

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

All Hans Herr Elementary students will participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Students will be participating in the online version of the PSSAs this year. Students MUST bring their fully charged chromebook to school each testing day. All other personal electronics must stay home on testing days. Below is the Hans Herr testing schedule for this year.

Hans Herr 2021 Testing Dates for Face-to-Face Learners

- April 20, 21, & 22: PSSA English Language Arts – Grades 3, 4 & 5
- April 27 & 28: PSSA Math – Grades 3, 4 & 5
- April 29 & 30: PSSA Science – Grade 4 Only

Hans Herr 2021 Testing Dates for Online Learners

- May 3, 4, 5: PSSA English Language Arts – Grades 3, 4 & 5
- May 6 & 7: PSSA Math – Grades 3, 4 & 5
- May 10: PSSA Science – Grade 4 Only

All Make-Up Testing: Days/Weeks Immediately following testing windows

The PSSA English Language Arts and Math exams are used to assess student progress at specific grade levels in relation to the Pennsylvania State Standards of Achievement. Students throughout the state in grades 3-8 will participate in the PSSA English Language Arts and Math exams. The PSSA Science exam will be administered in grades 4 & 8 and is based on the Pennsylvania's academic standards for Science.


Please take the time to discuss the importance of doing well on all of the PSSA exams with your child. Provide encouragement and support, and try to ease any testing anxiety. Discuss test-taking strategies daily and review each day's exams by questioning your child about how well he or she achieved on the test.

During the testing windows outlined above, there will be no interruptions to classrooms while the PSSA exams are being administered. Please make sure to do all that you can to ensure your child arrives on time to class during the testing days. Any child who is late, or arrives after testing has begun, may be placed in a different classroom until testing is complete for the day. Any child who is absent will be required to make up the exam. However, students test much better in their own classroom in a normal testing environment. Please schedule any personal appointments for your child after school during the testing window. This will ensure your child is present for each part of the exam.

Please do not allow your child to bring any electronic devices to school on testing days. This includes cell phones, iPods, e-readers, etc. This does not include chromebooks. Chromebooks are permitted to go back and forth from school on testing days. Any devices in the building on testing days will be confiscated and sent to the office until after the testing window is over. Students may have self-selected books to read only after testing. Regretfully, parents are requested not to eat lunch with their child during any of these testing days. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We have included several resources for parents for your reference. Additional information can be accessed at the Pennsylvania Department of Education's website (www.pde.state.pa.us). Again, please take the time to discuss with your child the importance of doing his or her best on all of the PSSA exams. Working together as a team, the staff, students, parents, and community, will ensure that all students will achieve at their greatest potential. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the Hans Herr office. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Education,


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