

2010 FALL SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

By: Linda Pearson

As you probably know, Blackhawk Christian School gives all of the south campus students exams for Christmas! Yes, you read that right; and the crazy thing is that most students appreciate the gift of exams before they leave for their Christmas holiday. While they would probably prefer to be left off of the gift list completely, students like taking the exams before they leave for the holiday break rather than coming back to exams in January. Listed below is some of the information you may want to refer to as you move your student(s) through exam week.

High School Exams

Blackhawk Christian High School will once again have three days set aside for semester exams. The exams for grades 9th-12th are summative in nature, count only in the quarter taken, and are worth twice the value of the largest test given in that quarter.

A special schedule has been created for the exam days with exams in the morning and study halls in the afternoon. Students may leave school

following their last exam period of the day or may arrive in time for their first exam of the day; however, they must have a Final Exam Intention Form completed by a parent and turned into the office no later than Friday, December 10th. (Call-ins will not be accepted for dismissal.) Forms will be available in each student's homeroom or in the front office. If students do not have an exam during the time they are in school, they must report to the assigned room for study hall. Students who stay for the entire day (8:00 am-2:10 pm) may pre-order their lunch through the front office or bring a packed lunch.

The schedule of high school exams and times:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Bible 8:00 – 10:10
Break 10:10 – 10:25
Social Studies 10:25 – 12:30

Lunch 12:30 – 1:00
Study Hall 1:05 – 2:10

Thursday, December 16, 2010

English 8:00 – 10:10

Break 10:10 – 10:25
Science 10:25 – 12:30
Lunch 12:30 – 1:00
Study Hall 1:05 – 2:10

Friday, December 17, 2010

Math 8:00 – 10:10
Break 10:10 – 10:25
Spanish 10:25 – 12:30
Lunch 12:30 – 1:00
Study Hall 1:05 – 2:10

PE/Health, Speech, Computer Lit, Personal Finance, Fine Arts, Student Publication, and Internship exams, as well as any other courses not listed on the exam schedule, will be given during normal class days and periods as determined by the teacher.

Students may leave school following their last exam period of the day or may arrive in time for their first exam of the day. However, a Final Exam Intention Form must be filed in the front office. If students do not have an exam during the time they are in school, they must report to the assigned room for study hall.

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Middle School Exams

By: Linda Pearson

Blackhawk Christian Middle School will have three days set aside for semester exams. Our goal is to make the transition from their elementary experience, where they have not experienced formal exams, to a modified high school exam schedule as a middle school student. Therefore, we will not be giving two hour exams in the middle school, but rather 75 minutes exams. This exam is equal to the largest test given in the quarter for middle school students.

We have tried to treat the arrival and departure schedule the same for middle school and high school students to help with transportation. Both the middle school and the high school are open for students from 8:00 am until 2:10 each day of the exam schedule. However, students are not required to be in the building after 12:30 if their parents have completed and returned to the office a Final Exam Intention Form no later than Friday, December 10th. (Call-ins will not be accepted for dis-

missal.) Forms will be available in each student's homeroom or in the front office beginning Monday, November 22. Students who stay for the entire day (8:00 am-2:10 pm) may pre-order their lunch through the front office or bring a packed lunch. Students may remain at school for lunch and study hall after the 12:30 dismissal time. School will remain open until 2:10 pm.

The schedule of middle school exams and times:

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Study Hall	8:00 – 8:30
Bible Exam	8:30 – 9:45
Break	9:45 – 9:55
Social Studies	10:00 – 11:15
Middle School Activity	11:15 – 12:30
Lunch	12:30 – 1:00
Study Hall	1:05 – 2:10

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Study Hall	8:00 – 8:30
English Exam	8:30 – 9:45
Break	9:45 – 9:55

Science Exam	10:00 – 11:15
Middle School Activity	11:15 – 12:30
Lunch	12:30 – 1:00
Study Hall	1:05 – 2:10
<u>Friday, December 17, 2010</u>	
Study Hall	8:00 – 8:30
Math Exam	8:30 – 9:45
Break	9:45 – 9:55
Middle School Activity	10:00 – 12:30
Lunch	12:30 – 1:00
Personal Reading	1:05 – 2:10

PE/Health, Computer Applications, Choir and Art exams will be given during normal class days and periods as determined by the teacher.

Note: If a two-hour weather delay is called, the exam schedule will be as follows on that day:

Exam 1	10:00 am – 12:10 pm
Lunch	12:10 – 12:50

Internship Program

By: Tim Howard

"I am a senior participating in the internship program. I have been given the opportunity this semester to go to an intern site and get a feel for physical therapy at Indiana Physical Therapy. While there I have observed therapists working with patients suffering from many different injuries. During this time I have learned a lot about the profession and have decided that this is what I want to do with my future. The option to be able to intern this semester has greatly

influenced my plans for the future which include college choices and career plans. I want to thank the school for allowing me to intern at IPT this fall."



Meningitis

By: Teena Holloway

What is meningitis?

