

## Exam Week Expectations

This year, the exam week will be different since all classes must give some form of final assessment. A copy of the January 2024 exam schedule can be found on our school website and Facebook page. Most final assessments are worth 30% of the student's final grade except for a few classes. To determine how much each final exam is worth in a particular class please check the course outlines, under the class description in PowerSchool. Remember if you qualify for academic incentives your exam can either be worth 15% or 50% of your final grade. See the attachment called "Academic Incentives" on the school website for more details regarding academic incentive qualifications.

The exam week runs from January 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 25<sup>th</sup>, with January 26<sup>th</sup> being a "make up day".

Note: Grade 9 English will be completing the ELPA during the scheduled exam time. This is a provincial assessment that ALL students graduating in the province of New Brunswick must pass before they graduate. Any grade 11 or 12 student that was unsuccessful with completing the ELPA in grade 9 will be writing the rewrite to the ELPA on day 2 of exam from 12:30 to 2:00.

With all exams, students should be in the room of writing 10 minutes before the exam start time. The exam writing times are 2.5 hours in length. All students must stay at least 90 minutes (about 1 and a half hours) in the writing room. After 90 minutes (about 1 and a half hours) an announcement will be made stating that students who have completed their assessment can leave. Students who need more time can stay in the writing room for an additional 60 minutes. Students who have Personalized Learning Plans and need more time after the 2.5 hours may go to Resource to finish their exam.

In the exam room, you do not need to bring much; pens, pencils erasers, calculators (if needed) and water (your choice) are all that you need. We will provide you with an exam booklet, scrap paper, and other necessary items. You will be asked to leave your bookbag at the front of the classroom and your phone is to stay in your bookbag as well as any Smart watches (Apple, etc.) and headphones/earbuds (Air pods, etc.). Students are not to be using phones or Smart watches throughout the exam period as it will result in a mark of zero (phones are not to be used as clocks or calculators). Students must remain in the classroom during the exam writing time. Please use the washroom and fill up water bottles before the exam.

During exam time, if students do not have exams, they are to only be in the cafeteria or the library. Students do not go to their lockers during exam time to respect the concentration of those writing exams. Once the announcements are made to end an exam, students may go to their lockers, but then they must be in the cafeteria or library and not gathering in other areas of the school.

The cafeteria will only be open on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be closed Tuesday through Friday so if you are staying at school you will need to bring your own lunch.

Parents can pick students up after exams, or students can leave the school with parent permission. Remember if you are staying at school, you will only be permitted in the cafeteria or library.

Buses will arrive at MVHS at their regular times and leave at their regular times.

Exams can be stressful, and we are here to support you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your teacher or the main office. Attendance is crucial during exam week. If you are unable to

write an exam due to illness, please call the school (627-4083) to make arrangements. The website will always be updated during exam week.