

EVERYTHING YOU NEED

FOR MIDTERMS

2019-2020

Centennial High School

# OVERVIEW OF TOPICS



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- x How should I prepare?
- x What should I expect?
  - o English
  - o Fine Arts
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  - o Foundations of Tech/PLTW
  - o Health
  - o Lifetime Fitness
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  - o Science
  - o U.S. History
  - o World Languages



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# WHAT IS A MIDTERM?

A test that covers material from the beginning of the year to the present. It is part of the final grade in each course.

# 2019 SCHEDULE OF MIDTERMS

Tuesday, January 21	Full Day	Exam 1
Wednesday, January 22	Half Day*	Exams 2 & 3
Thursday, January 23	Half Day*	Exams 4A & 4B
Friday, January 24	Half Day*	Exams 5 & 6

\*NOTE about Wednesday–Friday:

- Schools close 3 hours early
- No extracurricular activities, except 1-½ hour conditioning practices which may begin at 2:45 p.m.



# HOW WILL MY MIDTERM IMPACT MY OVERALL GRADE?

- ✗ Year-Long Courses = 10% of the final grade
- ✗ Semester Courses (ie: Health or Lifetime Fitness) = 20% of the final grade

Midterms DO NOT count towards eligibility for extra curricular activities

# COMPUTING FINAL GRADES

1. For a one credit class, write down each quarter, midterm and final grade.
2. Transpose each grade to its numerical equivalent (see Chart A).
3. Multiply each quarter grade by two and each exam grade by one.
4. Add all the numbers together to get the total.
5. Divide the total by 10.
6. Translate the number back to a letter grade (see Chart B).

## Numerical Equivalents

**A = 4**  
**B = 3**  
**C = 2**  
**D = 1**  
**E = 0**

Chart A

## Translate to Letter Grade

**3.5 - 4.0 = A**  
**2.5 - 3.4 = B**  
**1.5 - 2.4 = C**  
**.75 - 1.4 = D**  
**.00 - .74 = E**

Chart B

# COMPUTING FINAL GRADES

	<u>Qtr. 1</u>	<u>Qtr. 2</u>	<u>Midterm</u>	<u>Qtr. 3</u>	<u>Qtr. 4</u>	<u>Final Exam</u>					
Letter Grade	B	B	A	B	C	B					
Value	3	3	4	3	2	3					
Multiplier	x 2	x 2	x 1	x 2	x 2	x 1					
Quality Points	<hr/>										
	6	+	6	+	4	+	6	+	4	+	3

Total Quality Points = 29

Divide Total by 10 ( $29/10 = 2.9$ )


*(Divide by 5 for a semester course)*

**Final Grade = 2.9 = B**

Students need at least 8 quality points in order to pass a one-credit course.

Students cannot pass for the year if they fail a total of 3 quarters.

Students cannot pass for the year if they fail both Quarters 3 and 4.



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# HOW SHOULD I PREPARE?

General tips to help you study for midterms.





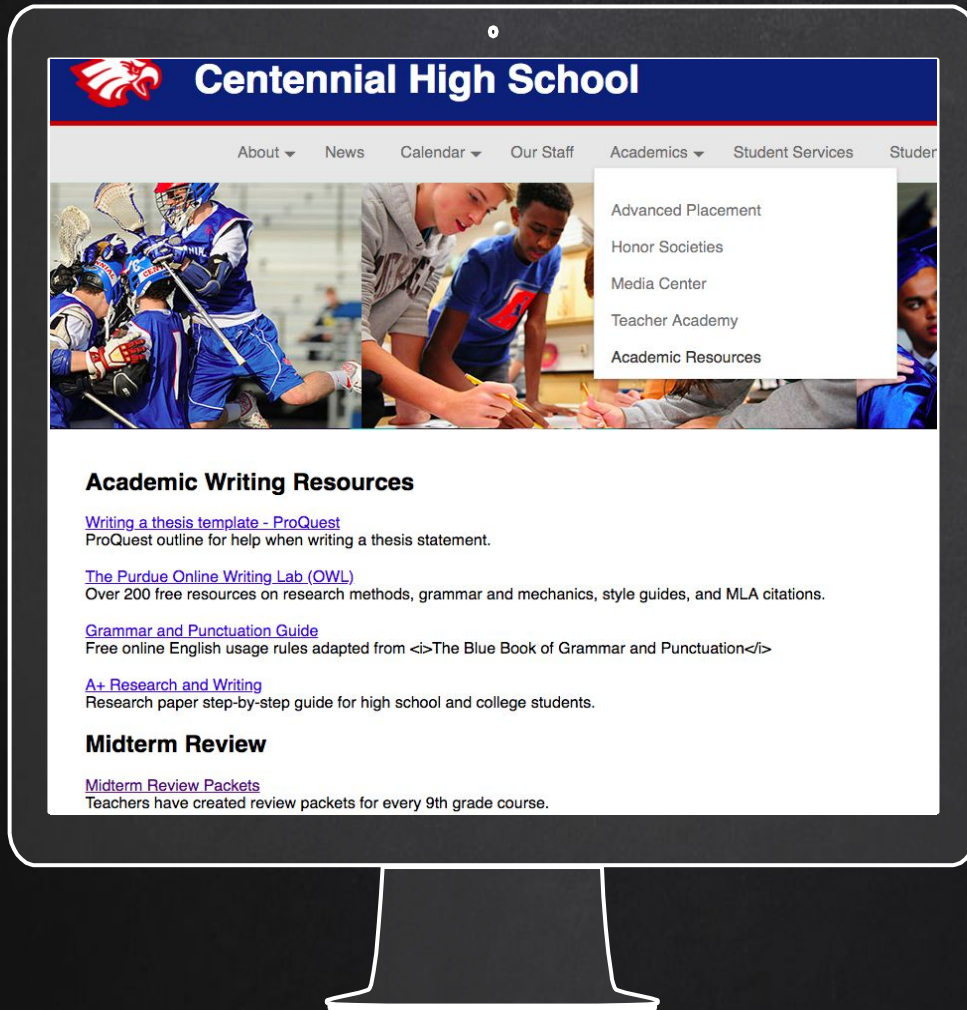
# STUDYING IS EASY

Focus on  
topics in  
your  
teachers'  
study  
guides.

