



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connections

## December 2016/January 2017 Newsletter

Hello 9<sup>th</sup> grade families!

We hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving break spending time with your family and friends. It's hard to believe we are already past the midpoint of the second nine weeks of the school year. Are your students ready for their midterms? These will start on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and will go through Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> (the exact schedule is listed on the second page). Please note, exams cannot be given early and if students have to miss any of their exams, they need to schedule a time to make these up with their teachers. As a reminder, with the exception of EOC/FSA courses, midterm exams count for 10% of students' overall semester grades so it is important that they do their very best!

In order to help our freshmen prepare for their midterms, our LINK Crew program is hosting a "Cocoa and Cram" study session on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> after school from 3:45-5:00 and Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, after school from 2:45-4:00 in the small cafeteria (you will need to arrange for transportation, buses will not be provided). In addition to yummy hot cocoa and treats, our LINK Leaders will be offering tutoring assistance in all subject areas. In order for students to best take advantage of this opportunity, we ask that they come prepared with questions and/or any class study guides.

Tuesday's study session will focus on English, Social Studies (World Cultural Geography & AP Human Geography) and World Languages (ASL & Spanish). Wednesday's study session will focus on Math (Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2), and Science (Physical Science & Biology).

In addition to attending the "Cocoa and Cram" study sessions on 12/13 & 12/14, some helpful study tips for students include:

- ✓ *Get plenty of rest- a rested mind is an alert mind!*
- ✓ *Eat a nutritious breakfast- an empty stomach will take you off of your game!*
- ✓ *Utilize any and all study sessions offered by your teacher(s). These are the perfect times to get clarification on any topics you are having difficulty with!*
- ✓ *Avoid distractions in your study space- it should be for studying only!*
- ✓ *Review class material each night- don't wait until the last minute to study!*

## Bartram Trail High School 2016-2017 MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE

Friday, December 16 – two exams

9:15 – 10:45 **EXAM Period 1**  
10:45 – 10:55 Break  
10:55 – 12:25 **EXAM Period 2**  
12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

Buses depart at 1:00

Monday, December 19 – two exams

9:15 – 10:45 **EXAM Period 3**  
10:45 – 10:55 Break  
10:55 – 12:25 **EXAM Period 4**  
12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

Buses depart at 1:00

Tuesday, December 20 – two exams

9:15 – 10:45 **EXAM Period 5**  
10:45 – 10:55 Break  
10:55 – 12:25 **EXAM Period 6**  
12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

Buses depart at 1:00

Wednesday, December 21 – one exam

9:15 – 10:45 **EXAM Period 7**  
10:50 – 11:20 Lunch

Buses depart at 11:25

*Make – up exam times are available each day following the second exam OR upon return from winter break. Make up exams will be held in the 9<sup>th</sup> Media Center.*

## December/January Happenings

- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Cocoa & Cram (English, Social Studies & World Languages)  
In Small Café from 3:45-5:00
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – Cocoa & Cram (Math & Science)  
In Small Café from 2:45-4:00
- December 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> - Midterm exams (see schedule on left)
- December 21<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter/1<sup>st</sup> semester ends
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Winter Break
- January 4<sup>th</sup>- Teacher planning day/student holiday
- January 5<sup>th</sup>- Classes resume for students/2<sup>nd</sup> semester begins
- January 16<sup>th</sup>- MLK Day, student/teacher holiday
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> – February 16<sup>th</sup>- 2017-2018 Course registration (More detailed information to come soon.)

Please visit the Bartram Trail High School Website for important information and upcoming school-wide events:

<http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Click on the “Guidance” Link for news and information from the BT School Counseling Department. Previous issues of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter are also posted here as well.

Wishing you all a safe & happy holiday season!!!!