

Dear 2nd Street Upper School Families,

Each spring, Washington Latin and all other public schools in DC must administer the PARCC test. Though the process of testing is disruptive to our regular operations, the PARCC is important, providing information about student growth and achievement and playing a role in Washington Latin's rating as a school.

With new requirements from the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) and informed by our experience with the 2022 administration of PARCC, we have revised our testing plan for this spring, with two key goals:

1. Improving students' testing experience
2. Reducing the number of days that regular classes and operations are impacted by testing

There is a good deal of detailed information here; please review carefully. Note that we will also discuss this at the 3/1 Latin Cafe (virtual family forum).

Testing Plan Summary (All Grades)

- There will be six days of PARCC testing in May, spread over 2.5 weeks (5/4-5/16). On each test day, three grades will test simultaneously on campus. Students will test on their Chromebooks in classrooms rather than the MPR.
- There will be no regular, in-person classes on campus on PARCC days. This allows us to devote all Wifi bandwidth and campus facilities to testing.
- PARCC testing dates are as follows (and see below for a calendar grid):
 - Grades 8, 9 and 10 will test on 5/4, 5/5, and 5/8.
 - Grades 5, 6, and 7 will test on 5/12, 5/15, and 5/16.
 - Juniors and Seniors will not do PARCC testing but will have a combination of on- and off-campus activities, including AP study sessions, AP exams, DC Science test (11th), off campus trips, and synchronous and asynchronous classes.
 - Between testing days, we will have regular school operations for all grades 5-12 on 5/9, 5/10, and 5/11.
- On their designated testing days, students are to arrive at the regular time (by 8:10). They will have 1-3 test sessions, each lasting 90 minutes. We will not have regular classes after testing is finished but are still planning possible activities for the period after testing. We will advise all families about these plans and after school operations on testing days (including athletics, MAGIS, and Latin buses) as soon as possible.
- Students in grades that are not testing will be off campus all day, either in virtual classes (synchronous or asynchronous learning at home) or on a school-organized field trip or community service activity off campus. These trips are required.

The schedule of when each Upper School grade will test on campus and which days each grade will be off-campus is outlined below. On each testing day, you can assume that your child will be at school for at least the morning. Because US grades have more variations in testing, along with the simultaneous season of AP exams, there will likely be more variation for any grade or even individual student.

9th Grade	Synchronous (off campus/at home)	PARCC Testing (on-campus)	School Trip (report to campus)
Thurs 5/4		X	
Fri 5/5			X
Mon 5/8		X	
Fri 5/12			X
Mon 5/15	X		
Tues 5/16	X		

10th Grade	Synchronous (off campus/at home)	PARCC Testing (on-campus)	School Trip (report to campus)
Thurs 5/4		X	
Fri 5/5		X	
Mon 5/8		X	
Fri 5/12			X
Mon 5/15	X		
Tues 5/16	X		

	11th	12th	Other Activities <i>(optional)</i>
Thurs 5/4	Marvin Gaye Service Trip (report to Garden)	Invitation-only on-campus work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Testing (off-campus) • AP review sessions (on-campus)
Fri 5/5	DC Science Test (on-campus)	Field trip (details TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP review sessions (on-campus)
Mon 5/8	Asynchronous (off-campus)	Asynchronous (off-campus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Testing (off-campus) • AP review sessions (on-campus)
Fri 5/12	Asynchronous (off-campus)	Asynchronous (off-campus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Testing (off-campus)
Mon 5/15	Synchronous (off-campus)	Synchronous (off-campus)	
Tues 5/16	Synchronous (off-campus)	Synchronous (off-campus)	

Please see the calendar below for another view of PARCC. Terms are defined below the grid.

