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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 year, **April 10th** will be our date for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) for both math and reading. **May 1st** will be the day that we administer the MCA Science test. The MCAs are required state tests. 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): (Tuesday, April 10th, 2018) – Modified School Day (see schedule below),

- MCA Reading 10th graders
- MCA Math 11th graders
- Students will need to come to the testing sessions with their MacBook Air fully charged and with their charger, along with headphones.
- 10th and 11th 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 12th graders using the bus for transportation in the morning, the Lower Commons & Learning Commons will serve as a quiet study hall until testing is complete.
 - o 12th graders should arrive to school by 10:50am, as classes begin at 11am.

Modified School Day for Tuesday, April 10th, 2018

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

MCA Testing: (Tuesday, May 1^{st} – Wednesday, May 2^{nd} , 2018) – no modification to the school day

- MCA Science ONLY students taking biology will be tested (This may include 10th, 11th and 12th grade).
- Testing will be done in students' biology classes.
 - o Testing may range from one to two days.

IMPORTANT NOTE: 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)

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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