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Bulldog Community,

We had a great first full week of school! Please see below for updates and information:

- F.A.S.T. Testing will begin on August 30th. F.A.S.T. is the new state assessment program that will replace FSA for ELA and Math. Rather than having one test at the end of the year, students will now take two progress monitoring tests throughout the year before taking their final state test in May.
 - F.A.S.T. Round 1 Testing Schedule:
 - 6th Grade ELA = August 30th
 - 7th Grade ELA = September 1st
 - 8th Grade ELA = September 6th
 - 6th Grade Math = September 8th
 - 7th Grade Math = September 13th
 - 8th Grade Pre-Algebra = September 15th
 - Students in Algebra and Geometry do not take the F.A.S.T. math test but will still take the ELA tests.
- **Save the Date "RJMMS Assessment and School Update" on Thursday, August 25th at 5:30pm**
 - We will host a virtual learning session for families on Thursday, August 25th at 5:30pm to provide information on the opening of school and the upcoming F.A.S.T. assessments
 - ["RJMMS Assessment and School Update" Virtual Meeting Link](#)
- **Save the Date for 7th and 8th Grade Curriculum Nights**
 - 7th Grade Curriculum Night = September 6th @ 5:30pm
 - 8th Grade Curriculum Night = September 8th @ 5:30pm
 - Our 6th Grade Team held their curriculum night sessions at our "New Bulldog Night" on August 8th. Please do not hesitate to email teachers with any questions.
- Please be sure to regularly check your student's Schoology page for updates and information on their classes. This year we are posting "Key Questions" at the start of every new unit. These are the overarching questions for each unit. Students will be successful on their summative assessments if they can accurately answer their "Key Questions". Parent Schoology log-in information is available in HAC.
- Thank you for your patience as we work through schedule requests, level classes, and make sure students are in the proper courses. We had a large amount of requests and have made every effort to meet these requests when possible.
- We continue to be on hold for our "Bulldog B.Y.T.E." after-school STEM program as Ms. Patronska is teaching 6th Grade Science. We are so thankful for Ms. Patronska returning to the classroom to ensure our 6th graders have a meaningful science experience.
- Our students have done an amazing job following our B.A.R.K. expectations to begin the year. Our "DOJO Store" will open for the first time on Monday. Students will be able to "purchase" items from the DOJO Store using points earned for exhibiting positive behavior around campus. Please continue to reinforce great character with your student at home as it is having a positive impact on the learning experience of all students in our building.

Have a great weekend Bulldogs!

Together,

Travis Brown

Principal - R.J. Murray Middle School

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