Meningitis is an infection of the fluid of a person's spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain. People sometimes refer to it as spinal meningitis. Meningitis is usually caused by a viral or bacterial infection. Knowing whether meningitis is caused by a virus or bacterium is important because the severity of illness and the treatment differ. Viral meningitis is generally less severe and resolves without specific treatment, while bacterial meningitis can be quite severe and may result in brain damage, hearing loss, or learning disability. For bacterial meningitis, it is also important to know which type of bacteria is causing the meningitis because antibiotics can prevent some types from spreading and infecting other people. Before the 1990s, *Haemophilus influenzae* Type b (Hib) was the leading cause of bacterial meningitis, but new vaccines being given to all children as part of their routine immunizations have reduced the occurrence of invasive disease due to *H influenzae*. Today, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Neisseria meningitidis* are the leading causes of bacterial meningitis.

Keep in touch with the effects, causes, and preventions.

**A new state law (IC 20-3-5-18) became effective July 1, 2005. This law mandates yearly distribution of information regarding Meningococcal disease to students and parents/guardians.*

**Meningococcal disease is dangerous and can develop very quickly.*

What are the signs and symptoms of meningitis?

High fever, headache, and stiff neck are common symptoms of meningitis in anyone over the age of 2 years. These symptoms can develop over several hours, or they may take 1 to 2 days. Other symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, discomfort looking into bright lights, confusion, and sleepiness. In newborns and small infants, the classic symptoms of fever, headache, and neck stiffness may be absent or difficult to detect, and the infant may only appear slow or inactive, or be irritable, have vomiting, or be feeding poorly. As the disease progresses, patients of any age may have seizures.

How is meningitis diagnosed?

Early diagnosis and treatment are very important. If symptoms occur, the patient should see a doctor immediately. The diagnosis is usually made by growing bacteria from a sample of spinal fluid. The spinal fluid is obtained by performing a spinal tap, in which a needle is inserted into an area in the lower back where fluid in the spinal canal is readily accessible. Identification of the type of bacteria responsible is important for selection of correct antibiotics.

Can meningitis be treated?

Bacterial meningitis can be treated with a number of effective antibiotics. It is important, however, that treatment be started early in the course of the disease. Appropriate antibiotic treatment of most common types of bacterial meningitis should reduce the risk of dying from meningitis to below 15%, although the risk is higher among the elderly.

Is meningitis contagious?

Yes, some forms of bacterial meningitis are contagious. The bacteria are spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions (i.e. coughing, kissing). Fortunately, none of the bacteria that cause meningitis are as contagious as things like the common cold or the flu, and they are not spread by casual contact or by simply breathing the air where a person with meningitis has been. However, sometimes the bacteria that cause meningitis have spread to other people who have had close or prolonged contact with a patient with meningitis caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* (also called meningococcal meningitis) or Hib. People in the same household or day-care center, or anyone with direct contact with a patient's oral secretions (such as a boyfriend or girlfriend) would be considered at increased risk of acquiring the infection. People who qualify as close contacts of a person with meningitis caused by *N meningitidis* should receive antibiotics to prevent them from getting the disease. Antibiotics for contacts of a person with Hib meningitis disease are no longer recommended if all contacts 4 years of age or younger are fully vaccinated against Hib disease (see below).

Resources for schools and families to obtain information about meningococcal disease in addition to their local physician/health care provider and local health department include the following websites:

The Indiana State Department of Health

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/healthinfo/meningococcal%20disease.htm>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/mening/mening_fs.htm

The Indiana Department of Education Student Services,
School Health

<http://www.doe.state.in.us/sservices/sn.htm>

Academy of Family Physicians

<http://www.aafp.org>

Academy of Pediatrics

<http://www.aap.org>

Are there vaccines against meningitis?

Yes, there are vaccines against Hib and against some strains of *N meningitidis* and many types of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. The vaccines against Hib are very safe and highly effective. There is also a vaccine that protects against four strains of *N meningitidis*, but it is not routinely used in the United States. The vaccine against *meningitidis* is sometimes used to control outbreaks of some types of meningococcal meningitis in the United States. Meningitis cases should be reported to state or local health departments to assure follow-up of close contacts and recognize outbreaks. College freshman, especially those who live in dormitories are at higher risk for meningococcal disease and should be educated about the availability of a safe and effective vaccine, which can decrease their risk. Although large epidemics of meningococcal meningitis do not occur in the United States, some countries experience large, periodic epidemics. Overseas travelers should check to see if meningococcal vaccine is recommended for their destination. Travelers should receive the vaccine at least 1 week before departure, if possible. Information on areas for which meningococcal vaccine is recommended can be obtained by calling the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at (404)-332-4565. There are vaccines to prevent meningitis due to *S. pneumoniae* (also called pneumococcal meningitis), which can also prevent other forms of infection due to *S. pneumoniae*. The pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine is recommended for all persons over 65 years of age and younger persons at least 2 years old with certain chronic medical problems. There is a newly licensed vaccine (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine) that appears to be effective in infants for the prevention of pneumococcal infections and is routinely recommended for all children greater than 2 years of age.

