

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of **Sophomore 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 23rd all sophomore students will be taking a Practice ACT test. The ACT test is the third 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 ACT 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 actual ACT, which they will be required to do in the spring of their junior year. Students will take the practice test on Tuesday and receive their results the following day.

On Thursday, April 24th after receiving their Practice ACT 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 23rd, and from 7:25 am – 11:20 am on April 24th. Buses will run regular AM routes on both days. On April 23rd students will be dismissed at 11:45 am and buses will depart at noon. On April 24th students will be dismissed at 11:20 am, and buses will depart at 11:35 am.

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*



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