MAY 2023				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Regular day (all grades)</p> <p><u>AP Exams:</u> <i>Chemistry (PM)</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Regular day (all grades)</p> <p><u>AP Exams:</u> <i>Chinese (AM)</i> <i>Environ Science (AM)</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Regular day (all grades)</p> <p><u>AP Exams:</u> <i>English Lit (AM)</i> <i>Comp Science A (PM)</i></p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th - Trip ● 6th - Synch ● 7th - Synch ● 8th - PARCC ● 9th - PARCC ● 10th - PARCC ● 11th - Service Trip ● 12th - Async work ● AP review <p><u>AP Exams:</u> <i>Human Geo (AM)</i> <i>Statistics (PM)</i></p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th - Synch ● 6th - Trip ● 7th - Synch ● 8th - PARCC ● 9th - Trip ● 10th - PARCC ● 11th - DC Science test on campus ● 12th - Service Trip ● AP review <p><u>AP Exams:</u> none</p>
<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th - Synch ● 6th - Synch ● 7th - Trip ● 8th - PARCC ● 9th - PARCC ● 10th - PARCC ● 11th & 12th - Async ● AP review <p><u>AP Exams:</u> <i>Calc AB & BC (AM)</i> <i>CSP (PM)</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Regular day (all grades)</p> <p><u>AP Exams:</u> <i>Eng Lang (AM)</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Regular day (all grades)</p> <p><u>AP Exams:</u> <i>Biology (PM)</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Regular day (all grades)</p> <p><u>AP Exams:</u> <i>French (AM)</i> <i>Physics 1 (PM)</i></p>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th - PARCC ● 6th - PARCC ● 7th - PARCC ● 8th - Trip ● 9th - Trip ● 10th - Trip ● 11th - Async ● 12th - Async <p><u>AP Exams:</u> <i>Latin (PM)</i></p>
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th - PARCC ● 6th - PARCC ● 7th - PARCC ● 8th - Synch ● 9th - Synch ● 10th - Synch ● 11th - Synch ● 12th - Synch 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th - PARCC ● 6th - PARCC ● 7th - PARCC ● 8th - Synch ● 9th - Synch ● 10th - Synch ● 11th - Synch ● 12th - Synch 	<p>17</p> <p>Regular day (all grades)</p> <p>5th DC Science Test (on-campus, then regular classes)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Regular day (all grades)</p> <p>PARCC Make-up testing</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Regular day (all grades)</p> <p>PARCC Make-up testing</p> <p>Last day of new content</p>

Definitions of terms used in calendar grid

- **PARCC** - On-campus testing for the grade; regular arrival time, dismissal after testing OR at regular time for those MS students who want to stay for non-academic activities.
- **Synch** - Synchronous classes (virtual classes via Google Meets); students are off campus, learning at home.
- **Async** - Asynchronous classes (students complete virtual work at their own pace, at home); students are off-campus, learning at home.
- **Trip** - A school-led field trip, community service, or other organized activity off campus. Students meet at Latin (grades 5-10) or at the off-campus location (11-12). Trips are required.
- **Regular day** - Normal operations for all grades (on-campus classes, regular arrival and dismissal times,

regular afterschool activities).

- **AP Review** - Optional on-campus review sessions; more information will follow for those students.
- **AP Exams** - Students in AP courses take the exam off-campus; more information will follow for those students.

Please know that our team has worked hard to find the best way to comply with OSSE requirements (including the timing, logistics, appropriate proctors, etc.) while also working to make sure our students are not unduly stressed by the test itself or campus-wide disruptions. We appreciate that this testing plan and the related calendar changes may cause our families some inconvenience, and for that we apologize. In the end, we had few options that adequately addressed these various - and often competing - demands. This plan has met OSSE requirements and been approved. Though some details about what students will do on their days off campus have yet to be determined, we are sharing this information with you now in order to give you as much information and time to plan as possible.

If you have questions, I encourage you to join our Latin Cafe (virtual family forum) on March 1 at 6:30 pm. We will review this information and families will have a chance to ask questions.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Kelly
Principal, 2nd Street Campus