

Enfield High School Students and Families,

I hope you are all staying warm and healthy on this snowy day.

As I shared this past week, EHS implemented a special schedule last week to accommodate staffing shortages. Our special schedule eliminates Eagle Block on days we do not have enough substitute teachers to cover classes. Eagle Block was designed using every available staff member in the building, so it is very challenging to run this flexible period when staff absences are high. We also are utilizing our cafeteria and auditorium to supervise classes that do not have substitutes. We may continue to use this special schedule as needed in the coming days as weeks if we continue to have staffing shortages. As usual, our educators, administrative assistants, support staff, and administrators have done a wonderful job stepping up to help support our team with these new protocols. It has been a true team effort.

We want to make remind our parents that mid-term exams are rapidly approaching beginning on Thursday, January 27th. Please note that exam days are early dismissal days and students will be dismissed to their buses at 11:00 a.m. Additionally, students will have an opportunity to receive a “grab-and-go” lunch. A detailed exam schedule is provided below. Mid-term exams account for 10% of a student’s final grade in a full-year course and 20% of a student’s final grade in a semester course. Please reiterate with your student the importance of studying and preparing for exams. Getting a good night’s sleep and healthy breakfast is a great way to set students up for success.

Mid-Terms Days 1 – 4 (January 27 – February 1)

Day 1: 1A, 2A

Day 2: 3A, 4A

Day 3: 1B, 2B

Day 4: 3B, 4B

The current COVID challenges require our entire community to work together to reduce transmission and get back to some sense of normalcy. I want to thank our parents and guardians for all the ways you have helped us through this pandemic. You’ve been wonderful about communicating when your children have been COVID-positive or close contacts. You are encouraged to continue to notify our nursing staff of any positive cases or close contacts. You can call 860-253-5544 or email our amazing nurses, Melanie Alaimo (malaimo@enfieldschools.org or Kelly Flanagan (kflanagan@enfieldschools.org). Also, please continue to keep ill or symptomatic students home during this time and remind your

students to wear their masks properly, wash their hands frequently, and maintain social distance to the greatest extent possible. You may review the most updated COVID guidelines on the district's website: [EPS COVID GUIDELINES](#).

Finally, our administrative team will be undergoing changes this month. Our tenth grade Dean of Students, Mrs. Altressa Cox-Blackwell, is leaving EHS to take on a new role as the district's Director of Educational Equity. While she will be missed tremendously by our school community, we are delighted that the entire district will benefit from such a talented, caring, and hard-working individual. Mrs. Brenda Niemitz will join EHS as the new tenth grade Dean of Students. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Niemitz and see her biography below.

I know we are all growing tired of COVID and looking forward to the end of this current surge. Along those same lines, we are proud of the strength and resiliency our students and educators have demonstrated through these difficult times. We wish all our students and families good health and happiness in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Erin E. Clark

Principal

Enfield High School

Exam Schedule:

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Period 1A Exam	7:26AM – 9:00AM
Period 2A Exam	9:10AM – 10:40AM
Dismissal	11:00AM
Make-Up Exams	11:00AM – 1:00PM

- Students may receive a grab-and-go lunch in the café from 10:40AM – 11:00AM
- Busing will be available to students at the conclusion of the exams (11:00AM)

Friday, January 28, 2022

Period 3A Exam	7:26AM – 9:00AM
Period 4A Exam	9:10AM – 10:40AM
Dismissal	11:00AM
Make-Up Exams	11:00AM – 1:00PM

- Students may receive a grab-and-go lunch in the café from 10:40AM – 11:00AM
- Busing will be available to students at the conclusion of the exams (11:00AM)

Monday, January 31, 2022

Period 1B Exam	7:26AM – 9:00AM
Period 2B Exam	9:10AM – 10:40AM
Dismissal	11:00AM
Make-Up Exams	11:00AM – 1:00PM

- Students may receive a grab-and-go lunch in the café from 10:40AM – 11:00AM
- Busing will be available to students at the conclusion of the exams (11:00AM)

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Period 3B Exam	7:26AM – 9:00AM
Period 4B Exam	9:10AM – 10:40AM
Dismissal	11:00AM
Make-Up Exams	11:00AM – 1:00PM

- Students may receive a grab-and-go lunch in the café from 10:40AM – 11:00AM
- Busing will be available to students at the conclusion of the exams (11:00AM)

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

(Students will meet with each class to receive mid-term grades and final grade if semester course)

Period 1A	7:26AM – 8:00AM
Period 1B	8:05AM – 8:35AM
Period 2A	8:40AM – 9:10AM
Period 2B	9:15AM – 9:45AM
Period 3A	9:50AM – 10:20AM
Period 3B	10:25AM – 10:55AM
Period 4A	11:00AM – 11:30AM
Period 4B	11:35AM – 12:05AM
Dismissal	12:05AM – 12:20PM
Make-Up Exams	12:20PM – 2:02PM

- Students may receive a grab-and-go lunch in the café from 12:05PM – 12:20PM
- Busing will be available at dismissal (12:20PM)

Brenda Niemitz – Enfield High School 10th Grade Dean of Students

Mrs. Niemitz has joined Enfield High School to serve in the position of Dean of Students. Prior to moving into building level administration, Mrs. Niemitz served as a Social Worker for the past 17 years. She worked in the adolescent unit for The Department of Children & Families and for the past 10 years has served as School Social Worker for Hartford Public Schools. In her time there, Mrs. Niemitz worked in a variety of roles including 504 Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, Attendance Monitor as well as Leader of Culture & Climate and Trauma Informed Restorative Approaches and Practices Implementation. She also served as a field supervisor for UCONN School of Social Work.

Mrs. Niemitz earned a Sixth-Year degree in Educational Leadership from Southern Connecticut State University. Prior to that she earned her Masters in Social Work from Southern University at New Orleans and her Bachelors in Social Work from Westfield State University.

Mrs. Niemitz is an avid sports fan and former college athlete. She has coached basketball at several different levels from AAU to middle school and college. She currently enjoys coaching her children in their many different activities. She resides in Bloomfield with her husband and two children, Cameron and Arden along with their two Portuguese Water Dogs: Orzo and Fluff.

Please join us in welcoming Brenda Niemitz as a Dean of Students at Enfield High School. She will start this administrative appointment on January 18, 2022.