



SHAKER HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The opening of the school year has been very smooth. Many thanks to each of you for helping to make this year's beginning a positive experience. I have been able to stop by several classes this first week and it is great to see students engaged in learning and receiving outstanding instruction. Also, many co-curricular activities and athletic programs are off to a wonderful start. Moving forward, there are several updates to our calendar:

ASPIRE Testing Schedule

This coming month all 10th grade students will take the ASPIRE test. The ASPIRE test measures college readiness in English, Reading, Writing, Math, and Science and it replaces the PLAN test, which 10th graders took in previous years. The ASPIRE test is important because it gives us preliminary information to predict success on the ACT.

After significant review of the technology requirements for the ASPIRE test, we must adjust the testing schedule that is printed in the PTO High School Calendar. Please disregard the PTO High School Calendar information. We have updated the online calendar to reflect the following information:

All 10th grade students will take the ASPIRE test on one of the following dates: Tuesday, September 30, Wednesday, October 1, or Thursday, October 2. Students will be given their assigned testing date in English class. *We will follow our usual bell schedules on these dates.*

Practice PSAT Schedule

All 11th grade students will take a practice PSAT on **Friday, October 3** and should report to school at 8:00am. Testing locations will be posted outside the Main Office. **Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 will have a delayed start.** Lunch will be offered to all students at 10:40am. First period will begin at 11:35am. Dismissal will be at 3:29pm.

We will share this information with students in class and through announcements.

Thank you for your assistance with this as we work through the issues with implementing new computer based testing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Griffith". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Griffith