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## Dear 2nd Street Middle 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 Wifi bandwidth and campus facilities to testing.
- PARCC testing dates are (see full calendar grid below):
  - 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. (5th graders will also take the DC Science test on 5/17, but this will not change our school operations.)
  - Juniors and Seniors do not have PARCC testing. Instead they will have various on- and off-campus activities.
  - Between testing days, we will have regular school operations for all grades 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 students will stay until dismissal. We will advise families about our afterschool operations on testing days (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.** Students will meet at school and depart from campus together, returning to school after the trip concludes.

5th 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	

\*Note that 5th grade will also take the DC Science test on Wednesday 5/17, but this will be during the course of a regular school day; there will be no change in overall school operations on 5/17.

6th 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	

<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>Synchronous (off campus/at home)</b>	<b>PARCC Testing (on-campus)</b>	<b>School Trip (report to campus)</b>
Thurs 5/4	X		
Fri 5/5	X		
Mon 5/8			X
Fri 5/12		X	
Mon 5/15		X	
Tues 5/16		X	
<b>8th Grade</b>	<b>Synchronous (off campus/at home)</b>	<b>PARCC Testing (on-campus)</b>	<b>School Trip (report to campus)</b>
Thurs 5/4		X	
Fri 5/5		X	
Mon 5/8		X	
Fri 5/12			X
Mon 5/15	X		
Tues 5/16	X		

<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>Synchronous (off campus/at home)</b>	<b>PARCC Testing (on-campus)</b>	<b>School Trip (report to campus)</b>
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 (optional)
Thurs 5/4	Marvin Gaye Service Trip (report to Garden)	Invitation-only on-campus work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP Testing (off-campus)</li> <li>• AP review sessions (on-campus)</li> </ul>
Fri 5/5	DC Science Test (on-campus)	Field trip (details TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP review sessions (on-campus)</li> </ul>
Mon 5/8	Asynchronous (off-campus)	Asynchronous (off-campus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP Testing (off-campus)</li> <li>• AP review sessions (on-campus)</li> </ul>
Fri 5/12	Asynchronous (off-campus)	Asynchronous (off-campus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP Testing (off-campus)</li> </ul>
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, including both Middle and Upper Schools. Terms are defined below the grid.

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

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