



Smithtown Central School District

Smithtown High School West

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As the first semester winds down, I would like to inform you of this year's midterm testing and transportation schedule. New York State testing days will be Tuesday, January 23 through Friday, January 26, inclusively. Regular classes will resume on Monday, January 29, which will be the first day of the second semester. Monday, January 29 will be a "B" Day.

The testing schedule can be found [HERE](#). Students will be informed by their teachers of specific test times and locations. We will be in state testing mode during these days. **Students taking Regents Exams should keep backpacks and all bags at home. Access to student lockers will not be permitted during testing week.** In an effort to further ensure test integrity, the New York State Education Department has enhanced its policy regarding cell phones and other electronic devices. **Students are prohibited from bringing a phone, smartwatch or other electronic device into an exam location.**

Any student found to be in possession of an electronic device during an exam may have their exam invalidated.

- All students should report to the auditorium upon arrival.
- Regular a.m. bus schedules are in effect for the morning exams (Session I and the AM Regents). Students for these sessions should be at their regular stops at the regular times. Students who do not have a Session I exam but only a Session II exam, should take this regular bus run and wait for their exam to begin in the high school auditorium. There will be special morning pickup and take home schedules, along with our regular 4:10 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. late buses each day. Each of these options will use regular late bus routes. The specifics of all transportation arrangements will be announced to the student body.
 - Click the links to view the [Special Transportation Schedule](#) and [Routes](#).
- **Students using the 11:30 a.m. arrival should be waiting at their "Late Bus Stop" beginning at 10:45 a.m.**
- Wilson Tech will be in session. Any Wilson Tech student who does not have a scheduled exam should plan on attending Wilson Tech at their regular time.

COURSE SELECTION BEGINS:

- All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will participate in the course request process for the 2024 - 2025 school year beginning February 1st. You may use the following link to review a letter from Mr. Kevin Colon, Administrator for Guidance and Related Student Services, to learn about details. All questions should be directed to your student's counselor.
 - [2024 - 2025 Scheduling Letter Regarding Course Selection and Requests](#)
- All rising 11th or 12th grade students interested in attending Wilson Tech next year are reminded that applications are due to the Counseling Center no later than March 1st. Please note that seats are limited in programs and applications are taken on a first-come, first-basis.
 - You may download the Wilson Tech application by clicking [HERE](#).
 - Click [HERE](#) to watch a video explaining all of the offered programs.
 - Parents/Guardians who are interested in touring Wilson Tech are invited to attend an Open House program on March 19th at 7:00pm. Available locations can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YEARBOOKS FOR THE CLASS OF 2024:

- The deadline to purchase senior ads has been extended until tomorrow, Friday, January 19th at 2pm. Ads may be purchased through the yearbook website at <https://yearbookforever.com/>.
- Yearbooks are available for purchase. Prices will continue to increase as we move through the year. Please click **HERE** to review our flyer on yearbook ordering. Books may be purchased through the yearbook website at <https://yearbookforever.com/>.
- Any questions regarding the yearbook can be directed to our advisor Mrs. Stone via email at sstone02@smithtown.k12.ny.us.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Do you have a junior class student interested in taking SAT & ACT preparation courses? Click **HERE** to check out course offerings by SCOPE Education Services.
- February 6-7th - Senior Class Cap & Gown Orders, 9:30am - 1:00pm, E-Commons (*Info to follow week of Jan. 22*)
- February 8th - International Night, 6:00pm, Flowerfield in St. James
- February 9th - Rhapsody in Blue Concert, 7:00pm, HSW Auditorium
- February 29 - March 2nd - High School West musical production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," HSW Auditorium
- March 14th - Math Fun Night, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, HSW Library & E, F, & G Cafeterias
- March 19th - PTSA Fashion Show at Flowerfield, 7:00pm -11:00pm Click the red links to purchase **TICKETS**. This is a major fundraiser and all the proceeds are used for the Cultural Arts Fund and PTSA Scholarship Fund. The new PTSA website can be found at <https://shsw.memberhub.com/>.
- March 23rd - High School West Gala Concert, 7:00pm, HSW Auditorium
- April 10th - College Fair for Sophomore & Junior Students & Families, 7:00pm - HSE Gymnasium

The first semester is quickly coming to an end. Please remember that excellent attendance and punctuality are critical indicators of successful academic performance.

Sincerely,

John Coady
Principal