

# KINGMAN ACADEMY OF LEARNING

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Dear Parents,

January is almost over and state standardized testing will be here before we blink. I wanted to bring some information to you regarding this year's state testing program so that you can be prepared.

AzMERIT is the statewide standardized test that has two components - English Language Arts (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics. This test will be given **April 2 – April 10** to all students in grades 3 – 8 and to high school students enrolled in English (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders) and to students enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. In order to get results back to the school and the families more quickly, the timeframe for this test has been changed. We have only six school days to complete these tests. There are five different subtests that must be completed by each student (1 Writing, 2 Reading and 2 Mathematics) and only one subtest can be given a day, leaving us only 1 full day and several afternoons to do makeup tests. It is vitally important that we test all possible students during this timeframe; the state expects us to do this and we want to be able to determine how well our program is working by getting these test results.

AIMS Science will be given to students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and to High School students enrolled in Biology 1. These tests will be given the **week of March 26<sup>th</sup>**. These tests are equally as important to our students and our school.

Given this rigorous testing schedule, I am asking each and every family to do everything within their control to make sure their children are in attendance all day, each and every testing date. I appreciate you not scheduling out of town trips on these dates and instead, plan them for our Spring break – April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Additionally, please do not schedule appointments for your children on these dates. If a student begins a test and is then called out for an appointment, they are unable to complete that test and will be scored based on the completed questions.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or the school principals.

I appreciate everything you do to make KAOL a great place!

Susan Chan, Executive Director