



Tuckahoe High School

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Dear Parents:

Enclosed please find an update of the Tuckahoe High School mid-term examination schedule beginning Tuesday, January 22 and concluding Friday, January 25. The mid-terms are part of the curriculum for two semester courses in the five core subject areas: Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language. For these subjects, the mid-term assessment is worth 7% of the grade for the year.

This information was covered with the students at the opening day of school and is found on page 13 in the initial section of the Student Handbook. Exams will be scheduled for two-and-a-half hours and students will not be allowed to turn in their exams and leave the testing room until an hour-and-a-half of the examination time has elapsed. Special Education students will receive their accommodations as required.

Morning exams will begin at 8:00 A.M. and end at 10:30 A.M. The second THS exam will begin at 11:30 A.M. and end at 2:00 P.M. Food will be served in the Cafeteria for high school students from 10:00 to 11:00 each day.

While most students take all the core area subjects requiring a mid-term, students who are not scheduled for an exam are not required to be in school at that time. Please see the attached for the high school bus schedule that includes the pick-up/drop off locations for the additional bus runs during the mid-term period. Students will be dismissed each day upon completion of their exams. Please also consult the attached emergency closing schedule. Regular classes are scheduled to resume on Monday, January 28.

These exams are designed to offer a comprehensive assessment of your child's learning since the beginning of the school year. Also, we expect student learning to increase through their preparation in studying for the exam and the knowledge they utilize while taking the exam itself. Consequently, please discuss with your child the need to schedule time in advance to properly study for their mid-term examinations.

A residual benefit of this mid-term program is the opportunity for our students to improve their test taking skills so June's exams will not seem as daunting. Likewise, this could also be a benefit realized when your child attends college as mid-terms and finals are often the only assessments in many college courses.

Students will receive confirmed test room assignments as we approach the mid-term dates. As noted, we've included a revised schedule in the event we have a snow day on a scheduled mid-term test day. In the event there is a two-hour delayed

opening, the first midterm test will begin at 9:40 and the second midterm test will begin at 12:30 if one is scheduled in the afternoon.

If there is a delayed opening on a day two midterms are scheduled, the exam period will be modified to two hours and teachers will shorten their exam to meet the revised timing.

Some students will also be taking a January regents during this exam schedule based upon their academic situation. Students enrolled in Algebra 1B will be taking the Algebra Common Core during exam week. Students who need to take/makeup any other regents will receive a correspondence from Mr. DeBellis detailing the specific time and date the regents will be offered. This notice will also be mailed home to the parent under separate cover. Please note as of this writing there are no make-up dates for January regents exams even if cancelled due to weather. If you believe your child should be taking a regents exam and you do not receive a letter, please call the guidance office at 337-5376, ext. 1252.

With the second marking period ending January 18 and the midterms following, all students should take advantage of extra help after school to improve their academic performance. A reminder that the late bus is available to Chester Heights and the Village of Tuckahoe on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in moving The Tuckahoe High School forward. Please call me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Dr. Bart Linehan
Principal

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