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Dear Pentucket Families,

As we continue to strengthen our academic programs and prepare students for their future learning experiences, we are reintroducing *Midterm and Final Exams* to the Pentucket schedule. While these assessments were once a long-standing practice at Pentucket, they will be new to many of our current students and families.

Beginning this school year, we will hold midterms in each of your student's classes, over four days in January (please see schedule below), and a similar schedule for final exams in June. The decision to reinstate midterms came after thoughtful discussion with our faculty, who felt it was important for students to gain experience with cumulative testing — a valuable skill for success in high school, college, and beyond.

For middle school students, midterm week will look a bit different. Students will take their mid-year diagnostics in Math and ELA, while other subject areas will use this extended block for end-of-unit projects, performance tasks, or tests.

Below is the Midterm Schedule for January 2026:

Midterm Plan 2026

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 — Full Day of School

Midterm Block Period 1: 7:35–9:18

Period 2: 9:28–9:58

Period 3: 10:01–10:31

Period 4: 10:34–11:04

Period 5: 11:07–12:29 (with lunches)

- A Lunch: 11:11–11:38
- B Lunch: 11:43–12:07
- C Lunch: 12:12–12:36

Period 6: 12:39–1:29

Period 7: 1:32–2:15

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 — Half Day

Midterm Block Period 2: 7:35–9:18

Midterm Block Period 3: 9:28–11:10

Thursday, January 22, 2026 — Half Day

Midterm Block Period 4: 7:35–9:18

Midterm Block Period 5: 9:28–11:10

Friday, January 23, 2026 — Half Day

Midterm Block Period 6: 7:35–9:18

Midterm Block Period 7: 9:28–11:10

These midterm days are designed to allow students the time and focus to demonstrate their understanding of the material learned throughout the semester. Teachers will communicate details about their specific exams or projects in the weeks leading up to midterms so students can prepare accordingly.

We appreciate your continued partnership as we reintroduce this important academic experience for our students. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Warm regards,

Brenda Erhardt

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Principal, Pentucket Regional Middle-High School

Answers to questions you may have:**Will there be bus transportation?**

Yes, the bus will run on a full day schedule on 1/20 and a half day schedule for the 1/21, 1/22, 1/23.

Will there be school lunch? Breakfast?

There will be breakfast served until 10:00AM on all days and lunch will NOT be served on the half days.

What if my student doesn't have something scheduled during an exam block?

We encourage students to use any open time as a study session - there will be designated areas in the building students can utilize for quiet preparation time.

Can students leave their exam when they finish?

Students cannot leave if they have finished their exam. Students will need to bring something quiet to do if there is extra time at the end of an exam.

What if my child is absent?

If a student is sick or has reason to be out of school on an exam day, they must make arrangements with their teacher to make up for the exam.

Are there retakes for a mid-term or final exam?

There are no retakes for a mid-term or a final

