



## *Pearl River School District*

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Dear Parents,

The arrival of the new year signals that the halfway point of the school year is near. The last week of the first semester begins on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. This week represents a period during which students demonstrate their knowledge on assessments which provides teachers with valuable data. The Regents/Midterms/Finals schedule and memo is posted on the high school's website and distributed through the District's K-12 system.

For most, the assessments are a key component to each students' midterm marking grade. For others, Regents and finals will be given which affords an opportunity to demonstrate NYS performance criteria, or completion of a formal course of study. This time period is part of the school year outlined in the District's publicized calendar. Students are required to be in attendance for all scheduled exams as makeups are not a viable option. New York State does not afford makeups for state issued Regents Exams during the January midterm and June assessment periods. Affording such an accommodation would delay the next semester/year, and would prove disruptive for students, teachers and the school process as a whole.

This period is not a district designated break, but rather a formal part of the school year during which attendance is mandatory. Please review the Regents/Midterm/Finals calendar with your child being sure that they are prepared and in attendance for all scheduled assessments.

Sincerely,

  
Michael J. Murphy