

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Church & Family time	7 26 days till exams	8 Focus on next 2 weeks	9 24 days till end of semester	10	11	12
13 Church & Family time	14 Last week before holidays	15	16 Find your past tests	17 Locate all of your course binders	18 Take home all course binders	19
20 Church & Family time	21 Spend 1-2 hours and organize your notes	22 Finish Christmas preparation	23 Spend another 1-2 hours studying/reviewing 2 of your courses	24 Enjoy	25 Happy Birthday Jesus! Merry Christmas!	26 Family time
27 Church & Family time	28 Spend 2 hours and review hardest subject	29 Spend 2 hours and review a subject	30 Make a list of any unit tests for each subject you are missing	31 Make a list of vocabulary terms for each course	1 Happy New Year	2 Relax and enjoy

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Notes:

Study Partners' Names	Email	Phone Number	Twitter

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Church & Family time	4 Be sure you have all past tests and quizzes	5 Complete regular homework	6 Prepare for final unit and or Culminating	7	8	9
10 Church & Family time	11 Finish this week strong, stay in class. Listen for hints about upcoming exam.	12 Listen for any exam hints: write them down	13 Review past tests for 2 classes, do regular HW	14 Review past tests for 2 classes, do regular HW	15 Ask questions if you are missing info. Relax after school	16 Review vocabulary, write out terms again
17 Review all past tests, correct mistakes. Church & Family time	18 Study for 2 – 30 minute blocks Locate textbook	19 Study for 2 - 30 minute blocks Locate textbook	20 Complete subject reviews from teacher Pay any library fines	21 Review any diagrams and vocabulary lists	22 Ask review questions in classes	23 Plan for 2 hours of study: hardest subject first
24 Study for 2 – 45 minute blocks Church & Family time	25 Last day of classes: Study only for period 1 exam	26 Period 1 Exam Study in afternoon for period 2 exam	27 Period 2 Exam Study in afternoon for period 3 exam	28 Period 3 Exam Study in afternoon for period 4 exam	29 Period 4 Exam Take the afternoon off	30 If an exam was cancelled study for Monday exam
31 Church & Family time	Feb 1 Snow day for possible cancelled exam	2 Exam review day: Come in and see how you did	3 Take the day off	4 Semester 2 begins	5 Only 86 days till sem. 2 exams. lol	6

Exam Preparation = Exam Success

EXAMS

Exams are nothing more than big unit tests. Each grade 9 or 10 exam is only 90 minutes long, which is only 10 minutes longer than class. Each grade 11 or 12 exam is 150 minutes long, which is the same length as two classes. Proper preparation is the key to success. Exams will be made up of past unit tests. Review vocabulary of each unit. Review all past unit reviews. EXAMS make up anywhere from 10-20% of your final mark....they can make a difference between pass and fail or between 50's to 60's or 70's to 80's.

STUDY TIPS

- Study in shorter intervals. 30 - 40 minute periods with breaks is better than 2 hours straight.
- **Turn off TV and PHONE**, eliminate distractions.
- Study at a table not on your bed.
- Plan the most time for your hardest subject.
- Build any vocabulary list and review it. Write and re-writeexperts say 7 times to memorize.
- Repetition gives birth to perfection, the more you repeat the better you know.
- Always try to study with pen, paper and your own voice... say things out loud. The more ways your brain works at something the better you will learn it.

Engage in positive self-talk: Never say you cannot do something. Always tell yourself that yes you can do it. Never call yourself stupid or give up. Remember the story of the Little Engine that could.....I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.....**Believe in yourself, God does.**

WRITING EXAMS

Proven Tips for Success

- READ the whole exam FIRST. Read with your pen in hand. Underline or circle key words.
- Notice how much each question is worth, maybe put ** beside the ones worth the most.
- The higher the mark - the more information is required.
- Do the easier questions first – build your confidence!
- **Write on the exam paper if you want**
 - Circle key words
 - Jot down any immediate ideas for longer writing pieces as you read the exam or as you do the multiple choice
 - Put down any memorized lists on the top or back of the exam once you are allowed to begin, so you do not forget
- Look for any hints in the exam, hints are often found in the multi-guess section. Answer every multiple choice question.
- Use a blank sheet of paper beside your exam to record any ideas or to do any rough work or sketches or write down what you have memorized. Example: **lists or formulas**
- Re-read your finished exam, make any grammar or spelling changes.
- Try **all** questions, even if in the essay question the most you do is put down some ideas, something is better than nothing.
- For MATH and SCIENCE exams check your work, have you included any necessary statements?