



Conrad Parents/Guardians-

The arrival of the Spring, ushers in the completion of the third marking period and the start of competition with our Spring athletics. As we look forward to longer and

warmer days, we also have to remain committed to our academics, as we begin to prepare for important end of the year assessments. Please encourage your child to do their very best with these assessments, as the results will give the school important data about college readiness and parents' information about strengths, areas of growth, and potential college options. More details are upcoming but please see the testing windows below:

- The SATs and PSATs were administered to all students in grades 9-11 on March 5th.
- Smarter Balanced assessments for middle school students will occur April 22<sup>nd</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Social Studies and Science DCAS exams will occur the weeks of May 13th and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- AP exams are scheduled for May 6th-May 17th.

The course selection process for the 2024-2025 school year is upon us as well! Conrad is excited to offer our rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students the College Board's Pre-AP Biology and Pre-AP English courses. Pre-AP Biology sparks student motivation and critical thinking about our living world as they engage in real-world data analysis and problem solving. The course prioritizes scientific literacy and is critical for numerous college and career endeavors in science and the social sciences. The Pre-AP English focuses on reading, writing, and language skills that are relevant and essential to students' current work. Texts will take center stage, preparing students for close, critical reading and analytical writing, training readers to observe small details in a text to arrive at a deeper understanding of the whole.

Additionally, Conrad will continue as an AP Capstone school that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. AP Capstone comprises the Seminar course and Research course. Students and parents are encouraged to contact their guidance counselor(s) if they have any questions about the scheduling process.

Thank you for your support and feel free to contact me with questions or concerns- enjoy the warmer weather.

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