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Dear Parent or Guardian,

It is the time of year when we begin taking a series of tests that are required by the California Department of Education or offered by the College Board. The first of these important tests is the **California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), which will be given to ALL sophomores and seniors who have not passed one or both sections on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 and Wednesday, February 8, 2012.** The California Department of Education mandates that students take the CAHSEE for the first time during their Sophomore year, Freshmen are not allowed to take the exam. The purpose of the CAHSEE is to improve student achievement in high school and to help ensure that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate competency in the California content standards for English-Language Arts and Mathematics. Administration for Juniors who have not passed one or both sections of the exam will be May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Instructions informing students where to report for testing will be posted in the quad in front of Counseling and the gym the morning of testing.

According to state law, all students **must satisfy the CAHSEE requirement** and meet district graduation requirements in order to receive a high school diploma. While classroom English and Math teachers help students to prepare for the CAHSEE by teaching the California State Standards curriculum, students and parents are encouraged to visit the California Department of Education website (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/resources.asp>) for additional information such as Exam Blueprints, CAHSEE Study Guides and Previously Released Questions to help with CAHSEE preparation and review.

In order to provide every student with the most productive testing environment, we will adjust the school day schedule during these two days of testing. Please review the schedule below with your child, as it is the schedule we will follow during testing.

**Tuesday, February 7 (English Language Arts)**

7:50	Tardy Bell
8:00-11:05	CAHSEE for <b>ALL Sophomores and Seniors who have not passed.</b>
11:05	<b>All students who do not test report to school.</b>
11:10-11:49	1 <sup>st</sup> period
11:54-12:41	2 <sup>nd</sup> period
12:46-1:21	Lunch
1:26-2:14	6 <sup>th</sup> period
2:19-3:07	7 <sup>th</sup> period

**Wednesday, February 8 (Mathematics)**

7:50	Tardy Bell
8:00-10:30	CAHSEE for <b>ALL Sophomores and Seniors who have not passed.</b>
10:35	<b>All students who do not test report to school.</b>
10:35-11:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> period
11:35-12:30	4 <sup>th</sup> period
12:30-1:10	Lunch
1:15-2:12	5 <sup>th</sup> period

Students who are **testing** should be at their bus stop at their **regular time**. Students who are **not testing** will need to be at their bus stop by **10:15 a.m. on Tuesday** and **9:30 a.m. on Wednesday**.

If you have any questions please call KC Seidlitz at 437-8021 or William Sarty at 437-8006.

Sincerely,

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