

PELHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dr. Robert J. Roelle, *Principal*
Ms. Lynn M. Sabia, *Assistant Principal*



April 16, 2018

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to provide you with the procedures and schedule for our final assessments.

As indicated on the School District Calendar, the final day for class in the high school and middle school will be on Monday, June 11. After that date, students in grades 7-12 will attend school only during scheduled final and Regents exam administrations. As in the past, our sixth grade students will attend school during finals week, Tuesday – Friday, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch will be served to students each day that week.

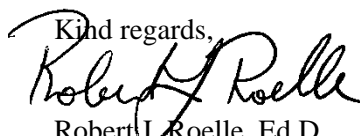
During finals week, all sixth grade students will participate in four culminating performance-based assessments. These assessments will serve as a consolidation of the major concepts, content, themes, and skills of the school year for math, science, social studies and language arts. The associated activities will require students to apply what they learned this year in practical applications. These assessments have been carefully developed by our sixth grade teachers under the guidance of our Director of Humanities, Dr. Maria Thompson, and Director of Math and Science, Dr. Thomas Callahan.

One of our goals in developing this approach was to explore effective ways to measure what our students have learned during their first year in the middle school and to have them apply these concepts in authentic ways. Practical application is the best indicator of how well students are able to utilize what they learned as opposed to merely what they can memorize. Performance-based assessments are also more developmentally appropriate for students who are completing grade six.

Our sixth grade team of teachers has worked throughout the school year to prepare performance assessments that we believe will ultimately benefit our students' growth and development as they prepare for seventh grade. Here at Pelham Middle School, it will always be our priority to make the best and most informed educational decisions for our students in order to support their social, emotional, and intellectual growth.

Please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor or me at any time should you have questions.

See the letter below for more information on other end of the year procedures.

Kind regards,

Robert J. Roelle, Ed.D.
Principal

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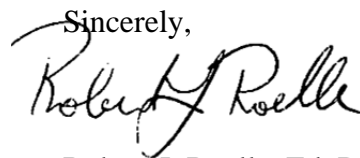
As we rapidly approach the end of the school year, we would like to inform you of our schedule of examinations and testing procedures during the last few weeks of school.

- Monday, June 11 will be the final day for regularly scheduled middle school classes.
- The exam period will begin on Tuesday, June 12. Specific dates and times for each examination are included on the “Final Exam Schedule” (7th & 8th only). Room assignments will be given to the students by the classroom teachers, and will be posted in the hallways. ***Please note that cell phones are not permitted in the testing locations during final exam week. All cell phones will be collected.***
- **6th Grade students will attend school Tuesday – Friday (6/12-6/15) from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.**
 - ❖ Tuesday - Friday, 6th graders will meet with each of their core classes for 40 minutes, to work on performance-based/authentic final assessments.
 - ❖ Students will report to Period 1 each day by 10:00 AM.
 - ❖ All work will be completed in class
 - ❖ On Friday, students will participate in presentations, reflections and other end of the year activities.
 - ❖ Lunch will be served to 6th graders on Tuesday, June 12 – Friday, June 15.
- **7th and 8th grade students will only attend school during their scheduled examination period (see exam schedule).**
- All students are encouraged to utilize the library, computer labs, etc. after school to prepare for exams, and to complete class assignments. Students may also use this time to meet with their teachers for additional support.
- The middle school cafeteria will be open prior to exams for breakfast at 9:00 a.m

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- The library will be open for use from 8:45 – 10:00 a.m. and 2:00-3:15 p.m. each day during finals week (June 12 – 15).
- Specific grades for each course will be provided on your child’s report card, and will be available via the Portal as soon as it is processed.
- If a student would like to review his/her final exam, he/she may do so by calling the Middle School Office (738-8190) to make an appointment.
- Guidance counselors will be available for consultations until approximately Friday, July 6, 2018. Please call (738-8190) or email your child’s counselor if you would like an appointment.
- **Please note:** All overdue library books must be returned to the library **by Wednesday, May 30**. If books are not returned by the end of the school year, report cards will not be released.
- Any additional questions relating to our end-of-year procedures should be addressed to your child’s guidance counselor. Please call 738-8190, if necessary.
- **REMINDER: 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony will be on Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school gymnasium. A separate letter will follow in early June.**

Sincerely,


Robert J. Roelle, Ed. D.
Principal

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7th & 8th Grade Final Exam Schedule on Next Page



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Final Exam Schedule 2018

Monday, June 11	Time (starting Tuesday)	Tuesday, June 12	Wednesday, June 13	Thursday, June 14	Friday, June 15
<p style="text-align: center;">Last Day Of Classes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All Students Follow Regular Bell Schedule</p> <p style="color: green;">Earth Science Lab Practicals begin (Mon. – Wed.): 8th graders will complete the Lab Practical portion of the Regents Exam during times assigned by their Earth Science Teachers.</p>	8:00 – 11:00	Earth Science Lab Practical (assigned times)	Earth Science Lab Practical (assigned times)	EARTH SCIENCE REGENTS EXAM (GYM) 8:15-11:15	
	10:00 – 11:30	SCIENCE 7 EXAM	MATH 7 EXAM	SOCIAL STUDIES 7 EXAM	FOREIGN LANGUAGE 7 EXAM
	12:30 – 2:00	MATH 8/8E EXAM	ENGLISH 8/8H EXAM		SOCIAL STUDIES 8/8H EXAM
	12:15 – 3:15	ALGEBRA 1 COMMON CORE REGENTS EXAM (GYM)			

Time	Monday, June 18	Tuesday, June 19	Wednesday, June 20	Thursday, June 21	Friday, June 22
8:15-11:15	FLACS EXAM FOREIGN LANGUAGE 8	High School Exams	High School Exams	High School Exams	Rating Day
10:00-11:30	ENGLISH 7 EXAM				

Notes: The library will be open for use from 8:45 – 10:00 am and from 2:00 – 3:15pm from Tuesday, June 12 – Friday, June 15.

Uniform Admission Deadlines for Regents Exams: Morning Exam 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Exam 2:00p.m.