



# PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Online Learners,

In October, we began polling the families of our full-time online students to determine their willingness to send their student(s) to campus after school hours to take semester assessments. Many things have changed since we started that process. At that time, we had approximately 25 full-time online students. That number is now in the low nineties and does not include temporary online learners who are quarantining due to COVID-19 related issues.

At this point in time, with online learner numbers fluctuating on a daily basis, I have decided that there is not a reliable way for us to accurately and definitively identify students willing to report to school after hours to take semester assessments. Therefore, we will no longer offer the option of any online learners coming to school after hours to take an assessment in person.

**ALL ONLINE LEARNERS (FULL-TIME OR TEMPORARY) WILL TAKE ALL SEMESTER ASSESSMENTS ONLINE AT THE SAME TIME AS THEIR IN-PERSON CLASSMATES.**

In light of the challenges we have encountered this semester, the school administration has extended latitude to each teacher to determine how best to administer semester exams to both our in-person and online students. While some teachers will administer a traditional semester exam, others intend to give a unit test which covers only the most recently taught content. Some teachers have already assigned a project or performance-based assessment. Because the nature of each one of these assessments is different, the expectations for students will vary.

Our published exam dates are December 17, 18, 21 and 22. In some cases, teachers intend to administer assessments prior to these dates, while other teachers plan to test on these specific days. Should all testing and work be completed prior to semester exams, your student will not need to log in to that class during its scheduled semester exam time.

Attached to this message is a copy of your student's exam schedule based on his/her cohort.

By the end of this week, each teacher will clearly communicate via email his/her plans and expectations related to semester exams/assessments. The teachers will list:

1. The type of assessment (i.e. semester exam, unit test, project/performance-based assessment)
2. The date and time of that assessment
3. Whether or not the semester exam exemption for Seniors applies to the assessment.

We are certainly proud and grateful that we have been able to successfully offer our students a combination of in-person learning with online instruction these past 4 months. As we prepare to enter the holiday season in this most unusual school term, the Providence Catholic Family gives thanks for your patience, support and enduring understanding. God Bless you this Christmas!

In Truth, Unity and Love,  
Dr. John R. Harper  
Principal