

# VBFA - End of Semester Update

Mrs. Miller's update for Academy Parents & Community

## Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

I can't believe that we are coming to the end of the first semester! Time has passed so quickly, and I am so proud of the work that our students have produced. Below are some items of interest regarding grades, semester exams and more.



### Deadline for turning in assignments

The last day to turn in any missing assignments is Wednesday, December 13th.



## Semester Test Schedule

We will run a modified schedule December 15th - 20th to allow for extended periods for semester tests. All testing periods are an hour and 20 minutes long and all tests are given in the morning.

Every year, parents ask if their students can check out after exams. That is a parental decision, but if your child won't be with us in the afternoon, please send a note or email, so that we have documentation for our attendance files, and the absence is excused (providing students have remaining parent permission days. Each student is allowed 6 per semester and parent notes must be turned in within five days of the absence.)

If your child is sick and misses an exam, make-up exams will be on Wednesday, December 20th. No exams will be administered early without prior approval from the principal.

Please click below for the semester test schedule.

[Click here for Fall 17 Semester Test Schedule](#)

Please note that Monday on this schedule is out of order, due to the changes in lunch schedule to accommodate 4th period testing.



## Semester Test Exemptions



Many have asked about semester test exemptions. I am attaching the board policy below for your review. Here it is in a nutshell...

Students are eligible for an exemption if:

- They have an A, B or C in the course.
- They have no in or out of school suspensions.
- They have no unexcused absences and...
- They have three or less excused absences. This includes medical excused absences, parent permission days, funerals, and court appearances.

School business does not affect exemptions. There are no exemptions for Pre-AP classes. Teachers will give exemption letters to students who qualify on Thursday, December 14th. If your child does not receive an exemption letter, they are responsible for taking the exam in that course. Please remember that we are exempting students from exams -we cannot exempt attendance. If you choose to keep your student home, please send a note or email so that we can excuse those absences as parent permission (see note above).

[Click here for Semester Test Exemption Policy](#)



## Report Cards

Report cards will go home Wednesday, January 10th. Teachers may be grading projects, essays, etc. over the break, so please



know that grades may not be finalized until after Christmas break.

## Questions?

If you have questions, please contact the office at 479-471-3160. Thanks!