

Indian Valley Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is hard to imagine that we are almost half way through this school year. We have had a very good school year thus far and are certainly expecting to have a good second half as well. In order to keep you well informed, I would like to share the following items with you:

1. January 19= Martin Luther King Day (no school for students)
2. January 20= end of the second marking period
3. January 30= Group photos in the gym
4. February 9-20= Grade 8 PSSA writing tests
5. February 12= Open House at 6:30 p.m.
6. February 13= Valentine's Day Dance
7. February 16= President's Day (no school for students)
8. March 16-27= Grades 6, 7 and 8 PSSA Reading and Math Tests
9. March 25= End of the third marking period

As noted above, we will be having our PSSA Reading and Math tests from March 16-27. These tests are very important. Our teachers have been working very hard to prepare the children for the tests. You can also help to prepare them by doing a couple of simple things. First, make sure your child gets plenty of rest on the days of the tests. In addition having them eat a good breakfast will also help. Finally making certain that they are in attendance on the test days will help as well. The math tests will be on March 16, 18 and 20 (or days 1, 3 and 5 during the testing window, they could be different dates if days are lost because of the weather). The reading tests will be on March 17, 19 and 23 (or days 2, 4 and 6 during the testing window). In addition please encourage your children to do their very best on the tests. Your encouragement is greatly appreciated.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or input on any issues related to your child or Indian Valley Middle School, please call me at any time.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Crosson
Principal