

Middle School Guidance



Keystone Exams

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The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to assess proficiency in the subject areas of Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Literature, English Composition, Biology, Chemistry, U.S. History, World History, and Civics and Government.

The Keystone Exams are one component of Pennsylvania's new system of high school graduation requirements. Keystone Exams will help school districts guide students toward meeting state standards—standards aligned with expectations for success in college and the workplace. In order to receive a di-

ploma, students must also meet local district credit and attendance requirements and complete a culminating project, along with any additional district requirements.

For the graduating classes of 2015 and 2016, students must demonstrate successful completion of secondary-level course work in Algebra I, Biology, Literature, and English Composition, in which the Keystone Exam serves as the final course exam. Students' Keystone Exam scores shall count for at least one-third of the final course grade. The Keystone Exams are

scheduled to be administered in the Spring of 2011 throughout the Commonwealth.

For more information on the Pennsylvania Keystone Exams, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education website.

Quote of the month
"Winning isn't everything. Wanting to is!" (Catfish Hunter)



**Happy
Easter**

Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging into the Logic House Parent Portal.
- ✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.
- ✓ - Bullying information can be found at: <http://www.bbsd.com/bullying>

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

April 4 through April 8, 2011 - P.S.S.A. Science Assessment (Grades 4, 8 and 11).

April 22, 2011 - Good Friday. No school.

April 24, 2011 - Happy Easter!

May 3, 2011 - Fourth Nine Week Grading Mid-Term.

May 26, 2011 - Middle School Awards Day. (1:00 - 3:00)

May 30, 2011 - Memorial Day. No School.



Good Luck to the Berlin Track and Field Team!

