



Dear TRJHS Families,

The arrival of warmer weather and longer days is a welcome relief to all as we begin the spring sports season and start the final trimester at TRJHS. Spring is also the start of another activity shared by students in grades 3-10 across the Commonwealth, the annual state MCAS testing schedule. This year, all students will be taking the new MCAS, which has been referred to as MCAS 2.0 or the Next Generation MCAS. The Next Generation test builds upon aspects of prior assessments, incorporating more rigorous and complex questions compared to years prior. These tests are computer-based and will be administered on school laptops and/or on ipads with external keyboards.

All in all, the MCAS is designed to measure student performance based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework learning standards and to provide information on the performance of individual students, schools, and districts. MCAS offers us an excellent opportunity for our students to show just how capable they are by demonstrating all that they have learned throughout the school year.

As parents/guardians, you can help!

- Ensure that your child attends school promptly on the scheduled testing day(s) for his/her grade level;
- Be sure that your child has had lots of rest prior to each test. A good night's sleep does wonders for the brain;
- Provide your child with a well-balanced, protein-packed breakfast on the morning of each test. We will be providing a morning snack and a small bottle of water this year; but nothing beats a hearty breakfast.
- Ensure that your child leaves his/her eReader and wearable technology (eg., Smartwatch) at home. Phones and wearable technology will not be allowed in the classroom during MCAS;
- Continue your normal daily routine at home by ensuring a stress-free environment filled with lots of positive encouragement.
- Our testing schedule for April and May is listed below.
- **ALL TESTING SESSIONS WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:45 a.m.**

April

2018

MCAS Schedule

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | A2 | G7ELA3-Group A G7ELA1-RED 7:45-9:45 B2 Regular lunch | G7ELA3-BLUE 7:45-9:45 G7ELA3-WHITE 11:30-1:30 C2 Regular lunch | GBELA3-Group A GBELA1-ORANGE 7:45-9:45 D2 Regular Lunch | G7ELA2-WHITE 7:45-9:45 G7ELA2-BLUE 11:30-1:30 E2 Regular lunch | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | G7ELA3-Group A G7ELA2-RED 7:45-9:45 F2 Regular lunch | GBELA3-GOLD 7:45-9:45 GBELA1-GREEN 11:30-1:30 Gr 8- 1st lunch Gr 7- 2nd lunch G2 | GBELA3-Group A GBELA2-ORANGE 7:45-9:45 A1 Regular lunch | GBELA3-GOLD 7:45-9:45 GBELA2-GREEN 11:30-1:30 Gr 8- 1st lunch Gr 7- 2nd lunch B2 | ELA Make Up Sessions C1 | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| No School | No School | No School | No School | No School | No School | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | D1 | MCAS Make Ups E1 | F1 | MCAS Make Ups G1 | A2 | |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| | B2 | | | | | |

Important dates:

April 2 Grade 6 Parent Information Night 6:00pm- JH Cafeteria

April 4 Art Exhibit & Science Fair @ High School

April 5 School Play- JH Cafeteria

April 6 Student of the Month

April 7 School Play- JH Cafeteria

April 9- 13 School Spirit Week

April 16- 20 School Vacation Week

April 25 TRSD School Committee Meeting- 7:00 pm- JH Library

Coffee House Talent Show during lunches

April 27 Spring Fling Dance- 7:00- 9:00 pm

Shakesperience- Grade 7 classes

Sincerely,

Sean Gilrein, Principal