

March 8, 2017

Dear GHS Families:

On March 28<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:40 a.m., Grapevine High School will begin the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) End of Course tests for 2017. **Students in grades 9 and 10 will be taking the English I and English II assessments, as well as those upperclassmen who need to retest.** Students will test according to the course they are enrolled in and will test according to the schedule below:

<b>March 28</b>	<b>English I</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>English II</b>

Passing these assessments is a requirement for graduation and the results can be used by colleges to determine readiness for higher education, so please make sure your student is present and well rested.

The testing format for these assessments is five hours. Therefore, students will have a lunch break in their testing rooms. **Students will need to bring a sack lunch and drink with a lid or they may purchase a sack lunch in the cafeteria the morning of testing. Parents will not be allowed to bring in lunches on these two days.**

**\*Students who are not required to test on any given day will report to the SAC at 11:55 a.m.**

Buses will run on their regular schedules and again approximately 3 1/2 hours after their regularly scheduled pick-up time for non-testing students on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. In other words, if your student's regular pick-up time is 7:30 a.m., then the late, non-testing, pick-up time will be 11:00 a.m. Also, shuttle buses will not run between high schools on these days. Students will be required to report to the SAC for classes they normally attend at CHHS.

**Following is the modified bell schedule for March 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**STAAR Late Start Bell Schedule**  
ELA March 28/March 30

March 28 English I Testing

Testing	Students Report at 8:40
Lunch for Non Testers	11:55 – 12:55
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:05 – 2:22
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:32 – 3:55

March 30 English II Testing

Testing	Students Report at 8:40
Lunch for Non Testers	11:55 – 12:55
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:05 – 2:22
8 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:32 – 3:55

**NOTE: The testing schedule is approximate and will be adjusted as needed.**

Thank you for your ongoing support of Grapevine High School!

Sincerely,

David Denning  
Principal  
Grapevine High School