

# SPECIAL EXAM EDITION

January 2016

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Principal

- Mr. John Sawchuk -

Greetings and Happy New Year!

I hope you had the opportunity to take some time over the vacation break to relax and enjoy time with your family. We have all been very busy for the past three weeks getting ready for our January testing schedule. This year many of our courses will also be administering midterm exams. I have included a copy of the schedule in this newsletter.

I would also encourage you to take a few moments and sit down with your children to review their interim reports. It is a great time to review and set some realistic goals for the remainder of the second quarter and the rest of the school year. Recognize the positive accomplishments and work on some strategies to help your child improve in the areas that need improvement.

Please feel free to contact our guidance department if you would like to set up a meeting with our instructors. We do offer an after-school tutorial program

for all core subjects. The schedule can be found in this newsletter and on our website. Please note that there are only late buses on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone staying for extra review sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays must provide their own transportation. The program is available to all students who may need extra assistance or who wish to review for Regents exams.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Your Partner in Education  
John P. Sawchuk  
Principal CHS

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## PREPARING FOR REGENTS AND MID-TERM EXAMS



Preparing for Regents and Mid-Term exams is no easy task. Luckily though, with the help of the internet, today's students have many options to practice tests and review key information. Here is a brief list of some locations where you might find some help. Check with your subject area teacher to see if he/she knows of any other sites that may help you.

### 1) **WWW.REGENTSPREP.ORG**

This site is one stop shopping for Regents Exam preparation. If you are not yet familiar with this site, you should check it out now. It has practice regents questions, essays, and review material.

### 2) **WWW.REGENTSREVIEWLIVE.NET**

You may have seen this show on local television. On this website you can watch these videos and access powerpoints on each subject. There are other resources available here as well.

### 3) **WWW.BARRONSREGENTS.COM**

This review book company now has a website. For \$16.99 you get a one year subscription that gives you access to their entire database of New York State Regents prep tests in all regents subject areas. If you get it now you can also use it for next year's classes. In addition, you can do the following:

- \* Take complete past New York State Regents exams
- \* Select actual Regents questions by date or topic
- \* Receive immediate feedback including grades and answers to all questions with full explanations
- \* All information is saved on a personal database for future review.

### 4) **WWW.NYSEDREGENTS.ORG**

The NYS Education Department's site. Here you can locate past regents exams and curriculum.

### 5) **WWW.STUDYISLAND.COM**

You have to pay to use this site, but the cost is reasonable and you can use it throughout the school year. It may be something to consider for next school year.

### 6) **Check our own CHS web page's Library section for additional resources**

[http://www.egcsd.org/columbia/library/regents\\_sat/index.php](http://www.egcsd.org/columbia/library/regents_sat/index.php)



## Mid-Term Exams / Regents Week

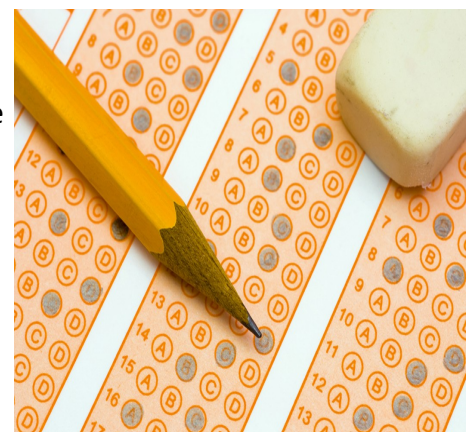
CHS midterms and Regents exams will take place from Tuesday, January 26th to Friday, January 29th, 2016.

Your child's attendance for these exams is very important.

Please plan accordingly. Our after-school tutorial program is available for extra assistance Monday through Thursday weekly from 2:15 to 3:15.

Please review the

tutorial schedule on the next page for classes and times.



