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***March 6, 2017***

***Dear Shakopee High School Parents/Guardians:***

The end of winter marks not only the start of spring, but also the start of testing season. This spring, there are a number of standardized tests that are either required or available to students at Shakopee High School. The MCAs are required state tests. The ACT is a nationally recognized college entrance exam that our junior students can take for free. As this time of year is very busy, we wanted to get out a communication early so students and families can plan ahead. Please see below for all testing information.

***MCA Testing (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment): ( Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017)*** – Modified School Day (see schedule below)

- MCA Reading – 10<sup>th</sup> graders
- MCA Math – 11<sup>th</sup> graders
- **Students will need to come to the testing sessions with their MacBook Air fully charged and with their charger.**
- **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will remain in their testing rooms until 10:50am.**
  - Since the MCA tests are not timed, students that need additional time will continue testing until complete, in another designated testing room.
- **Busses will run at the normal time (AM and PM)**
  - For all 12<sup>th</sup> graders using the bus for transportation in the morning, the Commons & Media Center will serve as a quiet study hall until testing is complete.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> graders should arrive to school by 10:50am, as classes begin at 11am.

***Modified School Day for Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

<u>Hour</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Minutes</u>
TESTING	<b>8:20am – 10:50am</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade</b> (MCA Testing Reading and Math) <b>12<sup>th</sup> grade</b> (late start)	150 (2 ½ hours)
Break	<b>10:50am – 11am</b>	10
4 <sup>th</sup> & LUNCH SCHEDULE	<b>11:00am – 12:35pm</b> 4A – 11:00am – 11:25am (25 minutes) 4B – 11:25am – 11:50am (25 minutes) 4C – 11:50am – 12:15pm (25 minutes) 4D – 12:15pm – 12:35pm (25 minutes)	110
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>12:40pm – 1pm</b>	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>1:04pm – 1:24pm</b>	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>1:28pm – 1:48pm</b>	20
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1:52pm – 2:12pm</b>	20
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2:16pm – 2:36pm</b>	20
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2:40pm – 3:00pm</b>	20

**MCA Testing: ( Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017)** – no modification to the school day

- MCA Science – ONLY students taking biology (This may include 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Testing will be done in students' biology classes.
  - Testing may range from one to three days.

\*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR: If a student does well on the high school math or reading MCA test, they may not be required to take a placement test or a remedial class within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system (MNSCU). Essentially, the MCA test score becomes their college placement test for math and reading. (MDE will provide more details as they come available)\*\*\*



**ACT Test + Writing: ( Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017)** – Juniors ONLY

- 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will not attend school on April 19<sup>th</sup>, as we will administer the ACT test to only 11<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Testing will begin promptly at 8:20am and will conclude shortly after 1:30pm.
  - Juniors must be on time, or they will not be permitted to test. More details will be coming soon for Junior families only.
  - Lunch will be served after the ACT test for those Juniors that remain at school.
  - Students do not need to register for this school administered test.

**ACT make-up day (Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017)** - For Juniors that did not test on April 19<sup>th</sup> (original test date).

- Testing will be completed at the Shakopee Public Schools District Office at 1200 Town Square Mall.

Please don't hesitate to contact the High School with questions or concerns regarding these important upcoming tests. They give our students the opportunity to demonstrate what they know, and to represent to our school, our community and our state the great things that are going on in Shakopee Schools.

Thank you,

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