

March 17, 2017

Dear VRHS Community,

The dates for end of the third quarter have changed due to snow. Please note the following changes. ***All three days will be early dismissals.***

- Wednesday, April 5th – Graduation & Testing Requirement Day (see schedule below)
- Thursday, April 6th – Exams 1 & 2
- Friday, April 7th – Exams 3 & 4 (end of third quarter)

SENIORS – CAPSTONE & EXAM REVIEW

Seniors must complete Capstone by the end of third quarter. Those students who have not written and presented their project to their CORE teacher will do so on April 5th. Those that have finished will use the day to study for their exams.

JUNIORS – SAT ADMINISTRATION

All juniors in Connecticut will take the SAT free of charge during the school day on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. No prior registration is required. Students will report directly to testing rooms at 7:40 am. A snack will be provided during a break between subjects.

SOPHOMORES – CAPT SCIENCE ASSESSMENT & EXAM REVIEW

All sophomores at VRHS will take the Science CAPT Assessment on April, 5, 2017. CAPT fulfills the state testing requirement for science. The two-part test will take approximately two hours to complete. After CAPT, students will study for their exams.

FRESHMEN – NGSS ACTIVITIES, ELECTIVE FAIR & EXAM REVIEW

The Connecticut State Board of Education recently adopted the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). These new standards incorporate Science and Engineering Design. On Wednesday, April 5th, freshmen will participate in a series of activities aligned with these standards. Students will also take part in our elective fair. The elective fair provides freshmen with exposure to the various elective courses we offer. This will help them make informed decisions about what courses they want to pursue. If time permits, students will be able to study for their exams.

SCHEDULING UPDATE

The Board of Education unanimously approved the schedule change for next year. If you did not come to the presentation which outlined the rationale and details of the hybrid schedule, please visit our website to view.

On Tuesday, each grade will meet in the auditorium to receive information about course scheduling and recommendation for next year. Every student will receive a copy of the revised program of studies. The VRHS 2017-18 Program of Studies is now available for viewing on our website.

SAT PREP SESSIONS

Mrs. White will be offering two SAT math review sessions on March 22 and March 29. They will start at 2:45 and end by 4:00. Students will complete practice problems and discuss strategies that can be used on the test. The sessions will be different, and students can attend one or both of them. Please let Mrs. White know by Monday, March 20, if students will be attending one or both. She can be reached at kwhite@reg4.k12.ct.us.

REGION 4 MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Region 4 Music Boosters will be auctioning off 2 themed baskets at the Spring Concert in May. As we get closer to the concert, more details about the basket themes will be announced. Stay tuned!

REMINDERS

Nothing at this time

CALENDAR UPDATE

If you would like to subscribe to our calendar so school events are automatically added and updated on your personal device, click either one of the following links from you cell phone. Two links are provided; try the second if the first one does not work.

Link 1:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/reg4.k12.ct.us_kv5h7rmheqd0p7lfmtqhvn08ag%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics

Link 2:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=reg4.k12.ct.us_kv5h7rmheqd0p7lfmtqhvn08ag%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

TWITTER UPDATES

If you have not signed up for a free Twitter account, please do so. I will continue to Tweet pictures with brief descriptions that will include classroom instruction, school events and extra-curricular activities.

Your partner in education,

Mike Barile
Principal