



Brighton Collegiate Communicator

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From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents and Students:

As you know, state achievement testing is quickly approaching. All students in grades 3-10 are required to participate in the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP). Brighton Collegiate High School will conduct CSAP testing March 16-18 and March 22-24. (An insert depicting the testing schedule and the afternoon bell schedule on each testing day is enclosed.) We will observe our 7:55-3:10 school day, lunch will be served, and the bus will run as usual. It is vitally important that all freshmen and sophomores are properly rested and are motivated to maximize their efforts.

Student performance on the CSAP series largely determines our school accreditation status. Students need to be in attendance on testing day, well-rested, and motivated to maximize their skills.

- *When our students maximize their abilities, BCHS will receive a favorable overall evaluation on the Colorado accreditation framework. The reverse is also true.*
- *All students must take each CSAP test. Freshmen throughout Colorado take nine tests and sophomores take twelve tests.*
- *If a student is absent and does not do make-ups, for whatever reason, that student receives a zero and the zero is calculated into the individual's and the school's scores. The negative impact of a zero on the student's score and the school's rating is devastating.*

Our goal is 100% participation. Make-up exams will be conducted on an individual basis. Please keep in mind that CSAP results become a part of the student's permanent record, with scores and designations (e.g., unsatisfactory, partially proficient, proficient, or advanced) placed on transcripts.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **CSAP Testing**
March 16-18 & 22-24
- **Spring Break**
March 26-April 4

Schools, districts, and entire communities are compared to one another on the basis of student performance of the CSAP series. We expect Brighton Collegiate High School students to compare favorably with the highest performing schools in the metropolitan region. Parents and students alike must internalize the importance of maximizing CSAP performance. (Please notice the testing and abbreviated class schedule on the reverse.)

Juniors and seniors are not expected to attend school during morning hours of CSAP testing days. Juniors and seniors who must arrive early should check into the office. The computer lab will be supervised. Classes for all students will be held in the afternoons.

Good luck and best wishes to all our freshmen and sophomores!

Dr. Kirk Salmela
Principal



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Kirk Salmela**

Counseling Corner by Ms. Vogel

Freshmen & Sophomores:

We are having CSAP testing for all 9th and 10th graders **March 16, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 24**. It is very important that everyone is at school on time to test. These tests go into your cumulative file and are looked at over and over again. Here are some test taking tips:

Please help your child prepare by doing the following:

- get a good nights sleep (at least 8 - 10 hours)
- eat a healthy breakfast
- arrive at school on time for the testing period (please reschedule any appointments for after the testing if possible)
- have a positive "can do" student attitude

Plan ahead to ensure that your child is present and on time for the test. Do not plan any medical or dental appointments on testing days.

What are some test taking tips that will help my child take CSAP? Remind your child:

- Read the test directions carefully
- Read the questions carefully and be sure to read all of the answer choices before responding
- If you don't know an answer to a question, skip it and go on to the next question
- If there is time at the end of the test, then return to the unanswered question
- Eliminate any answers that you know are wrong, and then consider only those that might be right.
- If you finish early, check your answers.

Juniors: All Juniors are required by law to take the ACT. The ACT will be held on **Wednesday, April 28, 2010**. The Junior class will be bused to Brighton Rec. Center for testing. It is imperative that you are ready to test on that date. Please come to the Counseling office to get a practice test booklet or get more information at www.act.org.

Seniors: For colleges and employers it is very important that you finish out the year strong. Please do not check out of school. Make sure that you have checked your transcript to make sure it is correct and that you do have enough credits to graduate. You should have 8 Elective credits, 4 English credits, 4 Math credits, 4 Science credits and 4 Social Studies credits. If you are required to take PLATO please do so now.

NHS Induction

NHS Induction was held on Tuesday, March 2, from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Mr. Salmela welcomed guests and introduced guest speaker, Kevin Priola. Priola provided a great message about commitment to community service, working hard to achieve goals, and becoming a leader. After the message, the NHS officers led a candle-light ceremony explaining the four tenants for membership (Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character). New members were inducted and awarded certificates and then cake and punch was served to all.

Inducted Students:

Jorge Cervantes, Baylei Chambers, Tessa Cummins, Jonathan Garbett, Josh Ingersoll, Karina Krider, Aaron Ringsby, Erin Stubbs, and Morgan Stubbs.

Prom Night- Moonlight Serenade



DATE: April 24, 2010

TIME: 8:00pm-12:00am

WHERE: Ribbons 'n' Rainbows,
(located at Road 32 and Platteville)

TICKET PRICES: \$30 per person
(tickets will be sold during lunch)

Parents, if you are interested in volunteering to help chaperone, set-up, or clean-up, please contact Mrs. Forchette at (303) 655-0773.

Art Show April 8th

More details to come, check our website at
www.brightoncollegiate.org

Cancellation

The Spring BCHS Runway Show scheduled for March 20, 2010 has been cancelled due to the loss of our sponsor, JCPenney. We are extremely sorry as we know that everyone was looking forward for this event.

CSAP Schedule

Time	Tues, March 16, 2010	Wed, March 17, 2010	Thurs, March 18, 2010
7:55-8:25	Mandatory Breakfast	Mandatory Breakfast	Mandatory Breakfast
8:25-8:30	Report to Testing Room	Report to Testing Room	Report to Testing Room
8:30-8:40	9th and 10th : Read Directions for Reading/Writing Session 1	9th and 10th : Read Directions for Reading/Writing Session 3	9th and 10th : Read Directions for Reading/Writing Session 5
8:40-9:45	9th : Reading/Writing Session 1	9th : Reading/Writing Session 3	9th : Reading/Writing Session 5
	10th : Reading/Writing Session 1	10th : Reading/Writing Session 3	10th : Reading/Writing Session 5
9:45-9:55	Break	Break	Break
9:55-10:05	9th & 10th : Read Directions for Reading/Writing Session 2	9th & 10th : Read Directions for Reading/Writing Session 4	9th & 10th : Read Directions for Reading/Writing Session 6
10:05-11:05	9th & 10th : Reading/Writing Session 2	9th & 10th : Reading/Writing Session 4	9th : Reading/Writing Session 6 10th : Reading/Writing Session 6
11:10-12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:04-12:58	Period 1	Period 4	Period 7
1:03-1:57	Period 2	Period 5	Period 1
2:04-3:10	Period 3	Period 6	Period 2

Time	Mon, March 22, 2010	Tues, March 23, 2010	Wed, March 24, 2010
7:55-8:25	Mandatory Breakfast	Mandatory Breakfast	Mandatory Breakfast
8:25-8:30	Report to Testing Room	Report to Testing Room	Report to Testing Room
8:30-8:40	9th & 10th : Read Directions for Math Session 1	9th & 10th : Read Directions for Math Session 3	10th : Read Directions for Science Session 2
8:40-9:45	9th & 10th : Math Session 1	9th & 10th : Math Session 3	10th : Science Session 2
9:45-9:55	Break	Break	Break
9:55-10:05	9th & 10th : Read Directions for Math Session 2	10th : Read Directions for Science Session 1 9th : Give directions for alternate activity (9th done testing)	10th : Read Directions for Science Session 3
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Sophomores taking early college classes will be dismissed from their college class at 8:45 to begin testing as scheduled.

