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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our Kettle Moraine High School campus team is excited about scheduling modifications we are implementing on Tuesday, March 9th. This special schedule, which will assist in accommodating our students during our required state ACT testing day, will impact all students on the Kettle Moraine High School campus; therefore, it is important that all families are aware of these scheduling adjustments. This letter provides a general overview of the scheduling changes that will take place on March 9, 2021.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

The required statewide administration of the ACT will be on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. This test will be administered to ***all junior students*** on the KMHS campus (and across the state) on this date. The ACT assesses students in English, mathematics, reading, science, and writing. This year, the ACT will be administered electronically. If students have a district issued device/computer, they are required to bring it, fully charged, with them on the day of testing. If a student does not have a school issued device, they will be provided one for the testing day, as non-district devices will not be able to access the online ACT assessment.

On March 9th, all junior students, **including those who are currently attending school in a virtual format, MUST** be present on campus for testing. Every junior is **REQUIRED** to bring **their school issued electronic device (if they have one), a photo ID, and an approved calculator (information can be found in the *Taking the ACT* guide given to all students).** Please be aware, **cell phones will not be allowed in the testing rooms.** For more information about the ACT assessment, please visit: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/ACT_brochure.pdf

All juniors, including those who are currently attending school in a virtual format, will need to arrive at school on March 9th by our regularly scheduled start time (7:20 a.m.) and will report directly to their assigned testing room (which will be provided to them prior to March 9th) for a complimentary continental breakfast. During a scheduled break in testing, students will receive a snack that will be delivered to their testing room. Testing will be completed for the day at approximately 1:00 p.m., at which time a pizza lunch will be provided for all juniors in their testing rooms. Please note, all meals and snacks are provided through donated funds to Kettle Moraine High School. As we have been doing throughout this school year, all Covid mitigation strategies and health procedures will be followed.

Buses will run as regularly scheduled on March 9th for all juniors needing that transportation. Students who need to remain at school, in order to take the bus home or to wait for their transportation, will be able to remain in the commons until 2:35 p.m.

It is imperative that ***all juniors*** are in attendance for our March 9th testing date. The results of the ACT are a part of the student's record and are/can also be used for college placement and post high school career opportunities. Please encourage your student to get a good night of sleep the evening before the test and encourage them to do the best they possibly can on the assessment.

Please be aware, all freshmen, sophomores, and seniors will NOT be attending school on campus on March 9, 2021. Instead, this will be an asynchronous virtual day of learning for those students (grades 9, 10, and 12). Teachers will be providing those students with online learning experiences that are to be completed on March 9, 2021. Since this virtual learning experience is still considered a day of school for those students, students who fail to engage with the online

learning experiences for any or all of their enrolled courses will be marked absent for each block in which they do not engage based on teacher expectations. Students will still be held accountable for the learning experience once they return to school and will be required to complete them in order to meet classroom expectations. Teachers will be available for open virtual office hours from 2:00.-3:00 p.m. on March 9th for any questions students might have about their course work. Families who have students who receive special education services will be provided supports based on their individualized Distance Learning Plan. Parents/guardians of special education students should reach out to their student's case manager with specific questions regarding supports for the virtual day of learning.

ADDITIONAL SPRING TESTING INFORMATION

On Monday, April 12th, all 10th graders will take part in the state-mandated Wisconsin Forward Exam. This assessment will be administered during an extended advisory period (60 minutes). This assessment is only for 10th graders and it assesses only in the area of social studies. For more information about this assessment, please visit:

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward_brochure_for_families.pdf

On Wednesday, April 21st, we will also have a special testing schedule in order to administer the state-mandated ACT Aspire Summative assessment for our 9th and 10th graders. **As we are doing with our ACT testing date on March 9th, we will utilize an asynchronous virtual learning day for our juniors and seniors on April 21, 2021, when our 9th and 10th graders are testing.**

More detailed information regarding both of the above assessments and testing dates will be shared in the coming weeks. Once again, all identified students will need to be on campus for those testing dates, including all distance learners.

Kettle Moraine High School looks forward to supporting students and families as we continue to work through the State testing format. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at kaminskib@kmsd.edu or via phone at (262) 968-6200 (ext. 4001).

Sincerely,

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