



Ridgefield Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

RMHS will conduct PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) **infrastructure training** on **February 20** and **administer the PARCC assessment** from **March 2-6**. The PARCC assessments are aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and were created to measure students' ability to apply their knowledge of concepts rather than memorizing facts. The PARCC assessments require students to solve problems using mathematical reasoning and to be able to model mathematical principles. In English Language Arts (ELA), students will be required to closely read multiple passages and to write essay responses in literary analysis, research tasks and narrative tasks. The assessments will also provide teachers information on student progress to inform instruction and provide targeted student support.

Students currently enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, English 1, English 2 and English 3 will take these computer-based tests. A computer and mouse will be provided for all students. Students must demonstrate proficiency on the PARCC English Language Arts Assessment in grades 9 **or** 10 **or** 11 **and** the PARCC Algebra I **or** Geometry **or** Algebra II to satisfy the state graduation requirement. Similar to current practice, there are alternative measures for students who do not achieve a passing score on PARCC.

For more information on PARCC, please visit the below websites:

- <http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/parcc/>
- <http://www.parconline.org>

It is important that all students arrive to school on time, well-rested, and ready to work. We ask for your help as we prepare for this important assessment. RMHS will adhere to the attached modified schedule during PARCC administration and all classes will meet. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor at 201-945-4455.

Sincerely,

Dr. T. DePass

Tamika S. DePass, Ed.D.

Att.

February 20

8:00AM – 8:15AM – Homeroom

8:30AM – 10:15AM – **Infrastructure trial**

10:20AM - 11:15AM - Period 1/2

11:19AM - 1:08PM - Period 5/6

Lunch 1 - 11:19 - 11:47

Lunch 2 - 12:00 - 12:28

Lunch 3 - 12:40 - 1:08

1:12 - 1:56 - Period 3/4

2:00 - 2:43 - Period 7/8

March 2,4,6

8:00AM - 10:00AM - **PARCC Testing**

10:05AM - 10:10AM - Homeroom

10:15AM - 11:05AM - Period 1/2

11:10AM - 1:05PM - Period 5/6

Lunch 1 - 11:15 - 11:38

Lunch 2 - 11:50 - 12:18

Lunch 3 - 12:32 - 1:00

1:04 - 1:52 - Period 3/4

1:56 - 2:43 - Period 7/8

March 3 and 5:

8:00AM - 10:15AM - **PARCC Testing**

10:20AM - 10:25AM – Homeroom

10:29AM - 11:15AM - Period 1/2

11:19AM - 1:08PM - Period 5/6

Lunch 1 - 11:19 - 11:47

Lunch 2 - 12:00 - 12:28

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