

Baxter Springs High School
“National Blue Ribbon School”

Larry Cannon, Principal
Jason Walker, Vice-Principal

February 15, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Baxter Springs High School is preparing for the Kansas State Assessments. Those students who will be testing have been attending special test preparation and instructional review during reading time. The assessment tests are an opportunity for students to show improvement in academic areas. All sophomores and juniors will be testing with the Opportunity To Learn (OTL) offered by the Kansas State Department of Education. OTL is used as a method for students to show academic improvement on state assessments that were taken during their sophomore year and junior year. After a student completes the assessment as a sophomore, the results are stored until the junior year. Students who score below “Meets Standard” will have the OTL and test again as a junior.

Baxter Springs High School sophomores and juniors will be testing in Reading or Math on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. In an effort to minimize distractions and maximize student performance on these assessments, the students and staff of Baxter Springs High School will devote a full day to testing. Test sessions will be held in the morning and afternoon with appropriate breaks between sessions. Please note the following itinerary for March 9, 2010:

7:40 Breakfast (free for 10th and 11th grades)
8:00 School starts – 9th grade departs from BHS
8:30 Test session 1 begins
10:00 Break
10:30 Test session 2 begins
12:00 Lunch break
1:15 Test Session 3 begins
2:45 Report to reading classes

All freshmen will have special activities off campus on March 9, 2010. Lunch will be available. For freshmen, this is a regular school day and attendance will be taken. Seniors will not be in school this day, essentially an exempt day.

Thank you for your cooperation on this day. I hope the testing schedule will help provide students with the best opportunity for success. If you have questions, please contact Baxter Springs High School at 856-3366.

Sincerely,

Jason Walker
Assistant Principal