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RE: Enrichment Week - alternative Tamiscal schedule for the Week of April 21st - April 25th

Dear Tamiscal Students & Parents:

As you may have already read in the media, California public schools are in the transition over the next two years from STAR testing to the new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). During the week of April 21-25th following Spring Break; only 10th graders will be taking the STAR Life Sciences test during their regularly scheduled Integrated Science 4 class with Jon Lew on Thursday, April 24th OR Friday, April 25th both from 10-12pm.

Tamiscal will also be administering the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) to all 9th and 11th graders on Wednesday, April 23rd from 10-12pm. Please see the attached letter on the back of this paper for more information regarding CHKS that was also mailed in the summer mailing.

Given the impact of the above on our regular schedule, the Tamiscal staff has decided to take the week of April 21st as an opportunity to provide 1) 'Enrichment Workshops' to help build school culture and relationships (see attached Enrichment Workshop descriptions and schedule) and 2) provide additional academic interventions for students who are behind, need some targeted academic skill support with teachers, or both. In order to accommodate the testing and enrichment workshops, regular Tamiscal classes will not be held this week with the exception of AP Composition and Ceramics. Students will be assigned work for this week prior to Spring Break. All teachers will be available to meet individually with students and may schedule a specific appointment with your student during this week. SIS is still required for all students as assigned, but the specific times may be rescheduled with Raymond to attend an enrichment workshop. Given the additional time and flexibility of this week, our expectation is that students will have turned in all 'make-up' work and completed all outstanding assessments by the end of this week.

During each student's Core appointment during the week of March 31st, all students will be signing up for enrichment workshops and schedule individual appointments with teachers. All students will be required to attend at least one enrichment workshop, but may attend more (space permitting). Please see the attached schedule of what is mandatory and optional and bring this schedule to your Core meeting during the week of March 31st. Please note that the Mountain Biking workshop and King Mountain Hike require the enclosed field trip permission form signed and returned to the Main Office. Students will be excused from classes at Drake, Tamalpais, and Redwood to attend mandatory Tamiscal workshops during this week.

After meeting with your Core teacher during the week of March 31st, please contact the Main Office at 945-3750 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corbett Elsen".

Corbett Elsen
Principal