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Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the week of March 12th, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessment will be given to every Pawnee CUSD #11 student in grades 7-8. The PARCC Assessment is designed to measure a student's progress toward mastering the New Illinois Learning Standards. Teachers use the results of this and other assessments to help tailor instruction to your child's specific learning needs, and to help prepare students for college and careers later in life.

School principals have developed testing schedules to meet the needs of their individual buildings. This year, PARCC will consist of 3 units of Math and 3 units of English/Language Arts assessments. No more than 2 testing units will be given on any individual day. We plan to complete all testing within a one week time period. Student attendance is essential however make-up tests will be administered as needed through the guidance office.

All students will complete the PARCC assessment in either Lab 8, Lab 31, or in the library. **Students in Grades 7-8 are encouraged to bring their own wired (not wireless) headphones or earbuds to school on testing days, as some parts of the assessment include audio/video elements.**

When students have finished interacting with the test, they may read a school-appropriate book or magazine, or work on homework that is not related to the subject area being tested that day.

Parents can help their students by:

- Encouraging students to stay positive and do their best on these assessments
- Making sure students get a good night's sleep before testing
- Eating a good breakfast each morning
- Ensuring that students arrive at school on time

All public schools in Illinois are required by state and federal laws to administer the PARCC assessment. Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff during this assessment testing window.

Educationally,

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