

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Midterm Madness: Everything the 9<sup>th</sup> Grader Needs to Know about Midterms

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents:

During the week of **January 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012**, students and teachers will begin reviewing for midterm exams. After school review sessions have been prepared by teachers of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students that will last from 2:15PM to 3PM. Coaches and club sponsors have been made aware of this schedule, and barring athletic competition, students will be excused from practices and meetings to attend review sessions. Below, you will find information regarding midterm exams, the review day schedule, the exam bell schedule and dates, and a GPA grade sheet calculator demonstrating the significance of midterm grades. Please review these materials with your student(s) and encourage them to take advantage of the opportunities available to help them succeed on their midterm exams. **In addition to the information provided, please check teacher websites for review sheets and information on specific exams.** Should you have any questions regarding exams, please contact your student's teachers, or feel free to direct questions to Richard Malt, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade ITL at [Richard\\_Malt@hcpss.org](mailto:Richard_Malt@hcpss.org). **Midterms begin January 17, 2012; start preparing today!**



### General Midterm Information:

Subject	Type of Exam
Algebra 1	Multiple Choice/Brief Constructed Responses
Algebra 2 (Regular, GT)	Multiple Choice/Short Answer
Art 1	Multiple Choice/Critical Analysis & Comparison using Feldman's Method
Biology (Regular, Honors, GT)	Multiple Choice/Brief Constructed Response
Earth Science	Multiple Choice/Brief Constructed Response
Ecology	Multiple Choice
English 9 (Regular, Honors, GT)	Part 1 – County Generated Part 2 – Teacher Generated (based on literature read).
Foods and Nutrition	Multiple Choice
French 1 (Regular, Honors)	Multiple Choice/Short Answer (reading, listening, grammar, & speaking)
French 2	Unit 2 Exam: Multiple Choice/Short Answer/Essay
Geometry	Multiple Choice/Brief Constructed Response/Essay
German 1 (Regular, Honors)	Multiple Choice/Short Answer (reading, listening, grammar, & speaking)
Health	Multiple Choice
Italian 1	Multiple Choice/Short Answer (reading, listening, grammar, & speaking)
Latin 1	Multiple Choice/Short Answer (reading)
Lifetime Fitness	Multiple Choice/Written Goals Pertaining to 5 Components of Fitness
Spanish 1 (Regular, Honors)	Multiple Choice/Short Answer (reading, listening, grammar, & speaking)
Theatre	Multiple Choice/True & False/Short Answer
US History (Regular, Honors, GT)	Multiple Choice/Essay
All other classes and subjects *	Teacher Generated Exams. Check with teachers for more specific information.

- **EVERY CLASS MUST HAVE A MIDTERM EXAM. CHECK WITH TEACHERS AND TEACHERS' WEBSITES FOR MORE SPECIFIC REVIEW AND EXAM INFORMATION.**

### Midterm Review Schedule

Monday 1/9	Tuesday 1/10	Wednesday 1/11	Thursday 1/12	Friday 1/13
English	Science*	World Language*	Math*	Soc. Studies

\*Mixed level & Mixed grade level classes will work to coordinate review sessions either after school or during the school day.

## Midterm Exam Days/Bell Schedule

Bell Schedule for Tuesday 1/17 Exam	
7:25AM	Regular schedule per. 1-3
10:15 – 12:30PM	4A Exam (Lunch shifts will run at normally scheduled times)
12:25 – 2:10PM	Regular Schedule per. 5-6

Bell Schedule for Wed. 1/18 – Fri. 1/20 Exams			
Time	Wed. 1-18	Thurs. 1-19	Fri. 1-20
7:25 – 9:05AM	Per. 1 Exam	Per. 3 Exam	Per. 5 Exam
9:05 – 9:25AM	Break	Break	Break
9:30 – 11:10AM	Per. 2 Exam	Per. 4B Exam	Per. 6 Exam

### INCLIMATE WEATHER SCHEDULE

**\*\*If school is canceled, exams will be pushed back one day.\*\***

If delayed on Tuesday:	
TIME	Tues., 1/17/12
9:25-11:00am	ABBREVIATED PERIODS 1, 2 & 3 (AT SCHOOL'S DISCRETION)
11:00-11:30am Late Bell 11:35	1 <sup>ST</sup> LUNCH SHIFT PERIOD 4A EXAM
11:30-12:00pm Late Bell 12:05	2 <sup>ND</sup> LUNCH SHIFT PERIOD 4A EXAM
12:00-12:30pm Late Bell 12:35	3 <sup>RD</sup> LUNCH SHIFT PERIOD 4A EXAM
12:30-1:00pm	4 <sup>TH</sup> LUNCH SHIFT PERIOD 4A EXAM
1:05-2:10pm	ABBREVIATED PERIODS 5 & 6 (AT SCHOOL'S DISCRETION)

If delayed on Wednesday or Thursday:		
TIME	Wed., 1/18/12	Thurs. 1/19/12
9:25-11:00am	PERIOD 1 EXAM	PERIOD 3 EXAM
11:00-11:30am Late Bell 11:35	1 <sup>ST</sup> LUNCH SHIFT	1 <sup>ST</sup> LUNCH SHIFT
11:30-12:00pm Late Bell 12:05	2 <sup>ND</sup> LUNCH SHIFT	2 <sup>ND</sup> LUNCH SHIFT
12:00-12:30pm Late Bell 12:35	3 <sup>RD</sup> LUNCH SHIFT	3 <sup>RD</sup> LUNCH SHIFT
12:35-2:10pm	PERIOD 2 EXAM	PERIOD 4B EXAM

### Grade Sheet Calculator

Computing Final Grades Formula Sheet							
Steps 1-4	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Mid- term	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Final exam	Final Grade
Letter Grade	B	A	B	A	A	B	3.6 = A
Numerical Equivalent	3	4	3	4	4	3	
Multiply by:	X 2	X 2	X 1	X 2	X 2	X 1	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Divide Total by 10</b>						<b>/10</b>

Numerical Equivalent	
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1
E	0

Translate to Letter Gr.	
A	3.5 – 4
B	2.5 – 3.49
C	1.5 – 2.49
D	.75 – 1.49
E	Below .75