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From the Principal's Desk

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State Testing to take place in April/May:

The Graduation-Required Assessments for Diploma (GRAD) Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA-II) Reading and Writing Test will be administered at North Campus on April 17 and April 18, 2012. Ninth grade students will be administered the writing test (April 17) and sophomores the reading test (segments 1 & 2 on April 17 and segments 3 & 4 on April 18). These mandatory state tests will assess reading and writing competencies. Students have been preparing for these tests in many ways, including:

- Practice through the course work taken in middle and high school. Students have been exposed to practice in the areas of writing and reading by writing essays and reading a variety of genre (fiction and nonfiction).
- Practice and review of reading and writing samples given during advisory sessions.
- Preparation for reading test (grade 10) and writing test (grade 9) given through the Language Arts 9 & 10 courses.

Attendance on April 17 & 18 is imperative, so please try to avoid personal appointments or other absences on those days. Students who are absent on those days will be required to make up those tests during regularly scheduled class time upon their return.

Students must meet the requirements of the Graduation-Required Assessments for Diploma (GRAD) in reading, writing and math in order to graduate from a Minnesota public high school. Students are administered the MCA-II mathematics exam during the spring of their junior year.

Students in grades 9-12 are also expected to take the high school Science MCA-II if, in the current academic year, they are enrolled in a life science/biology course. Sophomores will take the on-line science test during the testing window from March 26— May 18.

We are proud that students in White Bear Lake have consistently scored above the state average for proficiency in reading, writing (highest level of proficiency in the East Metro last year) and science.

Please discuss the importance of these tests with your student!

Don Bosch

Principal

White Bear Lake Area High School – North Campus

Calendar of Events

Our mission statement: "to educate all students in a supportive and challenging environment to become empowered and responsible citizens"

Date	Event	Time	Location
April 5	End of 3rd Quarter		
April 6	No School		
April 9	No School		
April 14	Angel Dash 5K	9:00 am	North Parking Lot
April 17	GRAD Writing Test (Grade 9)		
	MCA-II Reading Test (Grade 10)	Segments 1&2	See page ***
April 18	MCA-II Reading Test (Grade 10)	Segments 3&4	See page ***
April 26	Community Dinner	5-8 pm	North Campus
May 3-May 18	MCA-II Science Testing		
May 3	Breakfast of Champions	6:45 am	Cafeteria
May 5	Prom Grand March	4:30 pm	South Campus
	Prom Dance	8-11 pm	River Center
May 8	Awards Night	7:00 pm	Gymnasium
May 22	North Band Concert	7:00 pm	North Theater
May 28	No School		
May 31	North Choir Concert	7:00 pm	North Theater
June 6	Finals Schedule (Periods 1, 2 & 3)		
June 7	Finals Schedule (Periods 4, 5 & 6)		
	Last Day Of School		
June 8	Graduation	7:30 pm	Aldrich Arena

MCA-II Testing Info

	Tuesday, April 17 8:30—10:30 a.m.	Wednesday, April 18 8:30—10:30 a.m.
Grade 9	GRAD Writing	Extended Advisory
Grade 10	MCA-II Reading (Seg. 1 & 2)	MCA-II Reading (Seg. 3 & 4)

Grade 9

The GRAD Written Composition Test will be held on Tuesday, April 17 for all 9th Graders. This is not a timed test. Students who have not completed the test by 10:30, will be allowed to continue until finished.

Students should bring a #2 pencil for the test and eat a good breakfast to be prepared for testing. The make-up for the written test will be Tuesday, April 24.

Grade 10

The MCA-II Reading Test for 10th graders will be held on Tuesday, April 17 for Segments 1 & 2 and Wednesday, April 18 for Segments 3 & 4. This is not a timed test. Students who have not completed the test by 10:30, will be allowed to continue until finished.

Students should bring a #2 pencil for the test and eat a good breakfast to be prepared for testing. The make-up for the reading test will be Tuesday, April 24 for segments 1 & 2, and Wednesday, April 25 for segments 3 & 4.

How are MCA-II's and Graduation Connected?

Put simply, *schools* are measured by individual student performance on the MCA-II tests. *Students* are measured individually by the GRAD questions embedded within the MCA-II tests. Students who do not meet the GRAD component will not be permitted to earn a diploma until they are successful on make-up versions of the GRAD test.

**The Foundation
of Excellence**

Our achievements are shaped by the terrain of our lives and the strength of the foundations we set. In building the life we've imagined, we must be true to our beliefs, dare to be ethical, and strive to be honorable. Integrity is the highest ground to which we can aspire.

North Campus Students of the Month

All of our Students of the Month were selected by teachers from various departments for their outstanding performance in class. The January Students of the Month were honored at the Winter Breakfast of Champions, while the February Students of the Month will be honored at our Spring Breakfast of Champions in May. We would like to congratulate all of our Students of the Month for their accomplishments this year!

