



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ATHOL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Families:

Earlier this week, ARRSD district administration sent home information about the upcoming NWEA MAP testing. This is planned for the week after February vacation, with all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students scheduled for this testing. On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, the above identified students will be tested in English and on Thursday, February 25, 2021, those same students will be tested in Math.

Students typically complete the test session in 1-2 hours in length, but since the test is not timed, students are free to use as much time as they need to complete these computer-based tests. Each test session is scheduled to begin at 7:40am and conclude at 9:45am. Please know, students completing the test within the 2 hour window will remain in their designated testing room, so they should plan to bring something additional to read or work on for the remaining time. In-person students will be notified on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 with the specific classroom location where they will be testing, and remote students will be sent an email on Monday, February 22, 2021 providing them with instructions and a google meet link for the testing session.

Teachers use the resulting data to inform instruction and to understand both students' academic strengths and to identify areas needing additional supports. For your additional information, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Schools announced yesterday that 10th and 11th grade students will have their MCAS testing window between May 3, 2021 - June 4, 2021. Therefore it is vital that we collect as much student data as possible to help us best support our students before that testing period.

During the 2 hour time frame on Tuesday, February 23rd and Thursday, February 25th, our 12th grade students will be required to participate in our Senior Seminar. Our senior seminar will provide students with the opportunity to participate in workshops geared towards their needs and interests after high school. These workshops include topics related to: resume writing, college application, scholarship application, career and job searches, trades exploration and managing your money. An email will be sent out Monday, February 22, 2021 with additional information regarding our Senior Seminar.

Pulling all of this together has required much time and coordination, therefore it is required that all students adhere to their designated learning platform these days. See our modified schedule for these days below.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. King".

David P. King, Principal