

Hello Cocoa Beach Families,

### **State Testing**

It is hard to believe, but we will have our first round of state testing this week. On Wednesday, our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students will take an English Language Arts test and on Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will take their English Language Arts test. These are “beginning of the year” assessments to see what the students know and what we need to work on as we progress through the year. We will test 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders next week and then follow that up with Math.

### **Course Adjustments**

As I mentioned in an earlier communication, we have a higher enrollment than projected – which is good news. However, this means we must balance out some classes. Our guidance counselors are identifying classes that are too large and looking for opportunities to move students into smaller classes, with the same teachers. These schedule changes will take place next week. If a student is impacted with a schedule change, they will receive a new schedule in Homeroom this Friday. In most cases, we are simply switching the order of a couple of classes. The student often will have all of the same teachers, just in a different order.

### **Historic Artemis Launch**

Next week on Monday is the scheduled launch of the Artemis mission and the return to the moon. Currently the launch window begins at 8:30 am, so that will definitely impact the start to our school day. Please plan for intense traffic to and from our area that morning. We will be very gracious with late arriving students that morning. If the launch window extends into the school day, we will definitely ensure that our students do not miss the historic launch.

### **Minutemen Apparel**

We now have an online school store that has a wide range of spirit apparel. This is a direct sale website through BSN sports, so the merchandise ships directly to your home. Here is the link to the website:

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/florida/cocoabeach/cocoa-beach-senior-high-school>

**Thank you for choosing Cocoa Beach.** Please reach out if you ever have any questions or concerns.

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