This and That from the Scrip Office

Holiday Hours for the Scrip Office: Nov. 22 – Dec. 17 8 – 12 a.m. and 2 – 3 p.m. Dec. 20 and 21 8 – 12 a.m. Closed Dec. 22 - 31

ORDER EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS.

It's time to gear up for the Holidays. December is very busy in the Scrip Office, so help us out by planning ahead and placing your Christmas orders early. We do our best to anticipate and stock up on items we think you will want, but sometimes you surprise us and order something different!! DEC. 17 will be our FINAL ORDER. After that we CANNOT GUARANTEE DELIVERY OF ANY NEW ORDERS OR OUT-OF-STOCKS in time for Christmas.

SCRIP GIVING TREE We are excited to give you the opportunity to make a donation through Scrip for the benefit of a BCS family. Donations will be collected at the Scrip office, and we will give them to designated families in time for Christmas.

CATALOG/ ON-LINE STORES

Scrip is available for L.L. Bean, Shutterfly, Land's End, Crate & Barrel, Amazon.com, the Container Store, and more. **We will gladly special order** items for your out-of-town family and friends, such as Cabela's, Cheesecake Factory, Hickory Farms, Harry & David, Rainforest Café, Bass Pro Shops, plus many others. **Check out www.glscrip.com for a complete list of what is available.**

CLOSINGS and DELAYS – When school is closed, the Scrip office will be closed (exception: Dec. 20 & 21). When there is a school delay, the Scrip office will also delay opening.

There are still '09 -'10 Tuition Vouchers in the Scrip office which have not been picked up. Call or stop by to request yours.

Teacher "Wish Lists" are available in the Scrip Office to help you with Christmas gift ideas.



BENEFITS OF USING SCRIP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

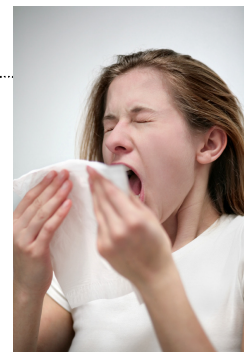
Convenient	<i>one size fits all</i>	Easy to mail	<i>Helps BCS</i>
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Avoid the holiday traffic			
<i>lots of choices in one place</i>		<i>Friendly service ☺</i>	
<u>Less stress</u>	Tuition credit		
<i>No parking hassles</i>	STOCKING-STUFFER SIZE		
<i>Scrip gift cards are good all over the country</i>			

Can your business use scrip for office parties (Ex: Hall's), employee gifts and bonuses, customer appreciation gifts, etc.? There are many creative ways you can utilize Scrip to make your holiday gift giving easier. For example, one local businessman gives all his employees a dollar amount and lets them choose their bonus from the Scrip order form. If we could help your business, please give us a call.

ENTERTAINMENT IDEAS FROM SCRIP

Cherry Hill Golf	Blockbuster	Rave	Regal Cinema	Lazer X
McVans	GameStop/EBGames/Babbages		Georgetown Bowl	
iTunes	Ultrazone	Cinema Grill		

DID YOU KNOW we have gift cards for Aeropostale, the Buckle, American Eagle, Children's Place, Gymboree and Eddie Bauer? We can special order Gordmans, Elder-Beerman, H & M, Motherhood Maternity, Journeys, etc.



Special Scrip deals:

Mike's Express car wash – only \$6.25
 Mike's "Works" wash – only \$11.00
 Rave movie ticket - \$7.00
 Blockbuster Single Video Rental - \$3.50

COLD & FLU SEASON is coming. Buy your prescriptions with Scrip at CVS, Walgreens, Meijer, Walmart and Kroger.

Event Schedule

Sports

December 9	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball	@ Prairie Heights at 6
December 9	7/8 Girls Basketball	@ Adams Central at 5
December 9	7/8 Boys Basketball	Home St. Jude at 5 (BCS EL)
December 9	Boys C Team Basketball	@ Fairfield at 6:30
December 11	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball	Home Woodlan at 6
December 14	7/8 Boys Basketball	Home St. Paul Lutheran at 5:30 (BCS EL)
December 16	7/8 Boys Basketball	Home Heritage @ 5 (BCS EL)
December 16	7/8 Girls Basketball	@ Heritage at 5
December 17	Varsity Girls Basketball	@ Canterbury at 6
December 17	Varsity Boys Basketball	@ Canterbury at 7:30
December 28	Varsity Boys Basketball	@ Columbia City at 10 AM

Finals

Wednesday 15	Bible 8-10:10	Social Studies 10:30-12:30
Thursday 16	English 8-10:10	Science 10:30-12:30
Friday 17	Math 8-10:10	Spanish 10:30-12:30

Fine Arts

December 10	5-12 Christmas Concert At 7 (SC Gym)	Elementary Art Fair 6-9 (NC) Asylum
December 13	Band Concert at 7 (SC Gym)	Secondary Art Projects on display SC Commons