



CARBONDALE AREA JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Carbondale Area Jr-Sr High School students will be participating in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA), and subject specific Keystone Exams during April and May. PSSA's are administered in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in grade 7 and ELA, Math, and Science in grade 8. The PSSA's are standards-based assessment used to measure school and student performance related to the attainment of proficiency of the academic standards. The Keystone Exams will be given to students currently taking Algebra I, Biology, and/or English 10 or General English 10. Keystone Exams are end of course assessments designed to assess proficiency in subject-specific content. Results of the assessments are used to further develop curriculum and plan instruction. Your child's assessment results will be shared with you when they are available in the fall.

PSSA testing for ELA will begin on April 21, 2021 for Group C. Group B will begin on April 22nd, and Group A on April 26th. The ELA assessment will be followed by Math, then Science. The Keystone Exams will begin on May 17th and conclude on May 28th. A more detailed testing schedule will be posted on our web page. Teachers will also send it as we get closer to the exam-testing window. If your child is absent on any of the scheduled testing dates arrangements will be made for them to make-up the missed testing session.

Please make sure that your child gets a good nights' rest during the testing. Be positive throughout the testing and give them strong encouragement to do their best. By working together, we can continue to achieve great things here at Carbondale Area Jr-Sr High School. If I can be of any help or if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (570) 282-4500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph W. Farrell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joseph W. Farrell

Principal