

WHSAD Newsletter

January 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 13th thru

Friday, January 17th

Final Exams Week

Thursday, January 16th and

Thursday, January 23rd

Student & Parent Portfolio

Workshop

Drafting of a Perspective

Drawing

5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, January 16th

PTA Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, January 18th

PTA Meeting – 11:00 A.M

Monday, January 20th

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(No school)

Friday, January 24th

End of 3rd marking period

Monday, January 27th thru

Friday, January 31st

Regents Exam Week

Only students programmed for
Regents need to be in
attendance

Monday, February 3

Chancellor's Conference Day

(No school)

Students return to school on

Tuesday, February, 4th

Season's greetings! The WHSAD School Administration and staff offer their best wishes for happiness and prosperity in 2014 to all students and their parents.

As we begin 2014, now is a good time for us to regain focus and plan for the remainder of the year. Based on students' performances during the first half of the year, we need to reassess and set goals to meet targets that were set at the beginning of the academic year. Going forward, students will be taking periodic assessments and standardized tests that will provide information about their academic growth and progress toward individual and school-wide goals.

The upcoming January Regents are hurdles some students must overcome. For them, June graduations are contingent up on passing all outstanding Regents exams. This is the last opportunity to take advantage of the ongoing Regents review classes to improve their testing strategy, as well as refresh their knowledge to generate better results. Other students will be taking the Regents exam later in June for different subjects according to their grade levels. Daily attendance and commitment to class work and homework for the remainder of the academic year will help set the tone to their readiness for these challenges.

We need parents and guardians to partner with us and help our students understand that passing the Regents goes beyond the time frame of high school into their college years. Earning above the average minimum score demonstrates college and career readiness and will also alleviate academic and financial pressure facing many students as they explore post-secondary opportunities.

Parents have a number of opportunities to develop strong partnerships with teachers and WHSAD Administration. We encourage parents to get involved in the Parent Teacher Association or School Leadership Team to voice their concerns and share their ideas. A combination of parent commitment and participation in their child's education and our school in any form produces measurable gains in student achievement.