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Hello Junior Students and Parents!

On Wednesday, February 20 and Thursday, February 21, Wilmot Union High School will be administering the ACT plus Writing and ACT WorkKeys examinations. Both tests are state mandated for all 11th grade students. On February 6 and 7 during WARP, we will complete pre-administration activities in preparation for these statewide tests. **Attendance of Juniors on both testing days is essential.**

The February 20 **ACT Test** will provide you with information about your progress toward college readiness and is widely used by colleges in making decisions about admission. The ACT test includes multiple-choice tests in English, Reading, Mathematics, and Science, as well as an essay writing test.

Your success on these exams is very important to your future plans and to our school, so on day one, February 20, we are going to **dismiss you early** to relax after a job well done! Additionally, we would like to celebrate your hard work with a “Junior’s Pizza Party” following the ACT test on day one.

On February 21, Juniors will take **ACT WorkKeys**, a paper-pencil test consisting of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. The purpose of this assessment is to compare students’ skills to those required in the work environment. **Unlike February 20, this is a full school day.** Classes will run on a customary Thursday block schedule with Juniors testing until 11 a.m. and then resuming their regular school day.

The schedule for both days is as follows:

**Day One: ACT (early dismissal for Juniors)- February 20**

7 - 7:30 am  Light breakfast snacks will be available for Juniors in room 180.

7:30 a.m.  Arrival, identification, and seating of examinees

*Testing room assignments will be given out during American Literature class on Monday, February 26th*

7:50 a.m.  Begin testing

12:15  Testing ends

12:15-12:45  Pizza! – **All students taking the bus must report to the Maki**

12:45  Busing home is available with modified routes. Please know students may have to walk up to a mile to get home depending on their modified stop.
Day Two: WorkKeys (regular school day)- February 21

7:30 a.m.  Arrival, identification, and seating of examinees
7:50 a.m.  Begin testing
11:00 a.m.  Testing ends- students are dismissed to their regular class schedules

Please help us to ensure the best test taking preparation for students. Encourage your child to:

- Eat a good breakfast these mornings. We will provide a light breakfast snack on Day 1 and small snack for students at break time.
- Get a good night’s sleep before the test – at least 8 hours is recommended. Be on time for the test – not having enough time causes unnecessary stress.
- Wear comfortable clothes and dress in layers. Normal dress code rules apply.
- Students should bring a #2 pencils and a calculator.
- Cell phones are NOT allowed during the testing. Please leave phone in locker.

More information about the ACT and WorkKeys exams is available at https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding in partnering with us to make this a positive experience for students!

Sincerely,

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