



GARDEN SPOT HIGH SCHOOL

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TO: Parents / Guardians of GSHS Students
FROM: Matthew J. Sanger – Principal
RE: End of Year Events
DATE: Spring 2016

It's a great day to be a Spartan! The 2015-16 school year is quickly coming to an end, and our official last day of school is **Friday, June 3, 2016**. With that in mind, I would like to provide you with an overview of some important information as we close out the school year.

Exam Schedule

During the month of May certain students will participate in the Keystone Exams. These “end of course exams” occur in our Keystone Algebra 1, Keystone English 10, and Biology courses, respectively. Therefore, students currently enrolled in these courses will participate in the respective Keystone Exam, which will count as the course’s final exam grade. Several students will also have to re-take the Keystone Exams due to not attaining “Proficient” or “Advanced”, which is a graduation requirement at Garden Spot High School. We provide a variety of remedial options for those students needing to re-take a particular exam. Keystone Exams will be taken online, so please be sure your child brings his or her computer to school and fully charged the day of their respective Keystone Exam.

To accommodate the Keystone Exams, Garden Spot High School will operate on a modified schedule May 18th and 19th. Therefore, students not taking the Keystone Exams can participate in a Late Arrival Incentive on May 18th and 19th, only. Students participating in the Late Arrival Incentive will be expected to report to their first block class at 10:40 AM on May 18th and 19th. Again, this only pertains to those students not participating in the Keystone Exams on May 18th and 19th.

Below is our Keystone Exam schedule:

- May 16, 2016 → Keystone Exam – Retakes – Module 1 (Regular Bell Schedule)
- May 17, 2016 → Keystone Exam – Retakes – Module 2 (Regular Bell Schedule)
- May 18, 2016 → Keystone Exam – Module 1 (Modified Bell Schedule)
- May 19, 2016 → Keystone Exam – Module 2 (Modified Bell Schedule)
- May 20, 2016 → Keystone Exam – Multiples – Module 1 (Regular Bell Schedule)
- May 23, 2016 → Keystone Exam – Multiples – Module 2 (Regular Bell Schedule)

Below is our Underclassmen Final Exam schedule:

- June 2, 2016 → Final Exams – Blocks 1 and 2 (Early Dismissal – 11:15 AM)
- June 3, 2016 → Final Exams – Blocks 3 and 4 (Early Dismissal – 11:15 AM)

Computer Turn-In / Locker Cleanout

- June 2, 2016 → Locker Cleanout
- June 3, 2016 → Computer Turn-In

Important Reminders

Out of respect for our faculty members, I ask that all textbooks, computers, and school materials be returned in good condition and all fines and fees be paid prior to taking the final exam/culminating experience. I would also encourage you to have your child set aside time to review each subject area prior to the day of their scheduled final exam/culminating experience. Due to the quick turn-around of grading finals and printing of report cards, we cannot afford your child extended time to complete final exams after the last day of school (June 3, 2016). As such, student who fail to complete course requirements and/or fail to take their final exam/culminating experience will receive an “F” for the final exam grade.

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Graduation Ceremony:

- 6:30 PM in Main Gym on Friday – June 3, 2016.

Lancaster County Career & Technology Center:

- Please see Mrs. Kreider in the Guidance Office to confirm your schedule.

Activity / Late Bus:

- The 4:00 PM late bus will end after the Wednesday, June 1st run. Therefore, students should take their regular bus home after the aforementioned date.

Summer School Programs:

- Toward the end of May, we have details of our summer school program offered at Garden Spot High School. Please contact the guidance department (717-354-1570) for specific information after May 31, if you are interested.

Working Papers:

- Working Papers may be obtained from the high school office during the course of the summer. Please call to set up a time to come in for working papers as there will be limited secretarial help during the summer months. Please call (717) 354-1551 to set up an appointment.

Class of 2018 (Incoming Juniors):

- Students who will be juniors (grade 11) in the fall of 2016 **must** have a physical as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health. For your convenience we have enclosed the physical examination form. The form is designed in such a manner as to serve two purposes.
 1. It will meet the requirements for the PA Department of Health, and
 2. It will serve as an initial physical form for PIAA athletics.

Once this form is completed, it can be used, with re-certification checks by the athletic department, for the academic year in which the physical was administered. This physical needs to be completed by your family physician, and returned to the school nurse.

Service Learning Hours:

As a graduation requirement at Garden Spot High School, students are required to fulfill at least 30 hours of service learning **outside** of the regular school day. The hours are required to be completed **prior** to a student's senior year. Paperwork should be turned in upon completion of each activity. All paperwork is due to the high school guidance office by **September 23, 2016**.

The service learning must directly benefit the community and/or its members. Unpaid services which benefit or assist family members or a local business do not count as service learning. Examples include: babysitting, internship, apprenticeship. Fees may not be exchanged. If there is a question as to what constitutes "service learning hours," approval will be determined by the principal of the high school. It is essential that you complete these hours as soon as possible. Please contact the guidance office for questions.

Please encourage your child to finish the school year on a strong note. Enjoy your summer!

Respectfully,

Matthew J. Sanger – Principal

Enclosures:
Physical Form