***High School News - December 2017 Edition***

It is difficult to believe that we are rapidly approaching the end of the second grading period. The first semester will come to a conclusion on Wednesday, December 20th. It is a good time to remind you that our high school students will be taking their semester exams on Monday, December 18th, Tuesday, December 19th, and Wednesday, December 20th, so attendance is vital.

Like previous school years, West Jefferson high school will be utilizing an open exam schedule during those three (3) school days. High school students are required to be in attendance, at school, only for their exams. Students do not have to be at school during times they do not have exams. Students are expected to be on time for each exam and remain in the classroom until the end of the period. Students that want to stay at school during times when they do not have exams may study in the media center.

Students are expected to be present and ready to take the assigned exam on time. If the student is tardy for the exam, the teacher may reduce his/her exam grade, may earn a zero, or possibly not allow them to take the exam. If you do not think your child will be able to make it back to the school for his/her finals on time, then I strongly encourage you to require that he/she does not leave the building.

Bus routes will run on the regular morning and afternoon schedules. If your student plans to participate in the open exam schedule, she/he is responsible for providing her/his own transportation (this includes walking) to and from the school. If your student doesn’t plan on participating in the open exam schedule, she/he may remain in the school building for the duration of the school day, lunch will be served daily.

As we are approaching the end of the second grading period, I encourage the parents to utilize Progressbook to stay informed of your student’s grades. If you have any questions about your student’s grades, I encourage you to contact the classroom teacher. You can contact them by leaving a voice mail or by emailing them.

The staff and I would like to thank the parents who attended the parent-teacher conferences on November 2nd. The more interaction/communication between the school and home, the greater success our student’s will achieve. I would like to thank the high school faculty and staff for their efforts. They are truly a dedicated group who has your child’s best interest at heart.

**DATES**:

December 2 National SAT Administration Date

December 8 Jazz Band/Chamber Choir performing at the “Lighting of the Tree” (5:15pm)

December 9 National ACT Administration Date

December 16-17 Mock Trial Team – University of Miami Competition

December 17 Band/Choir Concert – Auditeria beginning at 4:00pm

December 18 1st, 4th, and 8th Periods Exams

December 19 2nd and 5th Periods Exams

December 20 3rd and 7th Periods Exams

December 20 End of First Semester

December 21 Winter Break Begins

January 4 Classes Resume for Students