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Headmaster's Report

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Dear parents/guardians of FLHS,

Construction Update: Impact on Ludlowe Campus

Starting on Wednesday, December 24, portions of our campus will officially become "construction zones." Here are highlights of work that will be completed over the vacation and how it will impact students and our community by the time everyone returns on January 5. We are working closely with Gilbane Building Company as well as town and school officials to ensure the safety and protection of our students, staff, and the community at large.

- Fencing will be put up to separate construction zones from areas where students and faculty can access. Locations include:
 - An area to the side and in front of the Webster Wing where the addition of classrooms and science labs will occur. Faculty parking spaces will be impacted, but they are being relocated to other areas.
 - An area behind the cafeteria where the cafeteria expansion will take place. Fencing will extend into the handicap spaces in the student lot, but no students will lose parking spaces as a result. These handicap parking spots will be relocated to other parts of the campus.

Impact: The main concern is the flow of traffic during drop-off and pick up-times. The Webster Wing driveway will still be accessible to all, but the driving lane may be narrower. We will be altering the flow of traffic to accommodate the fencing. Drop-off locations in the student lot will also be narrower, so our suggestion is to utilize the main drop-off location along the back of the school (enter from Unquowa Road between RLMS and FLHS). **We discourage the use of the interior of the student lot as a drop-off location, as it adds unnecessary car and foot traffic to this area.**

- The stairwell at the end of Webster Wing will be demolished over the break. An alternative means of egress will be provided in the form of a safe, but temporary stair tower adjacent to Webster Wing. Students will only access this stair tower in the case of emergency egress. Consideration has been made to prevent access to the building from the temporary stairwell, maintaining a safe environment. Inside the building, walls will be erected in front of the removed stairwell.
Impact: This will have minimal impact as there are several ways for students to access the various floors via stairwells around the building, including right down the hall from the one being demolished. The emergency egress will be clearly labeled, and we will practice using it during our usual emergency drills.
- We will continue to have full use of our cafeteria. A barrier will be constructed on the interior of the space as an added layer of protection along the windows, but the main work will be taking place on the exterior.
- During vacation there will be no interior hallway access to parts of the building undergoing construction. While some students in our athletic program will be accessing the far end of the building, they will not be allowed beyond the immediate gymnasium areas. All proper abatement protocols will be followed during the demolition.

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- Some of the grassy areas on both sides of the Webster Wing driveway will become parking locations for construction workers. The workers will not be interacting with students in any way. In addition, we restrict material deliveries so that they are not occurring during our busiest traffic times in the morning and afternoon. Construction vehicles will be routed away from the student parking lot area.
- We will continually monitor the construction project and evaluate its impact on life around the school. It is always our objective to avoid disrupting instruction while maintaining a safe and healthy environment. Once school is back in session, the vast majority of the work will be taking place on the exterior of the building and only within the fenced-in construction areas. Please let the administration know if you have any additional questions, and we will continue to update you as the project progresses.

Midterm Exam Schedule January, 2015

Time	Thursday 1/15/15	Friday 1/16/15	Tuesday 1/20/15	Wednesday 1/21/15	Thursday 1/22/15 Review Day
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Period 1	Period 2	Period 4	Period 5	Regular MP 2 Thursday schedule and rotation
9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	~~~Break~~~				
9:55 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9	
12:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.	~~~~Make-up Exams~~~~				

- All *morning* buses run on the usual schedule.
- *Afternoon* buses depart at 12:10. There are no late buses.
- There is no Activity Period on 1/20/15.
- Students do not need to report to school if they do not have a scheduled exam.
- If there are **1 or 2** snow days prior to the start of midterms, the schedule will remain as is. If there are **3** snow days, then we will push the exam schedule back a day (exams would start on Friday, 1/16/15).
- Second semester (3rd marking period) begins on Friday, 1/23/15.
- *Aquaculture students attend Aquaculture during exam periods 1, 2, and 4 and will be picked up early enough to be back in time for the second exam of the day. Those students will not attend Aquaculture on Wednesday, 1/21/15.

Course Selection Information Night, January 28, 2015, 7:00 p.m. FLHS Auditorium

This evening will launch the period in which we begin informing students about selecting courses for the 2015-16 school year. It is vital that all students make informed and committed choices since we base our decisions around the master schedule on student requests. Topics of the evening include the course selection process, differences in Advanced Placement, Honors, and College Preparatory courses, and overviews of core curricular areas.

Thank you for your continued support of FLHS. I look forward to seeing you at school events throughout the year.



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