

Parents/Guardians:

Happy Monday! There are a few items that we wanted to share with you below. One has to do with a change in state testing which impacts the schedule we sent last week.

State Testing

Since last week, there have already been further changes in the state testing schedule for Hamilton County Schools. We are not certain that the most recent changes will also be the final changes. Please DISREGARD the testing schedule sent last week. Even though the state testing situation has been a continued issue throughout this year, we hope that we have done fairly well in protecting the students from the ordeal.

IMPORTANT NOTE to 11th GRADERS: All 11th grade students should follow their regular schedule on Monday, March 14th (go to Chattanooga State and STEM School classes). There will be NO state testing that day for the 11th grade. This is a CHANGE from last week. We hope to update the 11th grade students on that Monday with a new testing schedule that will be implemented by the state.

STEM Jam

STEM Jam will take place this Friday night (March 11th) from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. STEM Jam is the STEM School version of a high school “dance” but not a “dance”. Festivities will include ping pong, spike ball, a super smash brothers tournament, just dance, music and more. In observance of Pi Day the following Monday, the STEM Jam will also have a pie eating contest.

Help with STEM Jam: Amy Betts, Chairperson for the Parent Leadership Team STEM Jam Committee, has created a link for parents for donating snacks and drinks for the STEM Jam. If you are interested in helping with the STEM Jam, please go to the link <http://vols.pt/QYQsKc> and/or contact Amy Betts at abetts77@gmail.com for more information.

Student Led Conferences

As you experienced in the fall semester, we do not have traditional Parent Teacher Conferences where the parent comes in and a teacher talks about all the

things your child is doing. Instead, our conferences are focused on the student leading a conference with parents and faculty members. The reason for doing so is because it is vitally important for the student to take ownership in their progress, be able to communicate what they have learned and/or still need to learn, and be able to communicate at what level of understanding/mastery they are performing. Student Led Conferences this spring will take place the last week of March.

Important note: If you would like to come back on a different day and have a conference with a particular teacher or teachers, you can set that up through our front office. Please note that parents can request a meeting with a teacher throughout the school year.

Student Led Conferences will take place on the following dates and times. Spring conferences are not mandatory unless you are contacted directly by one of our teachers, but we do encourage you to take part in this opportunity.

9th and 10th Grade Parents

The student led conference will include your son/daughter, you, and a STEM faculty member. *Please contact Amy Robinson, robinson_amy@hcde.org, to reserve your time slot.*

—Monday, March 21: 4:40pm, 5pm, 5:20pm, 5:40pm, 6pm, 6:20pm, 6:40pm

—Tuesday, March 22: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am

—Wednesday, March 23: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am

11th and 12th Grade Parents

The student led conference will include your son/daughter and you, and your son/daughter will take you from class to class. You can come anytime between 4:40pm and 7:00pm on Monday, March 21st. Teachers will be in each room as you move from one room to the next.

Thank you for your support!

Dr. Donen