



US Class Dean Update

Hi 9th Grade Families,

I hope you're faring well during this frigid and snowy winter! Our 9th graders are forging ahead and are now fully in their second semester groove. While our campus is still blanketed in snow, I have a few updates portending the arrival of spring:

Performance and Assessments Week (PAW)

Performance and Assessments Week (PAW) is **Monday, March 16 to Thursday, March 19**, marking our final week before spring break. Students will have a variety of experiences that week, from exams to projects and presentations to “capsule experiences” that don't require any study or prep. We will have a special schedule that week, with only two blocks per day, plus a designated exam block for certain classes, such as Integrated Math Modeling 1 on Monday morning. Students only need to be on campus for their required blocks, but buses and sports will run as usual. Students have received a Google Sheet listing the type of experiences for each of their classes, and you can find more detailed information about the PAW guidelines on the following doc: [PAWrameters - March 2026](#).

Spring Break

Campus will be closed Friday, March 20 in observance of Eid, and then we will be on spring break until Monday, April 6. As for sports, the majority of teams will be practicing the first week of spring break and will be off the second week. Boys tennis will be practicing during the second week instead of the first. The only teams practicing over both weeks are track and varsity baseball. Track, boys tennis, and varsity baseball all have games/meets scheduled for the second week of break.

Upcoming Evening Events for Families

To introduce the academic scheduling process for the 2026-27 school year, we will have **Curriculum Night for Families on Monday, March 2 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**, and we will have our **9th Grade Spring Parent Forum on Tuesday, April 14 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Hajjar Auditorium**. More information on both events to come.

As always, feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or need anything. Best wishes for a great long weekend!

Warmly,

Brian