

# Middle School Guidance



March 2004

## P.S.S.A. Information for Parents

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March is a very important month for students in the middle school, especially the fifth and eighth graders. Students in grades five and eight are required to participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment, more commonly known as the P.S.S.A. For more information on the P.S.S.A., use the following link:

[www.datarecognitioncorp.com/paparent/](http://www.datarecognitioncorp.com/paparent/)

### P.S.S.A. Math Preparation Test

Students in grades five and eight are able to familiarize themselves with the test questions in mathematics on the P.S.S.A. test. Information was given to all students to access the web site. The web address is [www.drc-](http://www.drc-)

[web.com/pssaprep](http://web.com/pssaprep). For more information, please contact Mr. Smith in the guidance office.

### P.S.S.A. Tips for Students

When taking the assessment, students should: (1) Try to be present at school on the days of testing (**March 22, 2004 through April 2, 2004**) unless you are ill, otherwise you will be required to make up the assessment. (2) Eat a well-balanced breakfast on the mornings of testing. (3) Get plenty of sleep the night before testing. (4) Approach the assessment with a serious attitude of doing your best work.

The results of the P.S.S.A. provide information about the quality of our curriculum to parents, educators

and general public.

**Quote of the month** "I am not judged by the number of times I fail, but by the number of times I succeed; and the number of times I succeed is in direct proportion to the number of times I can fail and keep on trying."

(Tom Hopkins)



**HAPPY ST.  
PATRICK'S  
DAY**

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school, check out the teacher lesson plans at <http://www.bbsd.com/ms/lplans.htm>
- ✓ - 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:

**March 22, 2004 through April 2, 2004** - Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (P.S.S.A.) for grades five and eight in mathematics and reading.

**March 30, 2004** - End of the third nine week grading pe-

riod.

**April 9, 2004** - Good Friday.

**April 11, 2004** - Happy Easter.

**April 14, 2004** - Eighth grade Career Fair at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

**April 27, 2004** - Middle School Honor Banquet (6:30)

**May 5, 2004** - Fourth nine week grading mid-term.

