
April 23, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the first two weeks of May, all students at Kraemer Middle School will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in English Language Arts and Math. Students in eighth grade will also be given the California Science Test (CAST). Students with disabilities may take different assessments more suited to their individual needs. The information gathered helps ensure we continue to improve our schools by addressing the needs of all students.

After testing, you will receive an individual score report, which will show your student's current achievement and previous performance in each of the subjects they're tested in.

PYLUSD is home to outstanding students, teachers and programs and we encourage full participation to ensure our students and schools earn the recognition they deserve. PYLUSD utilizes SBA data for placement in appropriate instructional programs such as GATE, Honors and Advanced Placement. In addition, results are used for statewide recognition programs. More importantly, your child will begin taking high-stakes assessments in high school such as the PSAT, SAT, Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB). The SBA is an excellent opportunity for your child to practice taking standardized testing, so they're fully prepared for the upcoming high-stakes tests.

Please note that these assessments are not considered optional. The Smarter Balanced Test is the measure by which our teachers look to evaluate individual progress, class-wide progress, and identify trends in data to help guide instruction for the following year. As educators, we take these tests quite seriously. These mean a lot to our school, and we want our kids to take them seriously, too.

Please note that your child is *not* losing instruction as a result of taking the test, we will diligently reduce their workload during testing, and we ensure that they're allotted enough time to complete the tests.

Please review the 2019-2020 testing schedule also on this memo. It is important for our students to do well, and as such, please assist your child in getting a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast in the morning. Additionally, we would ask that you avoid pulling your child from school during testing.

If you have any questions about our SBA testing this year, please contact me directly.

Thank you,

Keith Carmona, Principal

Kraemer Middle School

Tuesday, April 30 - SBAC Day 1	
Period 0	7:55-8:45
Report to Period 5 then Move to Testing Location	8:55-9:10
Testing (Language Arts Computer Adaptive) in Period 5 - PART 1	9:10-10:25
Break	10:25-10:40
Testing (Language Arts Computer Adaptive) in Period 5 - PART 2	10:43-11:58
Period 2	12:01-12:45
First lunch	12:45 - 1:15
Period 3	12:48-1:30
Second lunch	1:30-2:00
Period 3	1:18-2:00
Period 4	2:03-2:45
Period 7	2:48-3:30
Wednesday, May 1- SBAC Day 2	
Period 0	7:55-8:45
Testing (Language Arts Performance Task Part 1) in Period 5	8:55-10:30
Break	10:30-10:45
Testing (Language Arts Performance Task Part 2) in Period 5	10:50 - 12:30
1st Lunch	12:30-1:00
Period 1	12:33-1:23
2nd Lunch	1:23-1:53
Period 1	1:03-1:53
Period 6	1:56-2:46

Period 7	2:49-3:30
Tuesday, May 7 - SBAC Day 3	
Period 0	7:55-8:45
Testing (Math Computer Adaptive Part 1) in Period 5	8:55-10:00
Break	10:00-10:15
Testing (Math Computer Adaptive Part 2) in Period 5	10:20-11:20
Period 2	11:25-12:05
Period 3	12:10-12:50
First lunch	12:50-1:20
Period 5	12:55-1:35
Second Lunch	1:35-2:05
Period 5	1:25-2:05
Period 4	2:10-2:50
Period 7	2:55-3:30
Wednesday, May 8 - SBAC Day 4	
Period 0	7:55-8:45
Testing (Math Performance Task) in Period 5	8:55-10:30
Break	10:30-10:45
Period 1	10:50-11:30
Period 2	11:35-12:15
First lunch	12:15-12:45
Period 4	12:20-12:55
Second lunch	12:55-1:25
Period 4	12:50-1:25
Period 5	1:30-2:05
Period 6	2:10-2:50

Period 7	2:55-3:30
Thursday, May 9 - SBAC Day 5	
Period 0	7:55-8:45
Testing (8th Grade Science Test) in Period 5	8:55-10:00
Break for 8th graders testing	10:00-10:15
Testing (Eighth Grade Science Test) in P5	10:20-11:20
Period 1	11:25-12:05
Period 3	12:10-12:50
First lunch	12:50-1:20
Period 5	12:55-1:35
Second Lunch	1:35-2:05
Period 5	1:25-2:05
Period 6	2:10-2:50
Period 7	2:55-3:30