

Ridge High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The State of New Jersey mandates a graduation exam known as the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA). This year all juniors, as well as seniors who have not yet passed one or more sections of the exam, will test **Tuesday, March 1st through Thursday, March 3rd.**

Students should bring their own calculator on **Tuesday, March 1st**, which is the Mathematics portion of the exam. We can loan a calculator should a student need one, but we do not have enough for every student. The Language Arts Literacy components will be administered Wednesday and Thursday, March 2nd and 3rd. Please note, cell phones are strictly prohibited during testing.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, all freshmen, sophomore, and senior classes will have a **2 ¾ hour delayed** opening that equates to a starting time of 10:15 a.m. To accommodate the delayed opening, there will be a second bus run with pick-up times delayed by **2 ½ hours**. Until HSPA testing is complete, upon arrival to school all freshmen will report to Gym A, sophomores to Gym B, and seniors to the cafeteria. **Classes will have shortened periods and lunches will be served on each testing day. Please check the Ridge website the week of HSPA's for a detailed Bell Schedule.**

On Wednesday, March 2nd, SENIORS ONLY will be asked to arrive to school at 9:15 a.m. to attend a "Senior Breakfast." Seniors will hear information on the following topics:

- Prom Announcements
- Honors Incentive Program
- Scholar Athletes Announced
- Top 5 and 10% Announced
- National Merit Commended Students
- Voter Registration
- Graduation Speeches
- Reunion Information
- Senior Exit Survey

Along with the freshman and sophomores, seniors will begin their regular class schedule once HSPA testing is complete.

Attendance during each testing day is critical. We ask for your help in getting your child to school promptly on each of these dates.

Sincerely,

Francis T. Howlett, Jr.
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