

North Middle School

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Dear Parents of North Middle School Students:

On Tuesday, October 13, 2009, North Middle School will begin the 2009-2010 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). Scheduled testing will conclude on October 22, 2009. In order to maximize test efficiency and minimize conflicting events, we ask that you avoid appointments scheduled during testing times. This will ensure that your student has the best possible testing situation that we can offer.

It is important for students to perform well on these tests. Students successfully completing the middle school tests may be eligible for up to \$500 in scholarship money in connection with the Michigan Merit Exam in high school.

You can help your child do his/her best on the tests by:

- ◆ Making sure your child gets plenty of rest and good nutrition during the testing period.
- ◆ Emphasizing the importance of the test results to your child.
- ◆ Scheduling appointments at times other than testing times.

Because MEAP testing includes all students in grades 6-8, we will be implementing a modified MEAP schedule during the four scheduled days of testing. Testing will take place from approximately 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. on October 13, 15, 20, and 22. All make up testing will take place during the afternoon on those days and / or on days immediately following the scheduled tests.

All students should come to school prepared for testing with several No. 2 pencils. Students will be allowed to use calculators on some of the math tests and should bring calculators to the scheduled math session, which is on Tuesday October 20. Students are not allowed to use reference books or calculators on any other tests.

Your son/daughter may want to bring a water bottle to school on testing days. Please only send bottles that are able to seal (no cans, juice boxes, etc.). Thank you for your help in making sure that your child will be in school on MEAP test days. If you have any questions about the MEAP testing program, please contact Jessie Bierlein at 323-5775.

Sincerely,

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