

Dear parents or guardians of grade 9 students:

Time is fast approaching for students to write Provincial Achievement Tests. The following is the schedule for the exams:

Date	Test	Time
June 26	Social studies	9-10:20 AM
June 27	Language arts (reading comprehension)	9-10:15 AM
June 28	Math	9-10: 30 AM
June 29	Science	9-10:15 AM

Students are tested on the contents from the whole year, and should be starting now to review on a nightly basis. **Information and study guides** from Alberta Education may be found at:

<https://education.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests/>

Released tests from previous years may be written an unlimited number of times for practice at:

<https://questaplus.alberta.ca/>

Additional practice tests that are aligned with the curriculum can be found on www.alberta.exambank.com . Families may go to the website and purchase their own personal log-ins. These do not expire, and can be used in coursework at the high school level or for siblings.

We are hoping to establish an understanding around the release of students after the tests. Once all grade 9 students have completed the test, classes will be released for a break. These days are counted as instructional days, and teachers will provide learning experiences and review for the remainder of each day. If you choose to remove your child from school, please do the following:

1. Come to the school to sign your child out, or
2. Send a **dated** note to Mr. Crane indicating that you give permission for your child to leave after the exam. The note is to be collected by homeroom teachers during attendance each morning, before the exam begins. Your child must check out at the office after his/her class has been released from the exam.

Please understand that for safety reasons we will **not** release your child to another person unless that person is listed as an emergency contact. We will **not** accept phone calls. Return the attached form to indicate your understanding of this process.

We are a closed campus. If your child is removed for the day, they are not permitted on school property until after 4:00 p.m.

Thanks for your support,

Mrs. Rahn

Please sign and return:

I have read and understood the guidelines for my child's release during the PATs. To ensure the safety of my child, I realize that no exceptions will be made by the school for alternate arrangements.

_____ (student name, printed)

_____ (homeroom class)

_____ (parent signature)

_____ (parent name, printed)

****** This is not a permission note for your child to leave after the exams**, only a confirmation that you, as a parent, understand the process. A note will be required on the first day of the exam schedule.