

Getting Ready for Oct.11-15

<http://meckhart.wixsite.com/classroom>

(links are only clickable in the email attachment of this newsletter)

No school on October 8th for Professional Development

SBA Testing Important Info! - **TIME SENSITIVE**

To Dos:

1. Secure Testing Browser – please be sure this is downloaded onto your computer before the weekend begins. <https://wa.portal.cambiumast.com/secure-browsers.html> (Directions below)
2. Please use this link <https://forms.office.com/r/68gHgMn10w> to confirm that you HAVE downloaded the Secure Testing. I need to verify that this task has been completed.
3. Calendar your site & times for testing.

Extra Info:

- The same parent that signs a student in, will sign them out unless arrangements are made at sign in with the Proctor that day.
- Students bring their own computer with the secure testing browser downloaded as well as their own headphones, if possible, which is usually more comfortable for students.
- Daily Plan – I will work to whittle down lessons during this two-week window. Each student in our class tests on different days, therefore blocking off specific days doesn't work from my end. Students MAY have some overdues appear if they were out testing on a day and couldn't complete all lessons on the Plan. IF THIS HAPPENS – don't worry. 😊 You will not be scored down, but instead, try to complete those as soon as possible.
- Class Connects – As some of you, students are required to make weekly contact each week. This will most likely happen next week in our Monday Meeting on the 11th. Our class has students testing on various days Tuesday to Friday. IF YOU MISS A CLASS CONNECT – don't worry. 😊 You will not be scored down, but instead attend every possible live class that is on your schedule and watch the recordings of any that you may miss, due to SBA testing.

WIN (What's Important Now):

Monday, Oct. 11 – **Monday Meeting:**

- **Various** – I will answer questions that students may have about the SBA during this time.
- **Treasure Box** – We will draw another winner for working hard and putting in effort and diligence as well as 100% accountability, which is our school wide theme for the month of October.
- **Math Quick Check** – **DUE after class:** Weekly, we will have a Math Quick Check based upon the concept from the previous week. This will be assigned at the end of our Monday Meeting and students will complete the "quiz" in Classkick. I will ask students to stay in class connect either until they finish or until the class time ends.

Tuesday, Oct. 12 – **Math Class Connect** – Multiples of 10

Wednesday, Oct. 13 – **ELA Class Connect** – RACE Writing: focus on **R**estate & **A**nswer & **C**ite

Assignment – **DUE after class:** RACE writing assignment will occur in Classkick after the live session.

Thursday, Oct. 14 – Mrs. Eckhart out of the office at SBA testing. Please limit emails to a need basis. I will return all emails and calls as soon as possible.

Friday, Oct. 15 – Mrs. Eckhart out of the office at SBA testing. Please limit emails to a need basis. I will return all emails and calls as soon as possible.

TO DO:

- ☐ Check to make sure you are completing your Daily/Weekly Plan every day. This is priority alongside of any required class connects.
- ☐ Complete any “overdue” and/or “not mastered” lessons (found on the Weekly Plan) before the following week! Completing these lessons will need to be tackled after the lessons on your Plan have already been completed daily.

LOOKING AHEAD: CHANGE!!!

Monday, Oct. 18th – OCTOBER CONFERENCES!!! This date has CHANGED!

I apologize for this change in our schedule. My SBA proctoring schedule changed on my behalf. We will attempt to hold as many conferences as possible on this date. (emails will be sent for your time) If you are unable to attend, due to this change, please let me know as soon as those emails are sent next week and we will try to find a time that works. I know this is not ideal and I wish I could adjust the schedule I was given, however, we will roll with the punches as best as we can. 😊

Conferences are required each month, and our class yearly & monthly calendars are available for you on our class website if you need another copy. Both the student and learning coach are required to attend conferences on the assigned dates. This may be a brief conference in a whole group, and some may need to meet individually as well.

- Mrs. Eckhart out of the office at SBA testing on Oct. 14, 15, 19, 20 & 21st

Secure Testing Browser

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Student View...Timeline of a typical testing session

- You will arrive at your testing site at the sign in time listed on your test ticket email. You don't arrive early because you know your TA is working with other students or setting up the site before your check in time.
 - If you are in Grades 3-8, your authorized adult must sign you in. If you are in Grades 9-12 and have your own picture ID, you can sign yourself in, or have your authorized adult come with you for sign in.
- You and your authorized adult see WAVA staff at the entrance of the testing site. There is a WAVA Staff Member checking to make sure you don't feel sick and reminding you of the health and safety requirements. They ask you what group you are in which is printed on your test ticket email. They direct you to the TA of your group for check in
- You meet your Test Administrator (TA) and your authorized adult signs you in on the paper attendance roster. You give any electronic devices you have (cell phone, watch, Fitbit, etc.) to your authorized adult to hold for you during your test.
- Once all the other students in your group arrive (will be 15 or less), you say goodbye to your authorized adult and follow your TA into the testing area to set up.
- First thing to do is wash your hands. If restroom facilities are not convenient, your TA will provide you with a sanitizing wipe so you can disinfect your hands and/or your table area.
- Your TA will help you find your seat and set up your computer. If you brought a purse or a bag, the TA will show you where you can place it (out of reach) while you test. If you couldn't bring the laptop you were practicing with from home, the TA will loan you one.

Student View...Timeline of a typical testing session

- When your group is all setup and ready to go, your TA will read the instructions and help you login to your test. Your login information will be on your Test Ticket email. If you don't have that, your TA will look you up in their computer and help you login.
- The Fall 2021 tests are shorter than usual, and still untimed. You don't have to rush:
 - ELA takes less than 75 minutes
 - Math takes less than 60 minutes
 - Science takes less than 45 minutes
- Do your best to answer the questions to the best of your ability and try not to stress about questions that are unfamiliar. We KNOW there are questions on the test that you might not know the answers to. If you get stuck, just give your best guess and move on. You got this!
- The TA will walk around the room to make sure everyone is doing OK and doesn't need any redirection or support. If you need something, raise your hand.
- When you finish your test, submit it, then close your laptop and sit quietly and wait for the session to end. Other students might need more time, so don't distract them! Everyone works at their own pace and that's OK!
- If you don't finish by the end of the session, that's OK too. The TA will talk to your authorized adult to see if you can stay with the next testing session for a little more time.
- When the session ends, pack up your belongings and go with your TA back to the entrance of the test site to sign out with your authorized adult. Once you are signed out, take a break and be proud of yourself! Go home and take a break!

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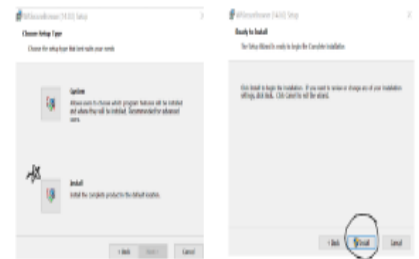
1. <https://wa.portal.cambiumast.com/secure-browsers.html>
2. Follow directions on website or the shortened version below.
3. Select your device Operating System from the menu on the left of your screen:



4. Follow all instructions for your operating system to install the secure browser.



5. Select to Install and Install once more.



6. Select "Finish"
7. A desktop icon shortcut should appear



8. Once you open this secure browser, there will be a "Practice Test" selection on the left side. You may use this at any time to become familiar with sample questions, tools available, etc.