Dear Middle School Families,

We are about halfway through the second quarter, which means semester exams will be here before we know it! Please take a moment to review the 2026 Middle School Fall Exam Schedule.

Beginning this fall, **our 6th-grade students will also take semester exams.** These exams will count for 5% of their semester grade. We recognize this is a new experience for our youngest middle school students, and we want to reassure families that there is no need for added worry or stress. Their teachers have already begun talking with them about the process and will provide plenty of guidance, preparation, and support along the way. Our goal is to introduce students to the exam experience in a thoughtful, age-appropriate way while helping them build the skills and confidence they will need in 7th grade and beyond.

To accommodate both student and faculty schedules, the 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade exam schedules will look slightly different.

Exam Accommodations:

Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades who qualify for extended time will receive additional information in the coming days from our Learning Support Services Coordinator, Ms. Tiffany Guerin.

For our 6th-grade students, teachers would prefer students to take their exams in their regular classrooms, where they will continue to receive their extended-time accommodations. Of course, students who would feel more comfortable testing in a separate setting will have that option.

For our 7th-grade students, those who qualify for extended time are expected to test in the Aldrich Library unless they choose to opt out of that setting. Ms. Guerin will also work with our 8th-grade students who qualify for accommodations to coordinate their exam schedules and testing arrangements.

Additional Exam Information:

We have developed the exam schedule thoughtfully, with time built in for students to prepare and review with their teachers. With this in mind, exams will not be rescheduled except in cases of illness or another emergency. All rescheduled exams must be approved by the Middle School Division Head, Anne Dalton.

During exam week, we encourage students to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive ready to do their best. Students should be in uniform and bring all necessary supplies, including iPads, pencils, calculators, and other materials required for their exams.

Above all, we want students to approach exams with confidence. Semester exams are an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, practice important study skills, and continue growing as learners. Our teachers will be there to guide and support them throughout the process.

If you have any questions about exam procedures or the exam schedule, please reach out to the Middle School Division Office.

Best,
Anne