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Dear Parents,

Annual spring testing at JJIS is just around the corner. As you know, students in Grades 3-8 throughout the State of Connecticut will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics. There is a computer adaptive test (CAT) for each area, as well as a performance task for mathematics.

The SBAC tests are not timed. As a result, test sessions have been divided into 60-75 minutes to allow students to work at their own pace for a reasonable amount of time. Dividing the sessions into smaller chunks also minimizes disruption to our regular schedule. ***Spring testing sessions will be scheduled April 23rd through May 17, 2019.***

Portions of Smarter Balanced testing contain listening activities that will require students to use headphones. Headphones are available in our computer labs. **Students are also encouraged to bring in their own headphones or earbuds to use during testing if they have them.**

Additionally, all grade five students will participate in taking the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) computerized assessment. Only grade five students will be taking this test, as it is only assessed at the grade 5, 8 and 11 levels across the state.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or administration with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Your partners in education,

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