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New Jersey Biology Competency Test ***Regular start time for test taking students** ****Delayed opening for non-test taking students**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May 7, 2012

This year, the state mandated the New Jersey Biology Competency Test will be administered on **Tuesday, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th**. Please carefully review the following information concerning the testing schedule and operations:

- **During End of Course Biology testing, we will be running two bus schedules.**
 - **Students taking the End of Course Biology Test get on their buses at their regular times.**
 - **All other students will get on their usual buses two and a half hours later than their normal departure times.**
- **Upon arrival to campus, students who are not participating in NJ Biology Competency Testing will enter through the main entrance and go to designated areas by class year.**
- **Students will get on their normal buses at the end of the school day.**

Rather than having large testing groups in the gyms, the schedule change allows our students to test in classrooms, which should improve the academic conditions for our students who are taking these high stake tests.

- **Attendance will be taken in the testing location, so students must report directly to their designated classrooms.**
- **The students' testing locations will be communicated to them by their science teacher and any additional information will be sent in a subsequent mailing.**
- **Students who miss any section due to illness will be advised by their guidance counselors to sit for the makeup sessions scheduled for May 17th and 18th.**

Students must bring two number two pencils each day of testing. NJDOE directives prohibit backpacks, cell phones, jackets, food, and drinks in the testing areas. Please remind your children to leave these items in their lockers during testing. Ignoring these directives can result in expulsion from the testing area. Again, stress to your child the importance of this test as it is a state-mandated graduation requirement. As noted in a memo from the NJ Department of Education, *All New Jersey public high school students, regardless of grade level, who are enrolled in a first-year biology course any time during the 2011-2012 school year, must take the NJ Biology Competency Test.*

At the conclusion of testing, all students will follow the schedule below. All periods are 20 minutes.

NJ Biology Competency Test SCHEDULE


May 15 and 16, 2012

PERIOD	MODS	TIME
	NJBCT TESTING	7:45-10:30
1	1-2	10:45-11:13
2	3-4	11:17-11:37
3	5-6	11:41-12:01
4	7-8	12:05-12:25
5	9-10	12:29-12:49
6	11-12	12:53-1:13
7	13-14	1:17-1:37
8	15-16	1:41-2:01
9	17-18	2:05-2:25

Further information will be forthcoming as it becomes available from the NJDOE. Please access our website at www.nhvweb.net/vhs for the latest information. This letter is available on the website as well. Anyone with questions can contact Susan Hammerstone, Assistant Principal, at 638-6116, x7351 or shammerstone@nhvweb.net.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we want to thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,



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