

MYP Parents,

Report Cards were made available this week for parents to view. Along with the students first quarter grades, FAST (State Progress Monitoring Test) results were also listed. I have provided an attachment that explains the purpose of FAST testing and how it is/will be used. Along with the document, I wanted to provide a summary of what testing will look like moving forward for your student at Roland Park.

****As a note, FAST has replaced FSA****

Semester Exams (District Test) and FAST PM2 (State Test) will be administered beginning on December 15th. Please read the information below to better understand the new testing requirements.

Testing Notes:

September, all students in grades 6-8 took FAST (PM1) as a Pre-Test for both ELA and Math. PM1 had no effect on their grade and was only used as a planning tool for teachers. The material/standards on PM1 had not yet been taught, so scores were likely not at the level students/parents are accustomed to seeing.

December, all students in grades 6-8 will take the FAST (PM2) Mid-Year Test for both ELA and Math. Although there will still be standards on PM2 that the students have not yet learned, the expectation is that scores will improve with the teaching and learning of Q1 and Q2 standards. The district has decided that the PM2 test will be used as the student's exam grade and students **will not** have to take a traditional Semester Exam in the following classes/courses:

- 6th Grade Math
- 6th Grade ELA
- 6th Grade Reading
- 7th Grade Math
- 7th Grade ELA
- 7th Grade Reading
- 8th Grade Pre-Algebra
- 8th Grade Reading

In addition to taking the FAST (PM2) Test, students **will** be taking a traditional Semester Exam in the following classes/courses:

- Algebra
- Art
- AVID
- Band
- Civics
- Geometry
- All Science Courses 6-8
- All History Courses 6-8