

# NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of **Freshman Students**,

High school brings many challenges to families. One of those challenges is that of standardized testing: a world of acronyms that can be a struggle to understand.

On Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> all freshmen students will be taking a practice PLAN test. The PLAN test is the second test in a sequence of three tests (EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT) that provide students insight into their readiness for post-high school experiences, including college and a career.

Sorted into four areas - math, English, reading and science reasoning – all three tests give a detailed description of particular skills students should be able to perform as they make progress towards graduation.

We offer these practice tests, an actual PLAN test used within the last five years, to help students begin the process of finding their fit for college and/or a career, make course enrollment decisions, and track the growth of their academic skills. This practice test also helps prepare students for the experience of taking the PLAN, which they will be required to do in the fall of their sophomore year. Students will take the test on Tuesday, and receive their results the following day.

On Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> after receiving their practice PLAN score report, sophomores will participate in our **College and Career Fair**. More than 35 colleges from across the Midwest and over 100 career representatives will be available to meet with students in both large and small groups. Students will be able to explore options they can choose later in high school, post-high school academic choices, both community colleges and four-year universities, and career options after high school or college – including everything from the military to the workforce.

**The school day will run from 7:25 am – 11:45 am on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and from 7:25 am – 11:20 am on April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**It is important to note that testing will take place at the Main Building and that buses that typically travel to Gold will be dropping off and picking up freshmen students at the Main Building. This will be the case on both Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Buses will run regular AM routes on both days. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> students will be dismissed at 11:45 am, and buses will depart at noon. On April 24<sup>th</sup> students will be dismissed at 11:20 am and buses will depart at 11:35 am. Parents who drive their freshmen students to school should drop them off and pick them up at the Main Campus on both days.**

Students will be advised of their testing room assignment a few days prior to the 23<sup>rd</sup> and should plan to arrive with enough time to find their testing room. There will be adults stationed around the building to assist them.

This is a tremendous opportunity for our students. It's a checkpoint along a very important journey heading towards the opportunities that lie beyond graduation. Please do not hesitate to contact Lance Fuhrer, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction at (630) 428-6014 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Robert McBride, Jr., *Principal*



Lance Fuhrer, *Assistant Principal for Curriculum & Instruction*