

# NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203

*To commit minds to inquiry, hearts to compassion, and lives to the service of humanity.®*



December 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2020:

We hope you are looking forward to Winter Break as we are preparing for the end of first semester. Most of our freshmen will experience final exams for the first time, so we thought it would be helpful to share some thoughts with you. This year, final exams will be on **Wednesday, January 11, Thursday, January 12, and Friday, January 13**. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for details about these exams and ask your student or their adviser if you have additional questions.

We believe that preparation for final examinations is a unique learning experience in which students learn to manage their time and practice their study skills. Research has shown that studying in short amounts over a longer period of time is more effective than studying in a large block of time the night before the exam. Sufficient rest, physical activity, and healthy eating are also important for the mind to function at its peak. **The New Trier Parents' Association has generously offered to host a grab-and-go healthy snack for all our freshmen on Wednesday, January 11 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the student cafeteria.** Limited food service from a grab-and-go cart will also be available during finals, or students may bring a lunch from home.

Final exams are 1½ hours long and will count no more than 20% of the semester grade or 2 major test grades. Freshmen attending classes at Winnetka will take the exam at Winnetka with their class. Students are required to be on campus only during their exam times. The library, designated study rooms, and the cafeteria will be available for students during these days if they would like to stay on campus to prepare for their next exam. Academic Assistance Center staff will be available during exam week, and the schedule with specific days and times will be posted in the AAC.

Included with this letter are the final exam schedule and a special bus schedule for paid school bus ridership for these days. **This information is also posted on the New Trier website.**

The weekly schedule is as follows:

**January 11** – Math and World History Exams

**January 12** – English, Business, Applied Arts and Art Exams

**January 13** – Science Exams

**January 16** – Grading Day (No Student Attendance)

**January 17** – Last day of the first semester – 1:05 p.m. dismissal at the Northfield Campus

Thank you for continuing to be supportive of your student and his/her educational experience. If you have any questions regarding these days, please feel free to call us. We also want to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful, restful holiday season and a happy new year.

Sincerely,

Paul Waechtler, Principal

Peter W. Tragos, Assistant Principal