



Richards Middle School
An International Baccalaureate School



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Richards Middle School Warrior Weekly

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Standardized testing begins Monday, April 9. The purpose of [Georgia Milestones](#) testing is to provide insight regarding how well students are mastering and retaining the state-adopted content standards in the core areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. It also allows students to test their own readiness for the next grade level, course or next educational endeavor.

It is imperative that students perform their best when taking these tests, and you can help! According to the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), "Students who are prepared, calm and rested perform better on tests."

GaDOE recommends the following practices to use at home to help your student test successfully:

- Encourage your student to employ good study and testing skills. These include following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors and reviewing their work.
- Explain to your child that the purpose of these tests is to give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in school and to give teachers information that helps them plan instruction and curriculum.
- Point out to them that some of the items may be more difficult than others.
- Be sure that your student gets adequate sleep and has a healthy breakfast and lunch. For many students, testing requires a lot of energy.
- Be certain that your student arrives to school on time. Rushing and worrying about being late could affect their performance on the tests.
- Ask your student about testing at the end of the day.

You play an important role in determining your child's success. Take advantage of these simple tips to help your student during test-taking.

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Testing Tips

Before the Test

- Find out if there is a score penalty for wrong answers so that you will know whether you should guess at answers you don't know.
- Get a good night's sleep the evening before the test.
- Eat a healthy, protein-rich breakfast the morning of your test.
- Relax your mind before the test begins.

During the Test

- Read the instructions and questions carefully.
- Pay attention to time passing in relation to the time allotment.
- Don't get distracted by other testers in the room.
- If you come across a question that is difficult, don't spend all of your time on it. Move on and come back to it at the end.
- Don't second guess yourself by changing your first answers unless you are 100% certain.
- Don't fall into the trap of looking for patterns in the answers. There really can be three (or more) "C" answers in a row.
- When you are finished, look closely to make sure that you haven't overlooked any questions.



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“You can do what you have to do, and sometimes you can do it even better than you think you can.”

- Jimmy Carter

GMAS Testing – (State Standardized Testing)

All students will be testing **Monday, April 9** – Please make sure your student is present for testing on Monday – the schedule for the rest of testing below:

April 9 (Writing)

8:40-10:55 - 8th grade only
11:00-12:55 - 7th grade only
1:45-3:40 - 6th grade only

April 10 (ELA)

8:40 - 12:25 - All 8th grade
12:30-3:50 - All 7th grade

April 11 (ELA)

8:40 - 12:25 - Team 602
12:30 - 3:50 - Team 601

April 12 (Math)

8:40 - 12:25 - All 8th grade
12:30 - 3:55 - All 7th grade

April 13 (Math)

8:40 - 12:25 - Team 602
12:30 - 3:50 - Team 601

April 17 (Science)

8:40 - 12:25 - All 8th grade

April 18 (Social Studies)

8:40 - 12:25 - All 8th grade

EOC Testing

April 25

8:40 - 12:25 Math (18 students)

April 26

8:40 - 12:25 Science (51 students)

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 9– 4:15 – 5:00 pm – Chess Club

4:00 – 5:00pm - Beginning Band Tutoring

Tuesday, April 10 – Due to testing, *Warriors for Christ* will not meet again until April 24th

4:15-5:30 pm – Orchestra Rehearsal

Beginning Honor Band @ Blackmon Rd. Middle School; Rehearsal @ 5 pm; Performance @ 7 pm

Wednesday, April 11– 4:15 – 6:00 pm – Debate Team Rm 225

4:15 to 5:15 pm – Athletic Department - Weightlifting in the Gym - Must have physical to participate

4:15 – 5:00 pm - Builders Club meeting room 109

Advanced/Intermediate Band Full Rehearsal, 7:15 – 8:20 am

Thursday, April 12– 4:15 – 5:30 pm – Debate Team Rm 225

Advanced/Intermediate Band Full Rehearsal, 7:15– 8:20 am; Due to testing, the Flute/Oboe Pedagogy group will not meet until April 20.

4:00 to 5:00 - Girl's Chorus Rehearsal

Friday, April 13 –

Saturday, April 14 – Middle School Soccer Jamboree (Schedule attached)

1:45 pm – Soccer Jamboree - Arnold vs Richards – Kinnett Stadium



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SCHOOL SAFETY: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



Parents: As part of our safety and accountability measure to ensure the safety of our students and teachers, ALL visitors (parents included) must check in at the front office and get a visitor's pass before going to a teacher's

classroom. Additionally, if the teacher has time to speak with them, once they have a pass, they will; however, since they are off contract and may have other things planned and can't stay, they may be asked to call and schedule a conference.



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2018 SOCCER JAMBOREE

Saturday, April 14

@ Kinnett Stadium

\$3 Students / \$5 Adults

One ticket gains access to all games

Schedule of Games

10:00 am - Aaron Cohn vs. Eddy

11:15 am - East Columbus vs. Baker

12:30 pm - Harris County vs. Double Churches

1:45 pm - Arnold vs. Richards

3:00 pm - Blackmon Road vs. Veterans

4:15 pm - Midland vs. Faith

5:30 pm - Fort vs. Rothschild

Games are 60 minutes, each half being 30 minutes

The girls will play the first half

The boys will play the second half



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