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Dear LJI Parent/Guardian,

STAAR season is fast approaching. Because students have not taken STAAR tests since 2019, we wanted to provide this letter to you and your family to help get our Panthers ready for their upcoming STAAR tests. This year's STAAR testing will also be different because we are STAAR testing online. Therefore, we need your support to help make testing as smooth and efficient as possible for our students. Please carefully read through the following to prepare our students:

Night before STAAR

- Student get a good night's rest
- Charge his/her Chromebook
- Have backpack & belongings packed
- Pack a jacket/sweatshirt in case testing room is cold

Morning of STAAR

- Bring charged Chromebook and charger to school
- Student eats a hearty breakfast (either at home or at school)
- Arrive to school early (no later than 7:15a)
- Students report straight to testing room
- *Optional: Bring water (only) in clear bottle and/or snack (that follows snack guidelines)*

During STAAR Testing

- All student and staff phones, earbuds/Airpods, and Smart watches will be off and stored away until testing is complete campus-wide; school approved earbuds will be provided to students for testing.
- If you need to send a message to a student or teacher, please call the school. The message will be relayed to him/her.
- Visitors will not be allowed on campus.
- Avoid scheduling appointments on this day, as we do not know how long testing will take.

Students will NOT be allowed to have the following during testing:

- Earbuds/Airpods
- Cell phones or Smart watches
- Do not bring blankets or stuffed animals
- Do not wear house shoes or pajamas

Snacks

- Students will be provided with a snack and bottled water from the school.
- If your student would like to bring a snack, it MUST adhere to our snack guidelines (below), or it will be confiscated.
- Water is the only liquid that can be in their water bottles; bottles must be clear. Other drinks or liquids in their water bottles will be confiscated from the student.

Non testing students

- Will have a modified schedule on campus
- Need to bring his/her charged Chromebook and charger to school
- Report straight to 1st period-- some classes will be moved due to testing, so students need to look for signage of relocated classrooms.

We appreciate your support during testing season. If you have any specific questions/concerns, please reach out to our Campus Testing Coordinators, Sheri Minter sheri.minter@brazosportisd.net or Joey Bryson joey.bryson@brazosportisd.net.

We Are One,

Tricia Tsang

Tricia E. Tsang, Ed.D.
Principal

Upcoming Testing Dates:

Apr. 6- 7th Writing; English 1 EOC

May 4- 8th Algebra EOC

May 6- 8th Science; Biology 1 EOC

May 7- 8th U.S. History

May 11- 7th and 8th Math

May 12- 7th and 8th Reading

LJI Snack Guidelines

Due to COVID and social distancing requirements, the number of lunches increased in order to ensure student safety, which led to an earlier lunch start. Therefore, we will be allowing a time for snacks this school year.

- Snacks will be allowed during 6th period each day per teacher discretion.
- Students must follow expectations and instructions set by their teacher for snack time.
- Students must be self-sufficient with snacks.
- Snacks must be dry finger-foods that do not leave residue on fingers.
- Due to student allergies and being a nut-free school, snacks may not contain nuts or ingredients/byproducts containing nuts.
- Snacks may not be shared with other students.
- Snacks will remain in the student's backpack until snack time.
- Candy is not permitted as a snack.
- If the snacks do not adhere to the above expectations, students may be asked to put snacks away.



Examples of GREAT snacks

- Crackers (Wheat Thins, Goldfish, Triscuits)
- Animal crackers
- Pretzels
- Dried fruit
- Granola bar (check packaging)
- Teddy Grahams, Graham crackers
- Nilla Wafers
- Fig Newtons
- Skinny Pop Popcorn
- Fruit Snacks
- Dry cereal (Cheerios, Honey Bunches of Oats, Oatmeal Squares, Chex)



Examples of Not-so-great Snacks

- Syrupy fruit cups
- Taki's, Cheetos, Hot chips (we don't want to leave any residue on our Chromebooks

or assignments)



- Yogurt
- Peanut butter crackers
- Trail mix