**TIPS ON PREPARING FOR MIDTERM EXAMS-January 2019**

**Exam Dates**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Tuesday, January 22nd**  | **Wednesday, January 23rd** | **Thursday, January 24th** | **Friday, January 25th** |
|  **Period 1 and 5****(1st period on Day 1/2** | **Period 2 and 6****(2nd period on Day 1/2)** | **Period 3 and 7****(3rd period on Day 1/2** | **Period 4 and 8****(4th period on Day 1/2** |

**If you have an excused absence, make up days will be on January 29th and January 31st after school in guidance from 1:45-3:45. You may also make arrangements with your teacher to make up your exam.**

|  |
| --- |
| **What can I do right now?** **(One-two weeks before midterms)*** ***Stay after school with your teacher.*** Stay for extra help if you don’t understand the material in class, need help getting organized for your exam, and/or have questions or concerns about the material in class. You should be staying after with your teacher each week if you are struggling in a class.
* ***Attend The Academic Resource Center (ARC).*** ARC meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-3:30 pm in the media center. Plan on staying after if you need some help in a particular subject(s). Tutors and NHS members are available to assist you.
* ***Set up a study schedule.*** Use your planner to schedule study times each night. Study for midterms each night starting now. Organize your binders and review previous material.
* ***Form a study group.*** Try to meet with a few friends in your class to study.
* ***Research your Midterms.*** To take some stress out of preparing and studying for midterms, ask your teacher **if** he or she will share with you what type of test you will be taking as well as the material you are expected to know. Keep in mind you will be tested on material you have learned since the first day of school! Review any quizzes or tests that you have in your possession as chances are you will see some of these same questions on the midterm.
 |

|  |
| --- |
| **How should I study?*** ***Pay careful attention to your study guide if applicable.*** Your teacher provides you with one for a reason!
* ***Know what your midterm will look like.*** If your teacher shared what type of test you will be taking, take note of how many points are assigned to each section. For example, how much is the essay worth? How many points is each multiple choice question?
* ***Vary your study methods.*** Organize your notes, study your notes, write note cards, answer the questions at the end of each chapter in your textbook, reread the chapter or material, ask someone to quiz you from your index cards, and practice writing graphic organizers.
* ***Quiz yourself.*** Make up study questions you think may be on the exam and answer them.
 |

|  |
| --- |
| **On the day of the exam . . .*** ***Be ready to test.*** Get plenty of rest, wear comfortable clothing, and eat a good breakfast on the morning of exams.
* ***Bring all tools*** ***necessary.*** Be sure to bring a pen, calculator, etc… **Be on time!!!**
* ***Take your time.*** When you are taking the exam, make sure you read and follow all directions carefully. Look over the entire exam and estimate the time you will need to answer each question. Try to answer the easiest questions first. This will help boost your confidence. Make sure you have answered all questions, and all sections of the exam.
* ***You are dismissed early for a reason.*** You are dismissed early on test dates….use this time to study and prepare for your next exam.
* ***Be honest.*** Academic dishonesty includes discussing what was on an exam with a student who has yet to take the exam…this is both unfair and dishonest!!!
* ***Absences-***you must have an approved absence from administration in order to make up an exam.
 |

\*\*\* **Midterms count for 20 percent of your semester grade so please take these exams very seriously!**