

December 2019

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Midterms and Regents examinations are scheduled for **Tuesday, January 21, 2019 through Friday, January 24, 2019**. Students are expected to be available for testing during the entire midterm test period as this time is not a break, but rather a formal part of the school schedule. Students missing exams due to unexcused absence will have their absence noted as unexcused, and will receive a 0 for the missed exam. Makeups are not given for unexcused absences. A schedule of the dates and times of each of the exams is enclosed along with a copy of the New York State policy on the use of communication devices during testing. Please take time to review the schedule with your child and to plan a schedule which includes study time and rest. Students should report to their test site 15 minutes before the start of their designated examination.

In preparation for the exams, students can attend the after school PLUS Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library. Students can also seek out their teachers to inquire about review sessions and/or office hours for extra help.

### **Conflicts**

The exam schedule should be read carefully to see if your child has a conflict. For example, a student might be scheduled to take a midterm exam at the same time that a Regents exam is scheduled. Students should report conflicts to their **subject teachers and guidance counselor** immediately so they can be assigned to take both exams in a specially designated conflict room.

### **School Closings**

Should the district close because of inclement weather during exam week, the following procedure will be followed:

1. Regents exams for that day will be cancelled and the students will be rescheduled to take the exam(s) in June or during a special testing period designated by the State Education Department.
2. All midterm exams for the first closing will be rescheduled for **Monday, January 27, 2019** and regular classes will be cancelled to allow for testing. Any further weather closings will result in cancellation of that day's exams. The new semester will begin on the following school day (no later than Tuesday, January 28, 2020).
3. In the event of a two-hour delay, Regents exams scheduled for 8:00 A.M. will be given at 10:00 A.M. Midterm exams will be rescheduled on the make-up day. All changes in schedule will be posted on the High School web page: [www.pearlriver.org](http://www.pearlriver.org) and a School Messenger alert will be sent.

### **Transportation**

**In addition to** the regular morning drop off buses at the school, the following is the bus schedule leaving the High School to return students home during exam week:

DATE	Tuesday, January 21nd - Friday, January 24th, 2019			
TIME	10:20 AM	12:20 PM	2:20 PM	4:00 PM Late bus
	1 BUS	1 BUS	1 BUS	<i>There is no late bus on Friday, January 24.</i>

**If make-up exams are given on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, the same bus schedule will apply.**

### **Semester II**

If testing week is fully scheduled, the second semester will begin on Monday, January 27, 2019. If Monday, January 27, 2019 is used as a testing day due to a school closing during testing week, the second semester will begin on Tuesday, January 28, 2019.

### **Cafeteria & Lockers**

**The cafeteria will be closed on midterm exam days. Locker clean out will take place on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:40 pm.**

Please review this information carefully and save it until midterm exams are completed.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Murphy  
Principal

Suzanne V. Horton  
Assistant Principal

Gaetano Vitiello  
Assistant Principal

# MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE 2020

All *Regents Exams*\* and Midterm Exams are listed below. All Midterm Exams include regents, honors, and general sections.

<b>Tuesday January 21</b>	<b>Wednesday January 22</b>	<b>Thursday January 23</b>	<b>Friday January 24</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
Social Studies 8 Global Studies 9 AP World History 9 Gov't & Politics AP Gov't & Politics Economics AP Economics Level IV French Level IV Latin Level IV Spanish  <i>REGENTS: English Language Arts*</i>	Math 8 Foundations of Algebra Algebra Algebra II Geometry AP Studio Art AP Computer Science  <i>REGENTS: U.S History &amp; Gov't*</i> <i>REGENTS: Geometry*</i>	AP English English 11 English 8 Level V French Level V Italian Level V Spanish  <i>REGENTS: Transition Exam in Global History &amp; Geography*</i>	Science 8 Earth Science Living Environment Chemistry  <i>REGENTS: Earth Science*</i> <i>REGENTS: Chemistry*</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Global Studies 10 AP World History 10	Intro to Calculus Calculus AP Calculus Business Math Math Analysis	English 9 English 10	Physics AP Biology AP Environmental Science Studio Art
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
Level II French Level II Italian Level II Latin Level II Spanish US History & Gov't AP US History & Gov't  <i>REGENTS: Living Env. *</i>	Level III French Level III Italian Level III Latin Level III Spanish  <i>REGENTS: Algebra I*</i>	English 12 Level 1 French Level 1 Italian Level 1 Latin Level 1 Spanish  <i>REGENTS: Algebra II*</i>	Marine Science PA Forensics

***\*Please note that January Regents exams are only administered to those students who have been notified that they will be taking them in January. If your child has not been notified, he/she will take Regents exams in June.***

# **New York State Policy on the use of communication devices during testing**

New York State Education Department Policy and Pearl River High School Testing Policy prohibits all students from bringing cell phones and certain other electronic devices into a classroom or other location where a New York State assessment is being administered.

Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to:

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- BlackBerry devices and other PDAs
- iPods and MP3 players
- iPads, tablets, and other eReaders
- Laptops, notebooks or any other personal computing devices
- Cameras or other photographic equipment
- Headphones, headsets, or in-ear headphones such as earbuds
- Any device capable of recording audio, photographic or video content, or capable of viewing or playing back such content.

Test proctors, test monitors, and school officials, shall have the right to collect cell phones and other prohibited electronic devices prior to the start of the test and to hold them while the test is being administered, including break periods. Admission to the test shall be denied to any student who refuses to relinquish a prohibited device.

Some students with disabilities may use certain recording/playback devices provided that such an accommodation is specified in the student's IEP or 504 Plan.

**This policy will be extended to midterm and final exams given at Pearl River High School.**