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Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School

Dear Jr./Sr. High Parents,

As Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High returns from Spring Break, there are a few important reminders for the month of April. Below you will find important information specific for **JUNIORS**.

April is a busy month for Juniors as the students will be taking part in important end-of-year state assessments known as the Michigan Merit Exam (MME). This suite of exams is made up of three separate assessments, including: College Board SAT® with Essay Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math, ACT® WorkKeys® job skills assessment Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents, and M-STEP Science and Social Studies. Participation on these assessments is critical as completion of the MME is a Maple Valley requirement for graduation.

- **College Board SAT® with Essay Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math (Wednesday, April 12th)** - The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that's accepted at all U.S. colleges. On this test, students will be measured in reading, math, and writing skills that they learned in high school. This test is also important for school and district accountability purposes. Below is important information regarding the SAT:
 - The SAT will begin at 7:55 on Wednesday, April 10th. Once school-wide testing has begun, late students are not permitted to begin their test. As a result, **students must be on time to participate in the test**. Please speak with your child of the importance of being on time to this test, particularly if they drive themselves to school.
 - No cell phones or smart watches are allowed during testing. Students are to keep these devices in their lockers.
 - Tests this year are all digital. Students have created College Board accounts and will use these accounts through the Bluebook app to access the SAT test on April 10th. Students will need their charged school issued Chromebooks for testing.
 - Students can access preparatory exams prior to testing by using the Bluebook app installed on their Chromebooks.
 - You can find more information regarding the SAT at the College Board's website: [Parents' Guides to the SAT](#)
- **ACT® WorkKeys® job skills assessment Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents (Thursday, April 11th)** - The ACT WorkKeys assessment measures foundational skills required for success in the workplace, and helps measure the workplace skills that can affect job performance. Individuals who successfully complete the three WorkKeys assessments—Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents—earn the WorkKeys National Career

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Readiness Certificate® (WorkKeysNCRC®), a valuable credential for students and job seekers seeking to verify foundational workplace skills.

- The ACT WorkKeys will begin at 7:55 on Thursday, April 11th. As with the SAT, once school-wide testing has begun, late students are not permitted to begin their test. As a result, **students must be on time to participate in the test.**
- No cell phones or electronic devices during the test.
- You can find more information regarding the WorkKeys assessment at ACT's website: [WorkKeys Assessments](#)
- **M-STEP Science and Social Studies (Wednesday, April 24th)** - Rounding out the MME suite of assessments is the M-Step assessments for Science and Social Studies. Your Junior will be familiar with the M-Step as this assessment is given in grades 3-8. Juniors will only be participating in the Science and Social Studies portion of the M-Step, not Reading or Math.
 - No cell phones or electronic devices during the test.
 - You can find more information regarding the M-Step here: [M-Step Assessments](#)

Please take the time to speak with your child about the importance of these upcoming assessments. Stress the importance of good sleep the night before each test and a healthy breakfast the morning of the test. Thank you for your support!

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