



PORTAGE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent(s) of 9th, 10th and 12th Grade Students,

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requires all current juniors to take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) on March 9, 10 and 11. The three days of testing include the ACT Plus Writing test on Day 1, the ACT WorkKeys test on Day 2, and the Michigan Mathematics, Science and Social Studies tests on Day 3. Students must complete all parts of the MME as part of the Portage Board of Education's graduation requirement.

In order to create the best possible testing conditions for students, the staff at Central has worked together to create a modified school schedule for the three days of testing. All tests will be administered in small classroom settings. All testing will begin at 7:43 a.m. **Only juniors need to report to school at the regular time on March 9. Grades 9, 10 and 12 will not report to school on March 9. On March 10 and 11, grades 9, 10 and 12 will need to report to school for classes starting later in the morning. Classes will start at 11:00 a.m. on Day 2 (March 10) and 10:30 a.m. on Day 3 (March 11).**

The schedule for the remainder of
Wednesday, March 10

11:00--11:21	1 st hour
11:26--12:55	5 th hour
1:00--1:51	3 rd hour
1:56--2:47	4 th hour

The schedule for the remainder of
Thursday, March 11

10:30--11:21	2 nd hour
11:26--12:55	5 th hour
1:00--1:51	6 th hour
1:56--2:47	7 th hour

Buses will bring all students to school at the regular time on MME test days. Students who are not testing and who arrive by the normal bus will be able to work independently on their school work in the cafeteria. If the student chooses not to take the normal morning bus, please arrange for alternative transportation on MME days.

If you have any questions regarding the MME test or the testing schedule, please contact the counseling office at 323-5282. Thank you for your cooperation in this change to our school day. We appreciate your part in helping our juniors to achieve the very best MME scores possible.

Sincerely,

Eric A. Alburtus
Principal

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