

PRAIRIE STATE TESTING
FOR ALL FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS
April 23, 2008!

Day 2 Testing for Juniors Only – April 24, 2008

1) **The Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE)**, the statewide test of Illinois Learning Standards, will take place on April 23 and 24. The tests that comprise the PSAE will be given to all junior level students, the **Class of 2009**. As part of the PSAE, a free *ACT* test will be given to all juniors on April 23. The results of this *ACT* test may be accepted by colleges and universities to meet admission requirements, particularly toward admission to public colleges and junior colleges in Illinois.

Additionally, we have planned activities for Freshmen and Sophomores which will mirror the Junior *ACT* testing. In this way, we can identify students and enroll them in remediation programs prior to their junior year. Below is a description of the schedule for April 23 and 24. School will begin at **8:10 a.m.** on Wednesday, April 23 for **Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors**. The **REGULAR BUS SCHEDULE FOR ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL** applies. **Seniors do not attend.**

Thursday, April 24, is **NOT** a late arrival day **FOR JUNIORS**. School will begin at **8:10 a.m.** on Thursday **FOR JUNIORS**. **Freshmen, sophomores and seniors will arrive at school at 11:00 a.m., and classes will begin with 4th period at 11:10 a.m. and follow the Special Bell Schedule below.**

<u>Day 1 - April 23</u>	<u>Year in School</u>	
Arrival at 8:10	(all students)	
PLAN Test + Writing	(Freshmen)	4.5 hours
Institutional ACT + Writing	(Sophomores)	4.5 hours
PSAE - ACT Test + Writing	(Juniors)	4.5 hours
AP Review Sessions	(Seniors)	(TBA)
Departure at 1:00 (buses depart)	(all students)	
No Activity Buses		

<u>Day 2 - April 24</u>	<u>Year in School</u>	
Arrival at 8:10	(Juniors ONLY!)	
Science Test	(Juniors)	40 minutes
WorkKeys Mathematics Test	(Juniors)	45 minutes
Break in Room	(Juniors)	15 minutes
WorkKeys Reading Test	(Juniors)	45 minutes
Junior Testing Complete at 11:00		

<u>Special Bus Run for 11:00 Arrival</u>	<u>(Freshmen, Sophomores, Seniors)</u>	
<u>Special Bell Schedule</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>(All Students)</u>
	4	11:10 - 11:40 (Lunch) 30 minutes
	5	11:45 - 12:15 (Lunch) 30 minutes
	6	12:20 - 12:50 (Lunch) 30 minutes
	1	12:55 - 1:22 27 minutes
	2	1:27 - 1:54 27 minutes
	3	1:59 - 2:26 27 minutes
	7	2:31 - 2:58 27 minutes
	8	3:03 - 3:30 27 minutes

2) A High Stakes Exam

The Prairie State Examination is a high stakes assessment because:

1. The results will appear on student transcripts.
2. The *ACT* and other portions of the test may be used by colleges in screening applicants.
3. The *ACT* and other portions of the test may be submitted for scholarship competition.
4. The results may be used for student placement in classes and remediation.

Therefore, test conditions must be standard across the state and fair to all students. Two major points should be considered by students and parents alike:

1. Students that arrive late for testing will not be allowed to test that day. Parents will be notified, and students will be sent home. They will be required to take the make-up on May 7 or May 8.
2. Any impropriety in testing, ie. cheating, finishing the test in excessively short time, or verbal disruption will require that the student be dismissed with no opportunity for make-up until senior year.

For additional questions, contact Vivian Bantner, Assessment Supervisor, at 847-718-4425.

Test Date Reminders for 2008!

ACT National Test Dates

(Registration forms available in Room 111, the Assessment Center)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration (additional Fee) Postmark Deadline</u>
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10-23, 2008

SAT I and SAT II Test Dates

(Registration forms available in Room 111, the Assessment Center)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration (additional Fee) Postmark Deadline</u>
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 10, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008

2008 AP Examinations: Dates May 5 through May 16

May 5 - 9

May 12 - 16

Monday, 5/5	Gov't. & Politics-U.S. (am) Gov't. & Politics-Comparative (pm) French Language (pm)	5/12	Biology (am) Music Theory (am) Physics B & C (pm)
Tuesday, 5/6	Spanish Language (am) Computer Science A & AB (am) Statistics (pm)	5/13	Chemistry (am) Environmental Science (am) Psychology (pm)
Wednesday, 5/7	Calculus AB & Calc. BC (am) Chinese Lang. & Culture (pm)	5/14	English Language (am) Italian Lang. & Culture (am) Art History (pm)
Thursday, 5/8	English Literature (am) German Language (am) Japanese Lang. & Culture (pm) French Literature (pm)	5/15	World History (am) Macroeconomics (am) Microeconomics (pm)
Friday, 5/9	U. S. History (am) European History (pm) Studio Art - Portfolios Due (pm)	5/16	Human Geography (am) Spanish Literature (am) Latin: Lit. & Vergil (pm)

Prairie State Make-up Dates: May 7 and May 8, 2008