



Nelsonville-York High School 1 Buckeye Drive, Nelsonville 740-753-1964

From Mrs. Stephan's Desk

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Dear Parents,

We have almost made it through the first semester and I know everyone is excited for the holiday break. However, I wanted to be sure to remind everyone that the week we return to school is also the week of our semester exams. Below you will find all the important dates for exams and the procedures that will take place during exam days.



The following is the schedule for semester exams in January.

	Thursday, January 5	Friday, January 6	Monday, January 9
Block 1	1 st period	2 nd period	5 th period
Block 2	3 rd period	4 th period	9 th period
Block 3	6 th /7 th period	8 th period	Make-ups
7:36 – 9:05	Testing block 1		
9:05 – 9:15	Break		
9:15 – 10:45	Testing block 2		
10:45 – 10:55	Break		
10:55 – 11:35	Study period		
11:35 – 12:10	Lunch (all students)		
12:15 – 12:50	6 th or 7 th period class		
12:55 – 2:25	Testing block 3		



The study period schedule will be as follows:
On Thursday, January 6, students will report to their first period class.
On Friday, January 7, students will report to their second period class.
On Monday, January 10, students will report to their third period class.

Please note: If a student has below a B average and does not take the final exam, then he/she will fail the class for the semester and will not earn the semester credit. Also, if a teacher provides a study guide, review sheet, etc. it will be posted on HomeworkNow.



Students do not have to stay in the building when they do not have a test to take, but will be required to have a permission slip on file in the office if they want to leave after taking an exam.

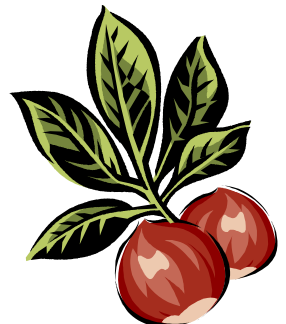
Students will stay in the testing classroom for the entire testing session. Students who have permission to leave after testing will do so after the testing block is completed. There will also be no passes out of the testing session.

Students who do not have to take a test during a testing block, and do not have permission to leave the building will report to study hall. There will be no card playing, talking, etc. in any study halls.

If there is no school on an exam day, we will continue testing on the day we left off. For example, if school is cancelled Thursday, when classes resume students will take Thursday's exams. If there is a two-hour delay on an exam day, we will postpone the first testing block of the day to a later time.

If you have any questions, please call the high school office at 753-1964.

Elise Stephan



Greetings from Guidance:

I know we are all getting geared up for Winter Break and the Holiday Season, so I will keep this short and candy-cane sweet! At this point, I have visited and spoke with every grade level regarding different expectations and upcoming events for this school year. Your student should have brought home a lot of information thus far this year (and in the event they didn't, here's a quick recap ☺):

Freshman: Remember that you must earn four credits of math to graduate, including Algebra II. In addition, you must also have two classes in the Fine Arts category! So, with only a few weeks left in the semester, those that need to kick it into high gear should get those engines revving now!

Sophomores: The sophomore class visited Tri-County Career Center in December. If your student wishes to attend Tri-County for their Junior and Senior years, make sure they have filled out an application at the visit or with me; and feel free to follow up with me to see if they meet the minimum requirements for admission. In addition, please know that your sophomore will be taking the OGT (Ohio Graduation Test) in March of 2012. More information on preparation and expectations will follow in late January/early February. Passing all five sections of the OGT is required for graduation!

Juniors: Your Juniors should have come home and shared with you the following: 1) If they plan on playing sports in a Division I or Division II school, they must enroll in the NCAA Clearinghouse or the NAIA Clearinghouse. The website for the NCAA is www.eligibilitycenter.org and the cost is approximately 60.00. This is the only legit way to be recruited into a DI or DII college; 2) If they plan on attending a Military Academy, they must start that application process now so that they can schedule a meeting for a congressional nomination; and 3) they should attempt their first ACT test in April and no later than June if they plan on attending a four-year institution. Lastly, several juniors participated in the PSAT exam in October. Those results are now in and the students can see me individually for their scores and interpretations.

