



News at the Castle

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FOR SEMESTER 2

Parent-Teacher conferences for semester 2 will be held on February 22nd (in classrooms) & April 5th (arena style) from 4:00-8:00 p.m. These events are an important aspect of the home and school partnership. Teachers will provide updates on student progress, class activities and other curricular issues. Please make every effort to attend this event and visit with your son's/daughter's teacher(s).

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CASTLE!

I wanted to let you know of a couple of new changes at The Castle. These include changes to our Final Exam Schedule for the Fall Semester, our tardy policy, and how we need you to drop off your students in the morning.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

For the Final Exam Schedule, previously Greeley Central High School had a time period at the end of the first and second exam days for Test Prep and Academic Assistance. For these two days, we have moved the time to the beginning of the day. You can see this on the schedule shown on the next page.

Please make sure that your students are in attendance for all of their final exams. It is not appropriate to be calling school for an early release during these days. These exams are very important in your student's progress toward graduation.

PICKING UP & DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

For those of you that drop your student off in the morning, we are having a problem in the parking lot at the corner of 14th Avenue and 15th Street (our staff parking lot and school bus student drop off). We have several students that require wheel chairs that need to be dropped off in this lot. If you regularly bring your students to school, we would like you to drop them off in one of our West Parking Lots. This will allow students to enter the building near the West entrance and will help to reduce the traffic jam with cars trying to enter and leave the parking lot between school busses. See the next page for a map showing these appropriate pickup & drop-off locations.

TARDIES...TARDIES...and more TARDIES

During the first semester, we have had an extremely high amount of student tardies in all classes. It is important for your student to be in class and on time — there is no good reason for a student to be tardy. Teachers will be contacting parents on a regular basis if tardies continue in a class. If tardies continue to be a problem, detentions will be assigned by teachers and eventually administrators. Being on time is an important skill and necessary to ensure that instruction has not been missed. It is also a necessary job skill, which I know most of you understand. Please have a conversation with your students about being in class, and being there on time!

Thank you for helping us with this matter.

Sincerely,
Kent Henson, Principal

SAT PRACTICE

The State of Colorado will be offering the SAT test instead of the ACT test during the state testing window for Juniors. This **FREE** college reportable entrance test is important for all students. Because the assessment is new and very different from the ACT, a team of GCHS teachers is being trained to provide structured practice to **ALL** of our juniors. We will have an in-school "SAT Field trip" during February to offer this training and experience to our juniors. This training is usually very expensive when offered by outside agencies. We will be providing it to all juniors for **FREE**. The scheduled date will be announced after the Holiday Break!

See flyer to the **LEFT**.

Attention Juniors:

SAT-TEST PREPARATION

1-Day Course

SAT Test prep courses can cost upwards of \$200 - \$1,000. However, Greeley District 6 is providing all junior students a 1-day SAT test prep course for FREE, and juniors keep their SAT test prep materials!

Please see your building principal for the specific FREE SAT Test Prep date in February and any additional questions.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 14 (Review Day – normal bell schedule)		Thursday, December 15 (Review Day – normal bell schedule)	
BLOCK 1	7:15am – 8:55am	BLOCK 2	7:15am – 8:55am
BLOCK 3	9:00am – 10:45am	BLOCK 4	9:00am – 10:45am
Intervention	10:45am – 11:15am	Intervention	10:45am – 11:15am
LUNCH	11:15am – 11:45am	LUNCH	11:15am – 11:45am
BLOCK 5	11:50am – 1:30pm	BLOCK 6	11:50am – 1:30pm
BLOCK 7	1:35pm – 3:15pm	BLOCK 8	1:35pm – 3:15pm

Friday, December 16 (FINALS)		Monday, December 19 (FINALS)	
BLOCK 1 Students meet in block 1 class for TEST PREP & ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE *	7:15am – 8:05am (announcements @8:00)	BLOCK 4 Students meet in block 4 class for TEST PREP & ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE *	7:15am – 8:05am (announcements @8:00)
BLOCK 1 FINAL	8:10am – 10:10am	BLOCK 4 FINAL	8:10am – 10:10am
LUNCH	10:10am – 11:10am	LUNCH	10:10am – 11:10am
BLOCK 2 FINAL	11:10am – 1:10pm	BLOCK 5 FINAL	11:10am – 1:10pm
BLOCK 3 FINAL	1:15pm – 3:15pm	BLOCK 6 FINAL	1:15pm – 3:15pm
*Students will stay in their Block 1 class for this time period – leaving only via staff to staff contact.		*Students will stay in their Block 4 class for this time period – leaving only via staff to staff contact.	

Tuesday, December 20 (FINALS)	
BLOCK 7 FINAL	7:15am – 9:15am (no announcements)
BLOCK 8 FINAL	9:20am – 11:20am
LUNCH	11:20am – 12:20pm
TEST MAKE-UP AND INTERVENTION	12:20pm – 3:15pm

PICKING UP & DROPPING OFF STUDENTS — MAP