## After School Tutorials—January 2016

### 2:15 to 3:15 PM

Dates:	TUESDAY 1/12/16	THURSDAY 1/14/16	TUESDAY 1/19/16	THURSDAY 1/21/16
<b>CAP</b>	CAP -Rooms N313 & N314-	CAP -Rooms N313 & N314-	CAP -Rooms N313 & N314-	CAP -Rooms N313 & N314-
<b>Math</b>	Algebra I (Common Core) (Ms. Hladik) Room N213	Algebra 2 / Trig (Ms. Hladik) Room N213	Algebra 2 / Trig (Ms. Hladik) Room N213	Algebra I (Common Core) (Ms. Hladik) Room N213
<b>Social Studies</b>	Global/ US History (Mr. Zilgme) Room S211	Global/ US History (Mr. Zilgme) Room S211	Global/ US History (Mr. Zilgme) Room S211	Global/ US History (Mr. Zilgme) Room S211
<b>English</b>	English (Ms. Shatraw) Room S303	English (Ms. Quail) Room S309	English (Ms. Shatraw) Room S303	English (Ms. Asenbauer) Room S310
Dates:	TUESDAY 1/12/16	TUESDAY 1/19/16	WEDNES- DAY 1/20/16	MONDAY 1/25/16
<b>Science</b>	Earth Science (Ms. Taylor) Room S214	Earth Science (Ms. Taylor) Room S214	Living Environ. (Ms. Gleason) Room S201	Living Environ. (Ms. Gleason) Room S201

## Regents/Local Exam Week—January 26th thru 29th, 2016

All Students must have their **Student Identification Badge** to enter a Regents or Local Exam. Any students who have lost or misplaced their Student Identification Badge must go to their Assistant Principal's office to receive one no later than a week prior to the exam.

### Cell Phones/Electronics

To further ensure the integrity of State assessments, the current policy is being enhanced to prohibit all students from bringing cell phones and certain other electronic devices into a classroom or other location where a

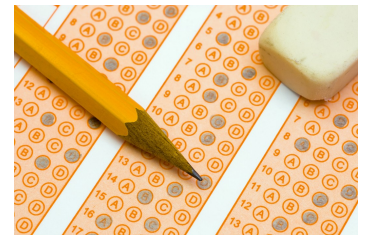
New York State assessment is being administered.

### Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to:

- Cell phones
  - BlackBerry devices and other PDAs
  - iPods and MP3 players
  - iPads, tablets, and other eReaders
  - Laptops, notebooks or any other personal computing devices
  - Cameras or other photographic equipment
  - Headphones, headsets, or in-ear headphones such as earbuds
  - Any device capable of recording audio, photographic or video content, or capable of viewing or playing back such content
- Test proctors, test monitors, and

school officials, shall have the right to collect cell phones and other prohibited electronic devices prior to the start of the test and to hold them while the test is being administered, including break periods. Admission to the test shall be denied to any student who refuses to relinquish a prohibited device.

**Students: Please do not bring prohibited devices to Columbia High School during Exam Week.**



## LOCKER REMINDER

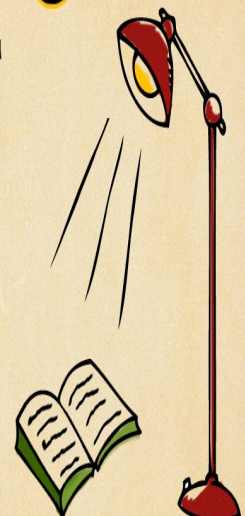
Attention Students:  
During Regents exams, please be aware that student lockers in the "C" wing, both upstairs and downstairs, as well as all Sunshine hallways will be locked and secured. **Students will not have access after Monday, 1/25/16, at 2:15.**

Reminder – You **MUST** have a student ID to gain access to all



### YOUR TOP 10 TIPS FOR STUDY SKILLS

1. FIND THE BEST STUDY METHOD FOR YOU
2. EAT WELL
3. EXERCISE REGULARLY
4. STAY POSITIVE
5. GET ENOUGH SLEEP
6. TAKE BREAKS
7. SET GOALS
8. FIND THE BEST STUDY TIME FOR YOU
9. EXAMS CAN BE GOOD!
10. SLEEP ON IT





## New York's Regents Test-Prep Website

Below is the link to Regents Review 2.0, New York's favorite Regents test-prep website. They've assembled some great resources, including more than 60 video presentations by some of New York's best teachers.

Each section of this website matches the current New York State Regents offerings -- Science, Mathematics, Social Studies and Language Arts. Each section also includes sample tests and links to additional resources to help you prepare for these important exams.

For more information, right-click on link below:

<http://www.wcny.org/education/regentsreview/>



### TIPS FOR STUDY SUCCESS

- ◆ Have clear goals for studying. For example, reread class notes and the assigned chapters in your textbooks every evening.



- ◆ Set priorities. For instance, study the difficult material first.
- ◆ Get in the habit of studying at the same time every evening. Right after school or immediately after dinner is best.
- ◆ Review frequently. Repeat main

ideas out loud.

- ◆ When you get tired, go for a walk or eat a healthy snack.



Why is it that whenever I try to study...



