January 2020

Welcome to 2020! The month of January is a very busy and important month which contains many state and local assessments, our Semester 1 Final Exams, which will be administered on January 24 and 27, and the first day of Semester 2 which is January 30!

**State testing** begins!

January 6 and 7 - Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) for students currently enrolled in a Science class who have not already taken MISA or HSA Biology - administered during 4th period.

January 6, 7, 8 and 10 - MCAP ELA 10 administered during English II classes

January 13, 14, 15, and 16 - Government HSA - administered during Government classes (semester long classes only)

** Students will need to bring the following for the above assessments:

- Fully charged laptop for all testing
- Earbuds/Headphones for English testing

PSAT Updates - Students who participated in the PSAT/NMSQT on October 16th will be receiving their score reports during Period 1 the week of January 6. PSAT/NMSQT scores can be used to provide personalized practice for the SAT at satpractice.org. Additional information regarding your child’s PSAT/NMSQT scores can be found here.

Our school and offices will be closed on January 20, in order to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our school will also be closed for students on January 28 and January 29 in order for our teachers to prepare for the second semester which begins on January 30!

Planning for the **2020-2021 school year** has begun and will officially start with our **Scheduling Information Night** on January 22 from 5:30PM-7:00PM. Our current 9 -11th graders are invited to visit information tables set up within our cafeteria by each of our nine departments any time during this hour and a half. Teachers from each department will be available to provide information and answer questions about the courses and pathways within the departments.

From 5:30PM-6:15PM, our incoming 9th graders (current 8th graders) are invited to attend a “Welcome to KIHS” presentation, within our auditorium, which will provide a general overview of the scheduling process. Our future 9th grade families will then have time to visit the information tables after the presentation. We hope to see you there!

Our current students, (grades 9 - 11) will begin the scheduling process during the months of February and March. The **2020-2021 Program of Study**, in which you will find information related to graduation requirements and about all of the courses offered at our school, will soon be available on our website as well as the Queen Anne’s County Public School’s website.

**Final Exam Schedule**

- **January 24**  Periods 1 and 2 Final Exams
- **January 27**  Periods 3 and 4 Final Exams
School will operate on a testing early dismissal schedule which is **1:00PM on each Final Exam testing day**. Students will be provided a 15-minute break between exams. Snacks may be purchased during these breaks from our cafeteria, a full lunch will not be served. Our students are expected to remain with us for the entire testing sessions each day in order to prevent unnecessary disruptions. Please refrain from picking up your child early unless it is necessary for an appointment. As always, notes for early dismissal should be submitted by your child in the morning with the time of departure listed to the attendance secretary. This procedure is the least disruptive to other test takers.

If your student is enrolled in a hybrid class, please ask them for his/her specific exam schedule. Our 9th grade students who attend one or more classes at the main campus will be bused to the main campus, as usual, in order to take their exams.

As I mentioned, our **Second Semester** begins on January 30. Schedules will be emailed out on January 10. Please take a moment to review your student’s second semester schedule and contact our school counseling office if you have questions or would like to make a change. **Final copies of second semester schedules will be emailed to all of our students Wednesday, January 29.** If you are in need of a paper copy please stop by or contact the school counseling office.

Looking ahead.....on April 14, 2020 Queen Anne’s County Public Schools will be administering the **SAT** to all Juniors during the regular school day, free of charge. Any senior who has not yet taken the SAT and would like to take the assessment on this date, can register in our school counseling office. The cost of the SAT for seniors is $49.50 and the registration deadline is **Friday, January 31**. Fee waivers are available for eligible students.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

Go Buccaneers!

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