22 March 2012

Parent of OJSH 9th Grader:

This letter is to inform you of the new STAAR End of Course (EOC) state assessment that your child will be taking this year and of the impact it will have on your child.

Starting on March 26th & 27th all 9th graders will be taking the English I portion of the STAAR EOC. This will be their first exposure to this new assessment, with the other EOC exams (World Geography, Biology & Algebra I) coming in May of this year. **I cannot express enough how important it is for your child to do their very best on this assessment, as it will have a direct effect on his/her academic progress and future graduation possibilities.**

I have met with all the 9th graders and informed them of the following:

 **-EOCs will have only a 4-hour time limit to complete the test**

**-EOCs will count for 15% of their grade in that class for the year**

 **-If they fail an EOC they WILL be required to attend summer school**

 **-If they fail the EOC they WILL have to retake that exam in July….after summer school**

I ask that as a parent you reinforce with your child the importance of taking their time, reading each question carefully and answering each question on their exam.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Boyce

OJSH Principal

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