...I suddenly feel sleepy?



This will energize you.

- ◆ Good study skills will increase your knowledge as well as your confidence!

**COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2016**  
**REGENTS/MIDTERMS EXAMINATION WEEK**

<b>January 26</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 27</b> <b>Wednesday</b>
<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Global History and Geography</b> (Lower Auditorium) (29)	<b>Living Environment</b> (Chorus Room) (15)
<b>Physical Setting/Physics</b> (None Assigned) (0)	(Chorus Room) (2)
<i>Chemistry R (Midterm)</i> <i>AP Chemistry (Midterm)</i> (GYM) (243)	<i>Living Environment (Midterm)</i> (GYM) (350)
<i>AP World History 9</i> (South Forum) (60)	<i>AP Biology (Midterm)</i> (GYM) (20)
	<i>AP US History 11</i> (South Forum) (60)
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>English Language Arts</b> (Common Core) (Lower Auditorium) (15)	<b>Comprehensive English</b> (Lower Auditorium) (10)
<b>Geometry</b> (GYM) (0)	<i>Algebra II R (Midterm)</i> <i>Algebra II H (Midterm)</i> <i>Geometry R (Midterm)</i> <i>Geometry H (Midterm)</i> (GYM) (335)
<i>PreCalculus H (Final)</i> <i>Calculus AB (Final)</i> <i>Calculus BC (Final)</i> (GYM) (67)	ASVAB (South Forum) (15)
<i>Earth Science (Midterm)</i> (GYM) (225)	
<i>AP World History 10</i> (South Forum) (60)	1/5/16

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January 28 Thursday	January 29 Friday
7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
<b>US History and Government</b> (Chorus Room) (10)	<b>Algebra 2/Trigonometry</b> (Chorus Room) (12)
<b>Physical Setting/Earth Science</b> (Band Room) (3)	<i>Practice ACT</i> (GYM) (225)
Geometry (Common Core) (GYM) (0)	
<i>Algebra R (HS Midterm)</i> (GYM) (161) <i>Algebra R (MS Midterm)</i> (Lower Auditorium) (35)	
<i>English 11 AP</i> (South Forum) (20) <i>English 12 AP</i> (South Forum) (11)	
11:30 a.m.	
<b>Algebra I (Common Core)</b> (Chorus Room) (14)	
<i>Physics R (Midterm)</i> <i>AP Physics (Midterm)</i> (GYM) (81)	
	<b>Uniform Admission Deadlines</b> Regents Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.
	1/5/16

## DURING REGENTS WEEK JANUARY 2016

### ALTERNATIVE OR OFF-SITE PROGRAMS INFORMATION:

Regents/Midterm exams take place at CHS Tuesday through Friday (see Regents schedule).

Buses for off-site program schedules will run as follows for Regents Week (see next page).  
If questions, students should verify course schedule with their Program Advisors.

#### CTAEP at Bell TOP:

- ◆ Classes only on Monday 1/25/16.

#### OPERATION GRADUATION:

- ◆ Classes only on Monday 1/25/16.

#### NEW VISIONS AND TECH SMART (Malta):

- ◆ Buses will run Tuesday through Friday
- ◆ Students will be brought back to Columbia to get their cars, or will be taken directly home

#### VOTEC / R.E.C. :

- ◆ Buses will be on their regular schedule Tuesday through Friday
- ◆ Students coming back from VoTec at 11am or going to VoTec at 11:30am are responsible for their own transportation to/from Columbia





# Regents Bus Schedule for January 2016

<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>1/26</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>1/27</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>1/28</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1/29</b>
<b>Morning buses will run at regular time</b>			
<b>10:45*</b> - Dismissal from Columbia	<b>10:45*</b> - Dismissal from Columbia	<b>10:45*</b> - Dismissal from Columbia	<b>10:45*</b> - Dismissal from Columbia
*Covered by the regular 4:00 late bus routes (9, 15, 17, 20, 27, 40)			
<b>2:03</b> - Regular Dismissal	<b>2:03</b> - Regular Dismissal	<b>2:03</b> - Regular Dismissal	
<b>2:25</b> - Shuttle to Goff for their Regular Dismissal	<b>2:25</b> - Shuttle to Goff for their Regular Dismissal	<b>2:25</b> - Shuttle to Goff for their Regular Dismissal	
<b>3:42</b> - Shuttle to Goff for the 4:00 Late Run		<b>3:42</b> - Shuttle to Goff for the 4:00 Late Run	

