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PLEASE SUPPORT THESE INITIATIVES

Greetings Parents, Students, and Staff!

The Chester Upland School District is committed to the academic and personal growth of all students. Academic Growth will be measured through a series of benchmark tests as discussed at orientation and we are ready to begin that process next week.

The district has also invested in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) tools and experiences for all students. The name of this program is "Positive Action" and we will also begin this process next week.

Dr. Parkinson's theme for this year is "For the betterment of our children," and both of these programs are designed with student growth, both academic and personal, in mind.

Please support us in supporting your students by getting them to Chester High School's library next week on the scheduled days to complete the benchmark tests. The schedule of testing is on page two, and should only take two hours for students to complete.

The Social Emotional Learning component will be implemented in Zoom every other Wednesday and will be broken into two grade bands - grades 4-8 and grades 9-12. Mr. Thompson will be conducting the initial sessions until Ms. Floyd returns from maternity leave.

We are very excited to begin these initiatives and believe they will have far reaching consequences for our students.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Benchmark Testing

Week of October 10, 2022

All students district-wide will participate in benchmark testing this year to measure academic growth.

For our Elementary and Middle School Students, the testing program is called iReady and this first administration will provide us with a baseline of where the students are academically in reading and math. 8th Grade students will also take a brief Science test.

For our High School Students, the testing program is called MAP (Measures of Academic Progress), and this first administration will also provide a baseline of achievement. Students enrolled in Biology will also take a brief Biology test.

It is essential that students do their best on these tests so we have an accurate understanding of both their skills and where they need help. Please make sure they have a good breakfast on their testing day and bring their chromebooks and chargers with them to Chester High School.

Digital Academy Benchmark Schedule - Fall 2022

Tuesday October 11 - Grade 9 - 8:30AM -10:30AM

Wednesday October 12-Grades 4-8 - 8:30AM -10:30AM

Thursday October 13 - Grades 10-11-8:30AM - 10:30AM

Thursday October 13 - Grade 12 - 11:30AM - 1:30PM

All testing must be completed in person in a proctored session. Mr. Thompson will be the coordinator proctoring the sessions.

Please be prompt on your scheduled testing day. The sooner we can start the sooner everyone will be finished.

Accessing the Observer Account in Gradpoint

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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
SEPTEMBER
STUDENTS
OF THE MONTH!**

GRADES 5/6 - GARY COLLINS
GRADE 7 - TYLA LAWLER
GRADE 8 - JAELYNN THOMAS
GRADE 9 - DANIEL STEWART
GRADE 10 - DANIELLA ALFRED
GRADE 11 - ROBERT TUCKER
GRADE 12 - JHANII HALLAGER

*Students of the month
receive a \$25 Amazon gift
card courtesy of Ed For
Tech Alliance, our
Software Provider*

Cheers

TO OUR
STUDENTS

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH
IS AWARDED BASED
ON A COMPOSITE SCORE
MADE UP OF:**

AVERAGE OF ALL GRADES

**AVERAGE OF
PERCENTAGE
COMPLETE IN ALL
CLASSES**

**PERCENTAGE OF
AVAILABLE HOURS
WORKED**

**PERCENTAGE OF
DAYS ATTENDED**

Competition this month
was close - in the 12th and
10th grades there was less
than 0.5% separating the
leaders!