May 16, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Tuesday, June 14, 2011, Huntington High School will begin its Finals and Regents testing (enclosed schedule includes finals and Regents). On that date students will be following a modified school schedule in the morning and a test schedule in the afternoon. Students who are not scheduled for finals on this day will be dismissed at 12:03 p.m. and transported home. Please be advised that only students who are scheduled to take tests will be allowed to stay in the building. All other students must take the transportation provided, walk home or find other means of transportation. Please review the enclosed bus schedule carefully as pick-up and drop-off could be different from that of the regular school year. Students must clean out their lockers on Friday, June 10, and/or Monday, June 13, 2011. After this time lockers will be bolted and students will no longer be able to remove their possessions. Lockers will be emptied by custodial staff after Graduation and all articles that have not been previously removed will be discarded.

We will be following the procedures listed below to make sure that each student taking an examination is given an opportunity to work in a quiet and orderly environment. Your help and cooperation is appreciated in discussing these procedures with your son/daughter:

1. Only students scheduled to take examinations will be admitted into the school building.
2. Students scheduled to take Regents or RCT examinations have been notified by their subject teachers or guidance counselors.
3. Reporting times for Regents are 7:45 a.m. for all morning exams and 11:45 a.m. for all afternoon exams. Students arriving after 10:15 a.m. or after 2:15 p.m. will not be admitted to examinations. These times are standardized by New York State.
4. NO student may be dismissed from any State examination (Regents/RCT) administered in the morning before 10:15 a.m. or before 2:15 p.m. for examinations administered in the afternoon. Students who leave before these times will NOT receive credit for the examinations.
5. Admission to examination areas will be through the main entrance only.
6. Students cannot bring any knapsacks, book bags or pocketbooks with them to school.
7. During the examination period, no cellphones and/or electronic devices will be permitted into the testing areas. Students will need to pre-arrange a pick up or use the buses provided. No public telephones can be used during this exam period.
8. Students coming for extra help (where staff has made pre-arrangements) must meet in the main lobby at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Teachers will escort students to and from the tutorial area. Any students coming after 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. will not be admitted.
9. Departments that post Regents examination grades will have them available for students on Thursday, June 23, 2011 after 3:15 p.m.

Regents review schedules have been posted on the district’s website.

A reminder for parents of seniors, all graduation requirements must be met by June 23rd or your son/daughter cannot participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

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Please note that ID pictures for next year, grades 9 through 11 have been scheduled for June 9th and 10th during all physical education classes.

As the weather gets warmer, please remember our dress code states that “extremely brief garments” (tops, skirts, and shorts) or “plunging necklines” as well as clothes that do not cover undergarments constitute a disruption because they distract students’ attention from the educational process. Students and parents have a primary responsibility for acceptable student dress. Students who are out of compliance with the dress code will be asked to wear available T-shirts or call home for a change of clothes.

This year, summer school will be held at Walt Whitman High School. As in the past, we are reminding you of the summer school registration and grading practices. These requirements may impact the ability to attend summer school and retake a course students may fail during the present year. The procedures are as follows:

1. Students will be asked to show their commitment to passing a course during the year by attending classes consistently and achieving a minimum grade of 50 before they will be permitted to register for the 6 week review version of that course in summer school.
2. The summer school grades will be averaged out with the yearly grade in a 60/40 ratio to determine the new course grade. If a student fails a course with a grade of 50 he will need to achieve an 88 in summer school in order to have a final course grade of 65.
3. Seniors who fail one (1) required course will automatically be able to register for summer school even if their yearly grade falls below 50.
4. Seniors who fail two (2) or more classes needed for graduation will need approval from the Principal and Director of Guidance in order to register for summer school.
5. If special circumstances exist, students may request that the Principal and the Director of Guidance review their eligibility for summer school.
6. Students who have not met the lab requirement during the regular school year will not be permitted to register for science courses in summer school.
7. As in the past, summer school is provided for remediation, not enrichment. Therefore, only students who fail a course will be eligible for summer school.
8. Students must be pre-registered for appropriate courses by their guidance counselors before they can complete their registration with the summer school staff. Registration is scheduled for June 28th and June 29, 2011.

If you have any questions feel free to contact myself or Ms. Kitty Klein, Director of Guidance.

Please remember that all book fines must be paid by June 23rd. Seniors must reconcile due fines and materials before they receive their diploma.

The staff and I wish your son/daughter success on any of the examinations he/she will be taking this June.

Sincerely,

Carmela Leonardi, Ph.D.
Principal

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