

March 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the months of April and May, our third through eighth grade students will be participating in a number of Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) exams for the 2023-2024 school year. Our schedule for taking these assessments is listed below. Also included in this communication and on our webpage is general information about this testing - Frequently Asked Questions, Code of Conduct for Test Takers, and Guidelines for Electronic Devices. I ask that you please review this information. If you have questions about the PSSA assessments or the rules governing them, please contact me at 610.285.6267 x 1108 or via email at cwest@circleofseasons.org.

We encourage all students to participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment exams. Families wishing to opt out of these assessments due to conflict with religious beliefs must come in to review the assessment, and provide a statement in writing indicating that the student be excluded from participation. Per the PA Department of Education, this is the only basis for a parent or guardian to excuse their child from the assessments. If you chose to opt your child out in the past, you will be required to formally opt out again for this school year. Please contact me if you wish to have your child(ren) opt out of this Spring's PSSA assessment.

Lastly, we would like all students to perform to the best of their ability on these state assessments and we need your help. In order for them to perform well, we ask that they be well rested, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive promptly to school on testing days. We also ask that you make every attempt not to schedule any appointments or have your child out of school during our testing window. Thank you for supporting your child's achievement and growth!

[PSSA Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Electronic Devices Letter /
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Sincerely,

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CIRCLE OF SEASONS CHARTER SCHOOL 2024 TESTING SCHEDULE

PSSA ELA ASSESSMENT

April 23rd - April 25th, 2024

--GRADES 3-8

PSSA MATH ASSESSMENT

April 30th and May 1st, 2024

--GRADES 3-8

PSSA SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

May 2nd, 2024

--GRADES 4 & 8

MAKE UP TESTING

May 6th - 10th, 2024

--ALL GRADES

ALGEBRA KEYSTONE ASSESSMENT

May 16th and May 17th, 2024

--GRADE 8 ALGEBRA