

The wisest mind has something yet to learn.

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The next round of MCAS testing takes place this week. Grade 7 students will take the English/Language Arts Language and Literature portions of the test while the grade 8 students will take the Mathematics, Science, and Technology/Engineering sections. Once again, be assured that our students are well prepared and have worked all year towards this goal.

The best way for our students to get ready for the test is to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school on time. To assist in this process, students will not have any tests or quizzes during their testing period. As there is no need to study for the MCAS, teachers may assign homework during this testing period.

On Tuesday, at 7:30, RJG is holding its Spring Choral Concert. Both the 7th and 8th grade Choruses have done an outstanding job all year. This is an event you do not want to miss!

There are some changes in store for the 2004-05 school year. One such modification is the method by which we will notify students about their team assignment. On September 3rd, the Friday before school begins, we will post the list of student team assignments on the front doors of RJG. Students will be designated by their student ID number. Students and their families will be able to find this ID number on the mailing label of the August summer letter. **Please do not throw this envelope away!** If, however, you are unable to swing by the building that weekend, we will have lists of team assignments available at the office on the first day of school for any student who does not know what team they are on. Wednesday September 8th is the first day of school for grade 7 students, and Thursday, September 9th, is the first day of school for grade 8 students.

Another change for next year is retirement of the "Blue" team designation. For the last few years, "blue" has become equated with "project based". Since we will not have project based teams next year, it was felt that keeping a "blue" team might lead to avoidable confusion. Accordingly, our team colors will be: Gold, Green, Orange, and Red in both 7th and 8th grades.