

December 13, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The mid-point of the school year is just around the corner, with January 20 marking the end of quarter two! Students and teachers are preparing for the end of Semester 1 assessments. We will be following an exam schedule for the middle and high school, with some days having early dismissals. There are several changes in our calendar that you need to be aware of, which are listed here:

- Wednesday, January 12, early release at HMHS at 1:00, exam day
- Thursday, January 13: early release at HMHS at 1:00, exam day
- Friday, January 14: early release at HMHS at 1:00, exam day
- Monday, January 17: No school in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- **Tuesday January 18**, back to full day, with one exam in the morning

The exams are comprehensive, assessing what students have learned during the first semester, with no more than two exams per day. Lunch will be provided. Wednesday and Thursday, the last two days of the second quarter, are reserved for exams in the event of a snow day during testing, or for make-ups due to individual student absences. **Please review the schedule on the back of this sheet.** All students, including those in grade 6, will be participating in these important summative assessments.

Additionally, students will be turning laptops in the week of December 20 to ensure all updates are completed. Teachers will not be assigning digital work over the holiday break to accommodate this work.

If you have any questions, please give us a call. We encourage students to get plenty of rest, eat well, and study ahead of time. We hope their efforts provide us with an authentic assessment of their knowledge and skills. Your on-going support of their academic growth really makes a difference!

Thank-you,

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