



Chelan Middle School

Mission: "To prepare all students to obtain high academic standards and to promote character qualities which provide the foundation for success."

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Chelan Middle School students and staff are working hard to achieve our school's learning goals. Students at CMS, as well as their classmates across Washington State, will soon take the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). The WASL is one of several important sources of information in guiding our learning progress. Other important sources are the thoughts of teachers and other school staff, classroom grades, NWEA scores and your knowledge of your child.

Students will be doing a majority of the assessments April 14th – 24th. Make-ups will take place April 28th-30th. The schedule for testing by grade level is listed below.

Grade	Tuesday 14-Apr	Wednesday 15-Apr	Thursday 16-Apr	Friday 17-Apr	Wednesday 22-Apr	Thursday 23-Apr	Friday 24-Apr
6 th Grade	Reading I	Reading II			Math I	Math II	
7 th Grade	Math I	Math II	Writing I		Reading I	Writing II	Reading II
8 th Grade	Reading I	Reading II	Math I		Math II	Science I	Science II

During the weeks that students are completing the assessments, it is very important that they arrive to school on time and that they are present everyday. Please talk with your student and encourage them to give their best efforts. WASL scores, along with other sources of data, are being used more than ever to place students in classes. These sources of data help us determine a students skill level and could impact the classes in which they are scheduled into.

Additional information about the WASL, including sample questions, can be found at the Office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction's website at <http://www.k12.wa.us>.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the main office at 682-4061.

Thank you,

Chris Anderson
Principal