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Arts Academy Updates 04/02/2024

Updates from Dr. Mitchell and Mrs. Ignagni will be added to our [Daily Announcements](#) on our website. You can always find the most up-to-date news there!

Student Art

11th grader, Mystery Gray, has had their work selected to be shown at the MOCAD (Museum of Contemporary Art in Detroit).

Their work will be appearing in the show entitled SELFish, that will open April 19th and be shown through May 26th. Please congratulate Mystery when you see them around school, and better yet, check out the exhibit. The MOCAD hosts a wonderful array of modern art works of all media.

Spring Assessment

Spring Assessments (including MStep, PSAT, and SAT) will take place at the Academy over the next several weeks. **On April 11 and 12, students will have half days** and additional details regarding assignments and dismissal time will be coming soon. General information about the Statewide assessments is available at this link [2023 2024 Guide to State Assessments.pdf](#)

Students will be provided with breakfast, and we are working with the PTO to provide healthy snacks on the half days, but there will be no lunch service on those days.

The Hangout will close at 3:00 on half days.

All students will participate in assessments or other learning activities on the half days. Due to the specific timing of each assessment, we can provide a good estimate of dismissal times, but please be patient with us!

- 1) 12th grade students will participate in activities related to the senior class and will be dismissed at about 12:00 on Thursday and 12:30 on Friday
- 2) 11th grade students will participate in the SAT and WorkKeys Assessments. These will be the longest assessments and Juniors will be dismissed around noon both days.
- 3) 10th, 9th, and Middle School students will be dismissed at approximately 11:50 both days.

Assessment FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

- A) How will students access the test?



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College Board created an app called Bluebook. You can download the app here:

<https://bluebook.app.collegeboard.org/> Bluebook will be installed on the school computers prior to test day.

B) How can students practice for the tests?

Teachers are always working with students in class to help them be prepared for the content. There are online resources for students to

practice the M-STEP here:

<https://mi.drcedirect.com/default.aspx?leapp=General+Information&leview=DocumentsWAudience>

SAT and PSAT testing practice information can be found here:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-preparation>.

Family in need

We would like to take the time to send a heartfelt thank you to the Arts Academy Community for coming together to help one of our families in need that experienced a devastating loss.

The family was given various clothing items, hygiene products, and gift cards that have been collected. The family was overwhelmed with joy and gratitude, requesting that a big "Thank You" be shared on their behalf too.

If you are still interested in signing up to support the family on their road of rebuilding or have items to turn in that you previously signed up for, it is not too late. Please use the sign-up link below; and drop off any items at the Arts Academy main office, ATTN: Dr. Brown, by Thursday, April 4th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449ACA62BA31-48549036-family>

PTO (PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION) Call for support

Our PTO is working with our student council to schedule and support events for our students. We need some adult chaperones for these events. If you are available to help, please complete the linked sign up below.

Please use this link to sign up to assist the middle school dance, which is April 5 from 4 to 6 PM. We are looking for five chaperones from 3:45 until 6 PM.

[April 5 Middle School Dance](#)



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Please use this link to sign up for the high school lock in on April 19. There are various shifts from 7:45 PM until 7:30am in the gym, movie room, quiet room, video game room and dance room. We need tons of chaperones, five in each room for each shift.

[April 19 high school lock in](#)

Help us show gratitude to our amazing teachers! The PTO is asking for donations of gift cards/certificates/prizes/themed baskets for an AAW appreciation event taking place for AAW staff in early June.

Please drop off at the office or reach out to aawpto@gmail.com.