We are more than halfway done with quarter one and Benchmark Testing fo ELA and Math is right around the corner!

What are Benchmark Tests?

When a teacher has a class of many students, they have to do their best to make sure all their students are understanding the information that’s being taught. Some students, of course, learn easier and faster than others. Teachers, therefore, need to be able to effectively differentiate their instruction so that all students have an opportunity to meet the same standards, including students with learning disabilities, students who are gifted, and everyone in between. If educators want to know whether or not their students are performing up to where they need be, then they can use a benchmark test to help make that determination.

Why are Benchmark Tests important?

There are many reasons why benchmark testing in education is important. For starters, without benchmarks, teachers wouldn’t really have any ideas as to whether or not their students are grasping the material they are teaching. They may even have a hard time figuring out what they need to teach. By using benchmarks, teachers can learn about what may need to be reviewed with each individual student, as well as which students could benefit from being challenged just a little bit more, and what needs to be reviewed with the entire class. It’s important students try to do their best on these tests so teachers can collect accurate information.

Palo Verde’s Benchmark Tests

Palo Verde High Magnet’s benchmark tests are scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th. All students will be tested in ELA, as well as math. It’s important you are present that day to show your teachers what you know, or don’t know. They need to get a clear understanding of where you are in their class. Just do your best and don’t stress!

Some of our students have already been contacted to discuss the importance of benchmark scores, and as the year continues, we will continue to reach out to you to discuss more. Keep up the good work, Titans! We are proud of you!
We have a motto here at Palo Verde High Magnet School – Be 212°! When water reaches 212° it begins to boil, and with boiling comes even more STEAM. STEAM has the ability to power a locomotive. Just go that extra degree! Remember, Titans go FAR!

We are FOCUSED, ACCOUNTABLE, and RESPECTFUL!

Still having issues with technology or getting into classes? Head to www.tusd1.org and click ‘Current Families’. On this page you will find many resources and videos on how to navigate different technology issues.

We are so proud of our Virtual Titan Bolt Nominees we have received so far from the year. Just because we can’t see you in-person, doesn’t mean we aren’t extremely proud of you. Keep up the great work, Titans!

Focused – Always prepared, ready and active in class
Accountable – Always on time, meets deadlines and due dates
Respectful – Kind and courteous to others, practices equity of voice

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Official practice has started!

Fall Athletes,

Fall athletes, official practice has already started! Phase one is very restrictive and we have strict protocols to ensure as safe an environment as possible. You will have to sign fill out all forms in ATS (5) and answer a Covid-19 screening questionnaire daily, have a valid physical on an AIA form, and complete the AIA Brainbook education course (only if you've never done this course). You will not be allowed to condition on campus with your coaches until all these are complete and your physical is turned in (Tuesdays and Thursdays during textbook pick up) and you will be placed on the roster. We will not be accepting fees at this time.

Please reach out to your head coach or wait for them to provide you conditioning times and locations. If you are interested in a fall sport but haven't previously signed up for one, please email jason.karn@tusd1.org so I can add you to the sport of your choice. Freshmen need to email me directly for instructions.

Thank you,
Mr. Karn
Athletic Coordinator

Textbook Pickup and Locker Items

Just a reminder that textbook pickup will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Eamick in the business office at:

linda.eamick@tusd1.org
or
520-584-7400

If you left any items in your hall locker, or PE locker, please reach out to Mr. Riley at:

timothy.riley2@tusd1.org

You will need to make individual arrangements with him to claim and pick up your belongings.
Key People and Information

Did you know that Palo Verde High Magnet School has an amazing High School Community Liaison?

Mrs. Donna Walker

Please contact her if you are in need of school supplies, hygiene products, or any other community resources.

Also, Youth On Their Own (YOLO) students please feel free to reach out to her for any of your needs as she is your 2020-2021 liaison.

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COMMUNICATION IS KEY

It is recommended that you follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates and information, as well. You can also refer to our school’s website. Here are some helpful links if you don’t already have them:

ParentVue  
https://parent.tusd1.org

Twitter  
https://twitter.com/pvtitans (@pvtitans)

Facebook  
https://www.facebook.com/PaloVerdeHighMagnetSchool

Instagram  
https://www.instagram.com/PaloVerdeHighMagnetSchool

Need more information about Palo Verde High Magnet and its programs?  
Don’t hesitate to contact:

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