

Dear Parents,

One of the greatest sources of pressure in a student's life involves the various forms of testing that takes place in the classrooms. Learning how to adequately prepare for exams and balance the daily workload is one of the most important aspects of a Syosset education. In order to help students develop these skills, it is important that we do all we can to insure that they are not overwhelmed by the amount of work that might entail. It is our belief, as an educational community that we can help the students by limiting the number of tests they may have in their 9th and 10th grade years. We further believe that by the time they are in 11th and 12th grades, they should have developed the skills and confidence to let teachers know when they have multiple tests in a given day. Our 11th and 12th grade teachers are sensitive to their students and will actively encourage them to develop these important advocacy skills.

As that is the case, this year we began using a testing schedule which is designed to limit the number of tests a student might have on any given day. That schedule, for 9th and 10th grade students, can be found by going to the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g3-om8uPK3rDSnW1zqBqQUjAAM8jUSr8Y5Y2yyCeI40/edit?usp=sharing>

This schedule breaks down the testing into a 6-day rotation, with each department having two days in each cycle. This will help to take into account classes which have alternate day schedules (R and W) and also provide some flexibility for teachers to align their exams to their content needs. In the end, each student should have no more than two tests in academic classes in one day.

Please be aware that this allows for some flexibility when there are disruptions in the day such as fire drills, late starts, or snow days. In the end, it is our hope that this will provide another level of comfort for our students as they learn to adjust to the demands of high school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the main office at 516-364-5675.

Thank you and best wishes,

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