



**IMPORTANT SCHEDULE INFORMATION FOR
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010**

**7TH GRADERS START SCHOOL AT 8:00 A.M. – REPORT TO TESTING ROOM
8TH GRADERS START SCHOOL AT 10:15 A.M. – REPORT TO 1ST PERIOD**

Dear Parents:

February 2010

Although it sometimes seems that the school year has barely gotten underway, standardized testing time is just around the corner. The annual Writing Assessment portion of the California Standards Test is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. **This test is only administered to seventh grade students** and takes between one and two hours to complete. In order to assure that our seventh graders are rested and ready to go, we will administer the writing exam at 8:00 on Tuesday, March 2nd in advisement. What this means to **eighth graders is that Tuesday, March 2, will be a modified day for them, and they will be expected to report to school by 10:15** on that day. **Seventh graders will need to report at 8:00.**

Parents of seventh graders need to be aware that the results of these tests are being relied upon more heavily to determine placement in high school honors classes. Although they reflect only one aspect of a child's academic ability, high school teachers and counselors consider them when determining whether or not a student will make a good candidate for honors classes. With that in mind, please make sure your seventh grader gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy, preferably protein rich breakfast on this test day. Additionally, be sure that your seventh grader arrives early in order to get the necessary prep and instruction time allotted.

Please note: Once the students begin taking the test, **they cannot be interrupted (and they cannot legally complete the test at a later time). It is therefore vital that the testing process not be interrupted.** Please do not schedule any appointments or request to pick your child up from school during a testing period.

We at South Lake are so proud of your children and their incredible ability to get through an increasing number of testing days. We appreciate your flexibility, support and continued guidance as your children rise to the increasing rigor of state testing. South Lake students really are the best! If you have any questions or concerns about the schedule, please contact us. Again, thanks for sending us the best and brightest.

Sincerely,

Bruce Baron, Rick Blazer and the South Lake Staff