



## MOUNTLAKE TERRACE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear MTHS Parents and Students:

I wanted to let you all know about an important schedule change that is coming up when we return to school following our Spring Break on April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>.

On **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will be on a late start schedule because of a state test that we are administering to 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students for the first time. On April 9<sup>th</sup> all 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be involved in the Smarter Balanced Assessment, a new mandatory testing being piloted by the Office of Superintendent for Public Instruction. 9<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a Language Arts assessment, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a Math assessment.

Also on April 9<sup>th</sup>, our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be given the PLAN test. PLAN is a pre-test for the ACT, one of the two tests that students take for college admissions. This test will be given at no cost to all of our sophomores will be a real benefit for them in planning for their post-high school options.

12<sup>th</sup> grade students may be directed to come to school that morning if they need additional help and support with their Senior Projects.

We will start school at 11:00 am on April 9<sup>th</sup> following the completion of the testing for students in grades 9, 10, and 11. Our schedule for that day will be posted on the school website. All buses will run at their normal times to get students here for testing and those students who arrive at school on foot or by parent drop-off will need to arrive at the normal start time of 7:20 am.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this schedule change on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Have a great Spring Vacation!

Sincerely,



Greg Schwab, Principal

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To ADVOCATE for all students by PROVIDING a learning environment which EMPOWERS students, staff and the community to MAXIMIZE their personal, creative and academic potential in order to BECOME lifelong learners and responsible world citizens.