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IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In January, we will be administering re-takes for the Pennsylvania Keystone Examination, a state-mandated standardized assessment. **Passing the Algebra, Biology, and Literature Keystone exams is now a graduation requirement for students starting with next year's graduating class (2022-23).** Subsequently, all students who previously took and did not pass one or more of the Keystone exams are scheduled to test. The schedule is as follows:

- **Literature** (1/6 and 1/9)
- **Algebra** (1/10 and 1/11)
- **Biology** (1/12 and 1/13)

If a student is scheduled to take a test they should report for BOTH testing days. If you ~~are not sure if your student~~ needs to participate in Keystone re-takes, we have posted lists of the students (by ID #) on the sophomore, junior, and senior class Google Classrooms.

To reinforce the PA Dept of Ed policy about electronic device use, Academy at Palumbo has adopted the following policy:

- Cell phones and other communication devices will not be allowed during the test administration. They will be collected by the test proctor before each test session begins and returned after each test session ends.
- If a student is found in possession of a cell phone or uses it during testing, a "Do Not Score" label will be applied to his/her answer booklet and the student will have to start over in a new test booklet.
- Any students that violate the ban on cell phones and other devices will be automatically issued a one day suspension, and the phone or communication device will be confiscated until such time that you come to the school. In your presence, the cell phone or other device will be viewed to ensure that it contains no information or material about the assessment.
- If items on an assessment are compromised, they will have to be replaced. Parents and students may be responsible for the cost of replacing the items.

The bell schedule for 1/6 - 1/13 is on the next page. Students who **are testing** are to report to school at **8:00 am**. Attendance is important during testing. We have a very limited window of time for make-up testing. **Students who are not testing are to report to school at 10:55 am**. Please adhere to the schedule, and do not send your student to school before the scheduled time. If you have any questions, please call 215-400-8130.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kiana Thompson,
Principal

Ms. K. Sundeen
Testing Coordinator

Bell Schedule for 1/6-1/13

8:00 All students taking a test arrive to school
8:00 – 11:00 Keystone test administration
10:55 – 11:10 Students not taking a test arrive to school (report to auditorium)

1st	11:14 - 11:39
2nd	11:42 - 12:07
3rd	12:10 - 12:35
4th	12:38 - 1:03
5th	1:06 - 1:31
6th	1:34 - 1:59
7th	2:02 - 2:27
Advisory	2:30 - 3:04