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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.

Smarter Balanced Test sessions have been scheduled to minimize disruptions to the instructional schedule and allow students to work at their own pace on one assessment per week. Spring testing will occur throughout the building from **April 25 through May 18, 2023**.

Portions of Smarter Balanced testing contain listening activities that will require students to use headphones. **Students are encouraged to bring in their own headphones or earbuds to use during testing.** There will be headphones available for students to borrow if they are unable to bring in their own.

Additionally, all grade five students will participate in taking the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) computerized assessment. NGSS is administered throughout Connecticut at grades 5, 8, and 11.

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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