Seniors: By now, if your senior plans on attending college, they should have already applied and then informed me of the application so I can send their official transcript. If they haven't applied yet, please pay close attention to application deadlines for individual colleges as they are fast approaching. Most importantly, there will be a FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT at Nelsonville-York Elementary Cafeteria at 6:30 on January 9, 2012. Any parent or guardian who is sending their student to a two year or four year college should attend this meeting. Every student, regardless of financial circumstance MUST file a FAFSA in order to attend college. This meeting will provide you with the necessary information and tools to efficiently and accurately complete this process so that you may receive the most funding available to your student for attending college. Please mark this night on your calendars! Lastly, new scholarships come in daily and students should be checking with me regularly to see what they might be eligible for. Scholarship information is available all day, every day in the Guidance section of the Main High School Office.

Finally, to all students, parents/Guardians: The semester is quickly coming to a close. Semester exams will begin the week we return from break. I encourage you to spend a little bit of time going over what you will need to know for those exams and catching up on any missed work assignments due to absences or extenuating circumstances. We award credit for course work at the semester, determine the Top 10 in the graduating class, and screen for students who are struggling. Remember that you MUST pass the 2nd 9 weeks in order to pass the semester! If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to call me at 740-753-1964 or email me at ny_shendrick@seovec.org.

Have a safe, happy, and healthy break! See you all in the New Year!

Sarah Hendrickson, NYHS School Counselor



Important Information from the *Buckeye* Yearbook Staff:

Yearbook Sales:

It is time to order your child's yearbook. Book orders will be taken through the school as well as through an online ordering option. You may either send your order with payment to school with your child, return it by mail, or order online. Orders with any type of personalization must be made by **April 16**. The last day to order a plain book is **May 1**. There is no guarantee that a book can be purchased at a later date, so make sure you order your memories now! Books purchased at a later date will be \$40. Orders may be paid using checks, money orders, or cash. Credit cards may only be used with the online option.

This year, we are also offering an exciting opportunity to earn a free yearbook. Each student that sells 10 items during our fundraiser will earn a free yearbook. You will be receiving information about this opportunity in the mail.

To order your yearbook online with a credit card, visit the district website <http://www.nelsonville-york.k12.oh.us/>. Once there, go to the high school homepage, and click "Students- Order Your Yearbook Online!" under "Links." You will be redirected to the Balfour website. On the left hand side, click "Your Yearbook," and follow the instructions from there. There is a small fee of \$1 for ordering online, but by ordering online, you have extra add-on options available for purchase.

Senior Parents:

The deadline for senior pictures and baby ads has been extended to December 20th. For more information, call Mrs. Joyce at the high school.

Pictures Needed:

The staff is looking for summer and golf pictures to put in the book. If you have any pictures to donate, please email them to buckeyeyearbook@yahoo.com or talk to Mrs. Joyce.



Greetings from the Nelsonville-York High School National Honor Society!

Good things are happening with the NYHS-NHS this year. For the first half of the year, we focused our efforts on two main projects: a poinsettia sale fundraiser and, in conjunction with Athens County Children's Services, a holiday toy and clothing drive to help families in need. We would like to thank all who participated in the poinsettia sales. Our success with this fundraiser will allow our organization to do great things this year and in the future.

On Friday, December 16th, our Santa Tree toy and clothing drive will come to an end. We have already collected over 40 toys and hope to have many more on our last round of collections. Again, we would like to thank the school, the community and, most importantly, the students for making the National Honor Society a success for the first half of this school year!

Thank you,
Lindsay Schaller & Ben Kline, NYHS National Honor Society Co-Advisors



Upcoming School Events

December

21st - Jan. 2nd Winter Break

January

3rd - Classes Resume

5th, 6th, 9th - Semester Exams

9th - Financial Aid Meeting 6 P.M.

10th - End of 2nd Grading Period (Early Release)

11th - 2nd Semester Begins

16th - No Classes, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February

6th - Band Cookie Sale Begins

13th - 3rd Grading Period Interim Grades Due

16th - Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7 P.M.

20th - No Classes, Presidents' Day

21st - Band Cookie Sale Ends

23rd - OGT Prep for sophomores

24th - OGT Prep for sophomores

March

1st - OGT Prep for sophomores

2nd - OGT Prep for sophomores

5th - 9th - OGT Exams

12th - 16th - OGT Makeups

16th - End of 3rd Grading Period (Early Release)

Last day before Spring Break

19th - 23rd - Spring Break - No Classes

26th - Classes Resume

28th - Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7 P.M.