



May 2008

Dear Parents or Guardians:

Students in seventh and eighth grade will be taking the **Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests** from May 19th-June 13th. The SOL tests are required of all students in grades 3-8 across the state by the Virginia Department of Education. SOL tests measure the extent to which students have learned the content and skills specified in the Virginia SOL's. Content areas tested include reading, mathematics, history/civics, and science.

The purpose of the testing is to provide information about student achievement in several subject areas. Scores from the tests will be used to determine whether students fail to meet standards, are proficient in meeting the standards, or advanced in the standards.

With the increased amount of online testing this year, the testing window is longer than in previous years to allow for availability of computers.

The test dates are as follows:

Paper and Pencil Tests:

May 19—Science (7th and 8th grade)

May 20—Civics (8th grade)

Online Tests:

May 21-23—Reading (7th grade)

May 27-29—Reading (8th grade)

May 30-June 3—Math 7 Honors/Math 7/Algebra/Geometry

June 4-June 6—Math 8/Algebra

June 9-June 11—US History (7th grade)

It will be very helpful if you can avoid appointments which may take your child out of school during this time period. Also, it will help your child perform his or her best if he or she has a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude.

Sincerely,

Peggy Kelly
Principal

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Director of Student Services