

Here is your update for April 29, 2021

### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Next week, May 3 – May 7, is Teacher Appreciation Week. We have asked quite a bit of our teachers this year, so please join me in thanking them for all of their hard work. We will be providing them with some food and other treats being donated by local businesses and organizations.

### **Testing Week(s)**

Next week we also begin a long stretch of testing. We will administer “state tests” to students in Grades 7 to 10 Monday through Thursday. In addition, our Juniors and Seniors will begin a battery of Advanced Placement (AP) tests and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams that will last through May. Here are some more details.

- **State FSA Test: Grades 7 through 10**
  - This is a state test measuring reading comprehension
  - The test will occur first thing in the morning and conclude before lunch
  - Monday, May 3 = 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Tuesday, May 4 = 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Wednesday, May 5 = 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Thursday, May 6 = 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - eLearners can check in at the front office and will be directed to their testing location.
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- **AP and IB Exams**
  - A complete testing schedule is available from AP/IB teachers and Mr. Kellam
  - All testing will take place in the Performing Arts Center (Auditorium)
  - All students (including eLearners) report to PAC lobby 30 minutes prior to test time

### **Special Bell Schedule**

To ensure that our students who are taking these assessments will have enough time to complete their assessment, we are utilizing a special bell schedule for Monday through Thursday (May 3-6). We are adding 10 minutes to both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Block and reducing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Block by 10 minutes. This is a school wide schedule and will be in place May 3-6. I have attached a copy of the special schedule. eLearners, please note the changes in class times.

**Class of 2021**

Families with a graduating Senior will receive a separate email about Graduation Ceremonies and some other events we have to celebrate the Class of 2021. Look for that email Friday.

Thank you for your trust in us as we educate your child. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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**File attachments:**  
[Test Bell Schedule April 2021.pdf](#)