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Dear Parents,

The spring assessment season is fast approaching. Some assessments are mandated by state statute while others are used to inform students of their progress towards post secondary goals. Please note the dates and times that are important for your child. In preparation of test dates it is important for students to get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and to bring the essential tools for the assessment (pencil, pen, headphones, calculator). Thank you in advance for being a great support to your child and helping each of them to do their very best.

The D230 assessment plan for student growth, accountability, and student success is as follows:

PARCC - paper based

March 14, 2016 - May 3, 2016. This is a state mandated assessment:

- English students currently enrolled in the following courses will be assessed in English Language Arts 09.
 - Freshman Honors English
 - Freshman Academic English (50 & 75 min)
 - Freshman Basic English
 - Instructional Freshman English
 - Read 180 - AAS only
- Math students currently enrolled in the following courses will be assessed in Algebra 1 - Students should bring their graphing calculators to the exam.
 - Honors Algebra
 - Algebra (50 & 75 min)
 - Algebra M
 - Instructional Algebra
 - ELL Algebra - CS & AAS

Please be assured that we have made every effort to **minimally** impact your student's schedule as we meet the state mandated assessment regulations. For additional information regarding the PARCC assessment please consult the PARCC website at www.parcconline.org or through the Illinois State Board of Education website isbe.net/assessment/parcc.htm. If you have additional questions regarding any aspect of the assessment process please do not hesitate to contact my office.

ACT - PLAN - paper based

Tuesday, April 19, 2015:

Freshman, Sophomore and Junior students will be tested; Senior students will not be in attendance. We encourage the Seniors to complete service learning hours or college visits on this date. Students will be in attendance from 8 am until 12:30pm. Zero hour will not meet.

- Freshman will take a retired PLAN test
- Sophomores will take a retired ACT test (P-ACT)
- Juniors will take the ACT exam. D230 has been able to contract as an official ACT site on April 19th; therefore, scores from the ACT with writing may be used as an official ACT test when applying for colleges.

Illinois Science Assessment - computer based

TBD - April? - May?

D230 has been notified by the Illinois State Board of Education that high schools will be required to give the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) to students in the following Biology courses. However, the state has not released the specifics surrounding this assessment. Information will be released to the students and families affected as soon as it is made available.

- Honors Biology
- Biology
- Basic Biology
- Instructional Biology
- ELL Biology - CS & AAS
- AP Biology

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

The following is the Advanced Placement Exam Schedule. Students interested in taking an AP exam must register for the exam no later than **March 18, 2015**. For more information please contact the guidance department at your home school.

Week 1	Morning (8 AM)	Afternoon (12 PM)
Monday, May 2	AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	AP Psychology
Tuesday, May 3	AP Computer Science A AP Spanish Language & Culture	AP Physics 1: Algebra-based
Wednesday, May 4	AP English Literature & Composition	
Thursday, May 5	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC	
Friday, May 6	AP German Language & Culture AP US History	AP European History
Week 2		
Monday, May 9	AP Biology AP Music Theory	AP Physics C: Mechanics <i>AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism begins at 2pm</i>
Tuesday, May 10	AP US Government & Politics	AP French Language & Culture
Wednesday, May 11	AP English Language & Composition	AP Macroeconomics
Thursday, May 12	AP World History	AP Statistics
Friday, May 13	AP Human Geography AP Microeconomics	AP Latin

If you have additional questions regarding any aspect of the assessment process please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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