

October 16, 2020

Dear Titan Families,

Fall is here, and the cooler weather is a pleasant change. Our students continue to work hard. The first quarter ends this week, and grade reports will be mailed home next week.

Students in the third grade at both elementary buildings will take the English Language Arts (ELA) State AIR Test across two days this month: October 27th and October 28th. The fall administration of the third grade ELA test is a requirement under Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee, which ensures that every student gets the reading support he or she needs to learn and to achieve.

The State of Ohio will not provide a virtual option for this third grade ELA AIR Test. This means all of our students will come to their assigned school to take the test. Third-graders who normally would attend St. Bernard Elementary will take the test at SBE. Similarly, third-graders who normally would be assigned to Elmwood Place Elementary will take the test there. Each of our virtual third-graders will be contacted by someone in the district with specific instructions on when and where to report for the test. Masks will be required, and safe distancing will be in place. For more information about Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee and to learn how you can help your child at home, check out the *Parents' Guide to Student Success* on the Ohio Department of Education website at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Literacy/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee-Family-Resources>.

At the Jr./Sr. High School, we are proud of how well our students have adjusted to the changes the pandemic has caused and happy with how smoothly the first nine weeks of school have gone. Students in grades 7-12 completed their first round of MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing in reading and math earlier this month. The administration is processing these results to identify possible learning gaps that may have resulted from the shift to remote instruction in the spring. We will share these results with staff and students next week and will adjust our second quarter instruction accordingly.

Thank you for your support as we continue to help all of our students reach their full potential. Please call us at 513-641-2020 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mimi R. Webb