

Midterm Schedule

Monday (1/16)	<i>NO SCHOOL — MLK</i>
Tuesday (1/17)	Full School Day- Review
Wednesday (1/18)	Full School Day- Review
Thursday (1/19)	Exams- History/Business & Math
Friday (1/20)	Exams- World Languages & Theology
Monday (1/23)	Exams- English & Science

What should I expect on the day of midterms?

- 2 exams per day
- 90 minute long tests (10 minute break in between)
 - Cafeteria will not be open to buy food during 10 min break– bring snacks & water
- Midterms are not taken in your usual classroom– check the schedule outside of guidance for room #s (like you did for homeroom at the beginning of the year)
- Your midterm will be proctored by another teacher & your teacher will stop into your test briefly to answer questions
 - AKA not your usual classroom and not your usual teacher for midterms

How are the exams generally structured?

- Most midterms will include some type of multiple choice section AND essay questions
 - Can be up to 110-150 multiple choice questions depending on your teacher
- This is a GENERAL structure- to find out exactly what to expect on your midterm please check in with your teacher

How much is the midterm worth?

- Midterms are part of your SEMESTER 1 Grade
- Your semester grade is broken down into:
 - Quarter 1: 40%
 - Quarter 2: 40%
 - **Midterm: 20% ($\frac{1}{5}$ of your semester grade)**

What happens when I return from winter break?

- When we return from Winter Break midterms will be 10 *school days* away
- Your teachers will continue to teach material for Quarter 2 when we are back from break
 - AKA you will not be doing only midterm prep for the 2 school weeks before midterm exams, you will learn new material that will be on your test
 - You will have two Review Days (1/17 and 1/18 where you will not learn new material)

How to Prepare

1. **Log into POWERSCHOOL and go back to Q1 & Q2 grades.**
 - a. Open any grade for any HW, Quiz, or Test that is 75 or lower.
 - b. Look at what was being taught to you at that time that you scored below a 75 on. Is it something that you understand today?
 - c. IF YOU DON'T: use Enrichment period/Extra Help to attend subject help in those classes and get the answers put back into your notes.
 - d. **IF YOU NEED TO SEE A TEST:** please email your teacher IN ADVANCE to bring the copy to their Enrichment or Extra Help. Let them know what day you will be there and what assessment you need to see.
2. **Enrichment periods**
 - a. The two left before midterms are **Wednesday January 4th and 11th.**
 - i. *Sophomores will be attending a Study Tips Assembly during Enrichment on the 11th*
 - b. If you typically use Enrichment for clubs just tell your club advisor you will miss the first two meetings back from break to do midterm prep
 - c. If you typically use Enrichment to do homework think about how to restructure your time so you can go to extra help
3. **NHS Tutoring- all subjects, Tuesday from 2:45-3:30pm in the library**
 - a. NHS dates remaining before midterms **January 3 & 10.**
 - b. Attendance is always taken at NHS tutoring and shared with the Guidance counselors as well as Mr. Nunan.
 - c. This is a crucial time, especially if you are a current athlete or an aspiring spring athlete who is on the line, academically speaking. Get in front of what you need to do, academically so that you don't have to get in front of Mr. Nunan to discuss eligibility.
 - d. No coach can penalize you for going late to a practice you just need to notify them in advance
4. **Study Over Christmas break.**
 - a. Taking away the big four: XMAS EVE/DAY and NYE/DAY that leaves you with 9 days to review for midterms. Start with your hardest subject, spend one hour in the morning rereading and making Flash Cards or Quizlets for this class. In the afternoon, do the same thing for your second hardest class. For all of your subjects, continue in this manner of spending an hour each morning and an hour each afternoon rereading and completing any outstanding assignments or PACKETS (if given to you) for your classes.

Example of suggested structure: *Order does not matter*

Day of Break	Morning Hour	Afternoon Hour
12/21	World Language	Theology
12/22	English	Science
12/23	History	Math
12/24	OFF	OFF
12/25	OFF	OFF

12/26	World Language	Theology
12/27	English	Science
12/28	History	Math
12/29	World Language	Theology
12/30	English	History
12/31	OFF	OFF
1/1	OFF	OFF
1/2	History	Math

If you maintain this schedule you will have completed 18 hours of studying over break (3 hours/subject)

These 3 hours can be used to re-read notes, create flashcards/quizlets, review old tests, etc. Getting organized and prepared is still studying. See suggestions for how to study from Winter Break until your Midterms below.

5. Make FLASHCARDS/QUIZLETS

- a. Re-read your notes OUT LOUD into a google doc with the microphone feature on (this helps you re-commit them to memory)
- b. Copy & Paste your spoken notes directly into a [quizlet](#) (virtual flashcards)
- c. Study your flashcards/quizlets and stay organized by having an “I know” and “I still need to learn” pile.
- d. As you approach midterm review sessions (see below) you want to spend time asking about your “I still need to learn” pile

6. Complete your MIDTERM PACKETS

- a. Packets are what some teachers give out as an assignment that could count as a double homework assignment (either during or after break).
- b. These are not only to help you organize for that subject midterm exams but (if they are given as HW) it gets you points at a crucial time
- c. ONCE YOU COMPLETE THEM, puts a copy of the midterm into your hands or gives you key concepts to expect
- d. If you do not recognize a topic/concept in your midterm packet ADVOCATE for yourself, ask your teacher for help, check in with friends in other classes

7. Practice your ESSAY QUESTIONS

- a. During your study hours over break or when we are back in school after daily homework is completed, you will practice your essays.
- b. Hand write them first.
- c. Set a timer and see how long you take to practice writing the essay.
- d. You will want to then, (the next time you practice the essays) TYPE THEM OUT, so that your computer identifies any misspelled words or grammatical errors.
 - i. You will lose points on your midterms for grammar errors.

- e. Writing and re-typing essays helps commit keywords/themes to memory that you can draw from when you take your test
- f. If you do not have essay questions in your midterm packet, ask your teacher what you can expect in terms of essays on your midterm

8. Midterm REVIEW SESSIONS

- a. When we return from break your teachers will host these during Enrichment, before, or after school in addition to the two designated review days
- b. Use this time to clarify questions from your “I still need to learn” pile from flashcards/quizlet
- c. Ask questions about content in the review packet that you do not understand
- d. This is YOUR TIME to get help and TALK to your teachers
- e. A schedule will go out to everyone about when teachers will be offering midterm review sessions when we return from break

9. Time: keep to your schedule over the next few weeks.

- a. Get in the proper rest and take care of yourself. Eat well.
- b. Wash your hands and try not to get sick! You will need to make up your exams and miss the first week of instruction in Quarter 3 if you miss regularly scheduled midterms
- c. Remember that the time you have over break is a gift– balance relaxing with studying. You have 4 months of information to remember for these exams.

GOOD LUCK!!! We believe in you!!!! 😊