January Students of the Month

Caitlin Broberg – Spanish 2

Alina Castro – American History

Nicole Ciernia – French I

Grace Henry – Band

Jacob Hoffman – AP Macro

Jacob Hoffman – Debate

Bethany Kozak – Spanish 3

Jeremy Lagos – International Foods

Brittany LeClaire – Intro Am History

Anna Leibel – North Notes Choir

Cynthia Lor – Math

Amanda Nitsche – D/APE

Caleb Odmark – Lang Arts 9

Jasmine Osborn – Inter Algebra

Hardip Singh – Biology

Huashoua Thao – Physical Science

Jerry Thao – Career Explorations

February Students of the Month

Jose Bermeo – Geometry

Evan Blomquist – Band

Clare Craigan – Civics

Eric Delmonico – Sculpture

James Farrell – Film Production

Michael Johnson – French 2

Alex Krenal – Geometry

Drew Larson – Physical Science

Daniel Mulally – American History

Ernie Price – Spanish 2

Josh Thor – Physical Science

Nicole Weigman—Biology

Nicole Weigman – Geometry

Caden Wippler – Hon Phys Science

Angel Dash 5K ▪ Sat. April 14, 2012

Angel fund.....What is it for? This is a run for a reason. We are running to help raise money for backpacks, school supplies, shoes and doctor's visits for student who cannot afford to pay. This event is put on by the White Bear Lake Area High School Student Council. Pre-Registration fee is \$25 and day of Registration fee is \$35. The race will begin and end at the North Campus parking lot. The top 3 finishers in each age group will receive medals, and there will be door prizes treats and t-shirts for participants as well. You can mail a \$25 check to WBLAHS-South Campus, 3551 McKnight Rd, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 or register online at the [Angel Dash Registration Link](#).

Awards Night ▪ Tues. May 8, 2012

We will honor ninth and tenth grade students who earned academic letters this school year at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. The academic letter is the most important award that students may earn at White Bear Lake Area High School. Students who believe they should receive an academic letter should check the list that will be posted in the Main Office in April.

Students on this list will receive an invitation to the awards ceremony. Please notify a counselor if your name is not on the list and you believe that you qualify. Students who received an incomplete grade or who have had a grade change are sometimes inadvertently omitted.

Other awards will also be presented at this ceremony. We hope that you will attend these events beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the awards ceremony in the gymnasium followed by cake and refreshments in the cafeteria. This will be a culmination of our school year and a high honor for those students who earned an academic letter or are receiving an award for curricular or extracurricular activities.

Spring is Here! ▪ Dress code reminder

Spring is here and with the warm weather comes the issue of appropriate school attire at North Campus. It is not uncommon for popular fashion trends to conflict with appropriate school attire. To be dressed appropriately at school the clothes must not be a distraction from the learning environment. The clothes must cover shoulders, back, chest, buttocks, midribs and undergarments. Girls should also be considerate that their skirts are an appropriate length. By far, the majority of our students make excellent decisions regarding appropriate school attire. However, students who don't comply with the dress code will be asked to change or call a parent to bring a change of clothing.

Community Dinner to Benefit North Campus Technology Needs

April 26, 5pm-8pm at North Campus Cafeteria

⇒DINNER Catered by DONATELLI'S: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, (Meatless Red Sauce available as well), Garden Salad with Italian Dressing & Garlic Bread, Gluten Free Available with Early Ticket Purchase (notify us at time of purchase)

Donatelli's serving from 5pm-7pm.

⇒Silent Auction

⇒Raffle tickets \$2.00

⇒Bean Bag Tournament \$10/team 2 people to a team Buy tickets at the door

⇒**\$6** Dinner Ticket **\$7** Dinner Ticket (Online Purchase) **\$9** At the Door

Please come to support our community and our school!

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Finals Schedule ■ June 6 & 7, 2012

Students will be dismissed at 10:35 on both days. Transportation will be available at 10:35 and 2:15.

Wednesday, June 6—Students will have finals in periods 1, 2, 3. Dismissal at 10:35 a.m.

Thursday, June 7— Students will have finals in periods 4, 5, 6. Dismissal at 10:35 a.m.

Final Report Cards will be mailed home in mid-June. Please check with students to see if they have book fines, overdue books or other materials checked out from the library or from a teacher. Fines must be paid and materials returned before the end of the school year.

August Save the Dates

2012-2013 Athletic Registration

MSHSL and insurance waiver forms will be available in the North and South Campus Athletic Offices in late June. The student must have a current physical (dated 6/15/10 or newer) signed and dated by a doctor, ON FILE in the Athletic Office at North Campus, or bring a completed physical form at the time of registration.

Summer is a good time to make appointments for athletic physicals before registration begins on Monday, August 6, 2012. Practice and tryouts will begin on Monday, August 13, 2012. Here's a list of the required items for Athletic Registration:

- 1) MSHSL forms completed/signed
- 2) Insurance Waiver completed/signed
- 3) Current Physical (newer than 6/15/10)
- 4) Fee

2012-2013 Schedule Pick-up Day

Schedule Pick-up day will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

We ask that 9th grade students and their families We have, however, added an additional time slot for parents with a firm time conflict to come between 7:00-8:00 am.

Grade 9 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Grade 10 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

You will receive more information in the Summer Newsletter in late July.



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leading minds to learning,

hearts to compassion,

and lives to community service

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