Identify  
what you  
need help  
with.

Get help!  
Study  
with  
friends.  
Meet with  
teachers.

# USE TEACHERS' REVIEW SHEETS



All 9th grade teachers' review sheets are available online.

Go to the Centennial HS website:  
<http://chs.hcpss.org>

- ✘ Click on the "Academics" tab
- ✘ Choose "Academic Resources"
- ✘ Click to open "Midterm Review Packets"
- ✘ Login when prompted. Students use their HCPSS Active Directory logins to access the files.

Only STUDENTS have access.

# STUDY AFTER SCHOOL

## Optional Midterm Review Opportunities

*Schedule for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders*

January 2020

Overview:

1. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will be available in their classrooms to answer questions or help students review for midterms. *\*Teachers will communicate exceptions to this schedule with their students.*
2. Additionally, honor societies will supply peer tutors to support ninth graders with any of their subjects and review sheets.
3. Please be aware that students who stay after school for these sessions are expected to be in these sessions. Students are not to be unsupervised in the halls, auditorium, cafeteria, or gym.

	Tuesday 1/14	Thursday 1/16
<b>TEACHER SUPPORT</b> 2:15 – 2:45 <i>meet in teachers' classrooms</i>	Teacher Review <i>All 9<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are available to answer questions</i>	Teacher Review <i>All 9<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are available to answer questions</i>
<b>PEER TUTOR SUPPORT</b> 2:15 – 3:45 <i>meet in Media Center</i>	Study Hall <i>Peer tutors are available to help study</i>	Study Hall <i>Peer tutors are available to help study</i>
<b>ACTIVITY BUS PICK-UP</b> 3:45 <i>get a bus pass each day</i>	Wait for the bus outside at the front of the building.	

If you plan to ride the Activity Bus, see Ms. Vickers in the Front Office each morning to get a bus pass.



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*verb*

1. to study a few hours the night before the test
2. proven to be highly ineffective



# RECOMMENDED STUDY STRATEGIES

- ✘ Use multiple intelligences:
  - Study aloud.
  - Study with a partner.
  - Write things down on note cards.
  - Draw pictures to help you remember.
- ✘ Study only 20 minutes at a time. Take frequent breaks.
- ✘ Study often – start tonight!

# LAST MINUTE REVIEW

We will have Eagle Time during the breaks between exams on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students should use this unstructured time for last minute review or relaxation.





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# WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Specific details about each class's midterms.



# ENGLISH MIDTERMS

## Overview:

- Multiple Choice—based on reading passages, vocabulary, grammar, and writing skills
- Constructed Response—an additional essay or short answer in response to literature and/or topics learned in class





# ENGLISH: STUDY TIPS

- ✘ Literature
  - Review class notes.
  - Think beyond the literal story and consider author's message, and how he/she communicates that message.
  - Do NOT re-read novels.
  
- ✘ Vocabulary
  - Make flashcards or use Quizlet
  - Review only 5-10 words at a time
  
- ✘ Grammar
  - Review class notes.
  - For extra practice, go to [www.owl.purdue.edu](http://www.owl.purdue.edu)



# FINE ARTS MIDTERMS

## Overview

- Most midterm exams are performance-based.
- Students have been preparing for exams in class.



# FOOD & NUTRITION MIDTERM

## Overview

- The midterm has two parts.
  - Part 1 is a practical lab on the last full class day before midterms. Students demonstrate what they have learned.
  - Part 2 is a test: multiple choice, true/false, and matching. Study materials are available online.



# FOUNDATIONS OF TECH/ PLTW MIDTERMS

## Overview

- Multiple Choice, true/false, matching, short answer (terms, numeric response)

\*PLTW IED Notebook may be taken home to study





# HEALTH FINAL

## Overview

- Students work with groups in-class to create projects.
- Project will be presented on midterm day.



# LIFETIME FITNESS FINAL

## Overview

- 50 multiple-choice questions
- All questions are taken directly from previous quizzes



# MATH MIDTERMS

## Overview

- Multiple choice, short answer and word problems.
- It is helpful to have specific tools:
  - For all exams – Graphing calculator (TI-83 or TI-84)
  - For Geometry – Compass & straightedge



# SCIENCE MIDTERMS

## Overview

- Multiple choice, true/false, and matching.
- Exams cover material from Quarter 1 and Quarter 2.





# U.S. HISTORY MIDTERMS

## Overview

- Multiple choice
- Essay/short answer questions--especially for GT classes



# WORLD LANGUAGE MIDTERMS

## Overview

- Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing
- Vocabulary, grammar, and culture
- Multiple Choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, constructed response, and oral exam



# WORLD LANGUAGE RESOURCES

- ✘ Check your teacher's Canvas course and/or...
  - <http://french.about.com>
  - <http://studyspanish.com>
  - <http://www.flashcardexchange.com>
  - <http://www.conjuguemos.com>
  - <http://www.classzone.com/french.cfm>
  - [www.PHSchool.com](http://www.PHSchool.com)



THANKS!

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