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Dear Parents and Students,

We are planning a special schedule for all students on October 14, 2015. **The high school will dismiss at 11:45 for all students.** The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some details on the structure of the day. The day's schedule will vary somewhat by grade level as you can read in the outline below. The information in the district letter on the reverse side provides an explanation of the administration of the PSATs for our 10th and 11th grade students.

Seniors:

Seniors have been provided with three options for the day which were explained in a previous letter distributed in the homerooms. With permission and advance planning they may visit a college or job shadow in a career area for the day. Those seniors attending school will attend class and also be involved in a series of college and career workshops conducted by our school counselors. Information regarding the workshops can be found on our website.

Senior schedule: 7:30-8:11 All Seniors attend regular Day 3, Period 1A class
 8:15- 11:45 Attend College and Career Workshops

Juniors and Sophomores:

Juniors and Sophomores attend class and then participate in **PSAT** testing as explained in the district letter. This district assessment will provide all of us valuable information and help prepare our students for the new state assessment of the SAT. All 10th and 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT.

Junior and Sophomore schedule: 7:30-8:11- Attend regular Day 3, Period 1A class
 8:15-11:45- Administration of the **PSAT**

Ninth Grade:

Ninth graders will be participating in a special assembly known as "Rachel's Challenge". This program will be conducted by both outside presenters, and our counseling center staff and deans. We are excited to bring this program to our 9th graders. They will also be in some scheduled classes.

Ninth Grade schedule: 7:30-8:11- Attend regular Day 3, Period 1A class
 8:15- 9:45- special assembly in our auditorium
 9:50-10:25- Attend regular Day 3, Period 2 B class
 10:30-11:45- Attend regular Day 3, Period 3 A and B class

October 14th will be a WARDE dynamic day and we look forward to the opportunities for our students. Please contact your house office or school counselor if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David M Ebling
Headmaster



PSAT INFORMATION

September 29, 2015

Dear Parents,

On October 14, all students in grades 10 and 11 will be required to take the PSAT during the school day. Because the College Board no longer offers a Saturday administration of the PSAT, we are taking advantage of this school day test to allow our students to experience an important assessment. In addition, the PSAT administration allows students to prepare for the SAT, which is the state-required assessment for juniors this school year (replacing SBAC). We are using district funds to pay for the PSAT for our students, thereby providing all students access to this assessment at no charge.

The results of the PSAT will be provided to students and parents, and will be analyzed by our administrators and teachers to provide an additional way to monitor student learning and identify areas of strength as well as areas for improvement. Colleges do not receive the results of this test, nor will the test results be included in student grade calculations.

We believe this assessment will provide valuable information that will support students in their future academic achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David G. Title'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David G. Title

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