March, 2019

Dear Bayside parents and guardians:

During the weeks of April 15th and April 22nd, Bayside students will be participating in the State of Wisconsin’s Forward Exam, a summative assessment that will be used to gauge how well students are mastering the Wisconsin State Standards. The Forward Exam is given in grades 3 - 8 in English and mathematics, grades 4 and 8 in science and grades 4, 8 and 10 in social studies. Students receive a score based on their performance in each content area. Each score will fall in one of four levels: Advanced, Proficient, Basic and Below Basic.

Students in grades 5 - 8 will be taking the 4-part English test on **Tuesday, April 16th, Wednesday, April 17th and Tuesday, April 23rd**, in the morning. (8:25am - 9:40am) The mathematics test will be taken on **Wednesday, April 24th and Thursday, April 25th** in the morning. (8:25am - 10:00am) Eighth grade students will take the science and social studies test on the same days later in the morning. (11:00am - 12:40pm)

Please note, it is very important that your son or daughter be in school during this time. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window. These tests are taken on a Chromebook in small classroom settings and include short answer, multiple choice and a writing section. Accommodations and supports for students with disabilities and/or English language learners are built into the system so that the progress of the students can be accurately measured.

Our students should report to their designated classroom on each testing day by 7:45am. Students will be given their room assignments in Advisor the week prior to testing. Students must leave cell phones, smart watches, or any other electronic devices in their locker on these days. They will also need to bring a book in case they are finished early and bring their **own headphones** for the listening portion of the test. If your student does not have headphones, some will be provided for them. Please help your child perform to the best of his or her ability on these tests by ensuring they have a healthy breakfast and a good night’s sleep prior to the testing days.

If you would like more information, including links to sample items from the Forward Exam, see the [Informational Brochure for Families](#). ([Spanish Version - Informational Brochure for Families](#)) ([Hmong Version - Informational Brochure for Families](#))

Feel free to contact School Counselor, Charity James, at cjames@foxbay.org if you have specific questions about the assessment and administration.

Sincerely,
Jodi Hackl, Principal