

Middle School Guidance



P.S.S.A. at B.B.M.S.

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Did someone say, P.S.S.A.? Yes, they did because it is time to gear up for the annual state assessment. The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment, or P.S.S.A. as it is more commonly called, will be administered across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania starting with the Mathematics and Reading assessment. The Math and Reading testing window will open on March 12, 2012 and continue through March 16, 2012. Students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 are required to take this test. The combined time involved for the math and reading test is approximately seven hours. Four weeks later, students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will be required to take the P.S.S.A. Writing assessment. The window for the writing test will open on April 16, 2012 and continue through April 19,

2012. Completing the writing test will take students approximately six hours. The following week of April 23, 2012 students in grade 4, 8 and 11 will be administered the P.S.S.A. Science test. The testing window for this assessment will be April 23, 2012 through April 24, 2012. Students will spend an average of four hours to complete the Science assessment. Students that are absent for these tests are required to make them up within the allotted time window. Parent letters were mailed out to middle school parents on February 20, 2012 reminding them of the P.S.S.A. testing timelines in the middle school. Students are reminded to get a good night's sleep the night before each day of testing as well as eating a well balanced breakfast so

that they are able to perform their best on the state assessments. If there are questions or concerns about the P.S.S.A.'s, please feel free to contact me here at the school. For further information on the P.S.S.A., check out the Pennsylvania Department of Education website.

Quote of the month

"Think positively...and the results will be positively positive." (Unknown)

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>



**Happy
Valentine's Day**

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

February 2, 2012 - Groundhog Day.

February 3, 2012 - Middle School Dance (6:30 - 8:30)

February 14, 2012 - Happy Valentine's Day.

February 17, 2012 - Third Nine Week Grading Mid-Term.

February 20, 2012 - President's Day. No School. - Grades 4, 8 and 11).

March 12 through March 23, 2012 - (P.S.S.A. Mathematics and Reading Assessment - Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11).

April 16 through April 20, 2012 - (P.S.S.A. Writing Assessment - Grades 5, 8 and 11).

April 23 through April 27, 2012 - (P.S.S.A. Science Assessment

