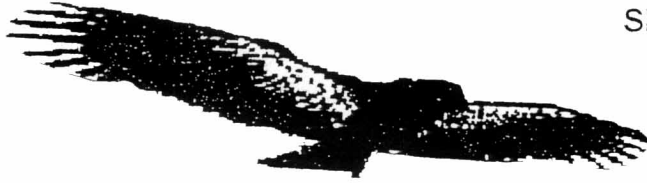


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Dear Condor Parents,

I hope the school year is going well for your student(s). Our staff works very hard to make sure each student receives a high quality education. One important step towards graduation beginning with the Class of 2004 is the successful completion of the California High School Exit Exam. Students must pass the Mathematics and Language Arts portions of the test to be eligible for a high school diploma.

The State High School Exit Exam will be administered twice in the next two terms. All sophomores will take the test for the first time during Block 2 on March 4, 5, and 6. Please make sure your sophomore student is present all three days. If your student struggles in Math and/or Language Arts, I strongly recommend that he/she takes our ten day High School Exit Exam Preparation Class beginning February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Ms. Elf at 633-5221, ext. 207 for more information.

Juniors who have not passed one or both of the exams will have another opportunity to take the exams on May 13, 14, and 15. Currently, 83% of our juniors have passed the Language Arts exam while 55% have passed the Mathematics test. While our juniors have succeeded at a rate greater than the state average, it is important to note that we still have many students who need to pass one or both of the exams. If you are the parent of a junior who has not passed one or both of these tests, please sign your child up for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade High School Exit Exam Preparation Class which begins April 7<sup>th</sup>. Juniors will be able to work at their own pace on a customized computer software program in preparation for the May exam. Ms. Elf, at 633-5221, ext. 207, is the director of this program.

What about freshmen and seniors you might ask? Freshmen will have their first opportunity to take the High School Exit Exam in the 2003-2004 school year. Seniors still must pass the North Monterey County High School Proficiency Tests in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Those who have yet to pass any of these proficiency exams will have opportunities in March and May.

I strongly encourage you to closely follow your child's progress. Please feel free to contact your student's coordinator if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Hirt, Assistant Principal

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