<b>Math</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>English Language Arts*</b>
<b>6th Grade</b>	<u><b>2 Days</b></u> Thursday, Jan. 29 Friday, Jan. 30	<u><b>1 Day</b></u> Either Thurs., Jan. 29 or Fri., Jan 30	<u><b>2 Days*</b></u> Tues., Feb. 17 Wed., Feb. 18
<b>7th Grade</b>	<u><b>2 Days</b></u> Thursday, Jan. 29 Friday, Jan. 30	<u><b>3 Days</b></u> Wed., Jan. 28 Thurs., Jan. 29 Friday, Jan. 30	<u><b>2 Days*</b></u> Tues., Feb. 17 Wed., Feb. 18
<b>8th Grade</b>	<u><b>1 Day</b></u> Friday, Jan. 30	<u><b>3 Days</b></u> Wed., Jan. 28 Thurs., Jan. 29 Friday, Jan. 30	<u><b>2 Days*</b></u> Mon., Jan. 26 Tues., Jan. 27 <u><b>Acc. ELA</b></u> Mon., Jan. 26 Tues., Jan. 27

\*In English Language Arts students will be taking a performance-based common assessment, not a traditional cumulative mid-term. The performance-based assessment focuses on key skills and processes that align with the Common Core State Standards. Students have been learning and practicing these skills and processes in their ELA class since September. The purpose of the performance-based common assessment is for teachers to be able to assess student progress in these areas since the start of the year. The common assessment score will be factored in to the students' Marking Period 3 grade.

Thank you for your patience with these changes. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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