



Cony Middle & High School

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Happy Fall! As our students are settling into school, we wanted to review the assessments that will happen this year at Cony.

PSAT (optional for sophomores and juniors)

We have announced and posted information about an optional PSAT that we are hosting on Oct. 13, 2021. This is an optional assessment for sophomores and juniors. Please contact the Guidance Department as soon as possible if you are interested in having your student participate in this testing.

NWEA

We are testing students in grades 7-11 at Cony Middle and High school on NWEA in October and May. Students in grades 7-11 will take a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® on their chromebook. (We hope to have our brand-new chromebooks for our Middle School student by then.) MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students. MAP Growth tests are unique, and adapt to your student's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your student answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your student knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit). We have scheduled testing for the NWEA on **October 18th and 21st** for the High School and **October 25, 26, and 28th** for the Middle School.

NAEP

Selected schools are asked to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress and Cony 8th graders were selected. NAEP serves as the Nation's Report card and will be conducted in February 2022.

MEA/New Meridian Science Assessment

In the Spring, we will conduct the NWEAs again and also participate the New Meridian Science Assessment for students in grade 8 and grade 11. This assessment is designed to test students on the Maine science and engineering standards, i.e. Next Generation Science Standards, adopted in April 2019. It will provide more comprehensive about your student's science knowledge and skills. This is typically conducted in May.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement.

Sincerely,

Kimberly E. W. Silsby, Principal