

The High School of St. Thomas More Finals

Spring 2018 “Survival Guide”



“Instruct the wise, and they become still wiser; teach the just,
and they advance in learning.

The beginning of wisdom is fear of the LORD,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Proverbs 9:9-10

Spring 2018 Senior Final Exams Schedule

- All senior exams will be proctored in the gym. Students will enter and exit the building through the southwest gym doors. Students needing to speak to a teacher or go to the office should ask the proctors for permission.
- Seniors should turn in their textbooks prior to taking their exam. They may give textbooks to the proctors on the day of the final.
- Exams will be taken only during the scheduled time. Students who are in need of alternate exam times must talk to Mrs. Neitzel by Friday, May 4. Alternate exams are scheduled for May 12 at 8 a.m.
- Seniors are not required to wear school uniforms for exam days. Seniors may leave the building for lunch and other breaks during their scheduled exams. They are not required to stay for the whole examination time if they finish their exam. However, they are invited to stay if they would like a place to study for other exams.
- Cell phones are strictly prohibited from the testing area. Students found with a cell phone during an exam may earn a zero on the exam.
- Diplomas will be issued upon receipt of the completed graduation checklist, due May 18th.

Final Exam Schedule (in the gym)

May 16 (odd class periods)

1 st	8:15-9:25	(Mrs. Neitzel, Mr. Johnson)
3 rd	9:30-10:40	(Mrs. Neitzel, Fr. Hoelscher)
5 th	11:45-12:55	(Mrs. Neitzel, Mr. Johnson)
7 th	1:00-2:10	(Mrs. Hinkley, Mrs. Neitzel)

May 17 (even class periods)

2 nd	8:15-9:25	(Mrs. Neitzel, Mr. Johnson)
4 th	9:30-10:40	(Mrs. Neitzel, Fr. Hoelscher)
6 th	11:45-12:55	(Mrs. Neitzel, Mr. Johnson)
8 th	1:00-2:10	(Mrs. Hinkley, Mrs. Neitzel)

Spring 2018 Final Exams Schedule

- Teachers will provide guidance for final exams prior to final exams.
- Exam dates are May 22, 23, 24 and 25.
- On the 23rd, 24th, and 25th, students may dress down (following dress down day guidelines) for \$1 a day with the proceeds going towards Pendo, STM's "sister" student in Africa to support her tuition, and other Charitable Organizations. The money will be collected during the first exam of the day. If students have a study hall the first exam of the day, they will pay in the office upon arrival to school.
- The school will open at 7:15 daily. Teachers will be available starting at 7:30. **Mass will be offered at 8 AM, Wednesday through Friday.** Students will report to exam rooms promptly at 8:40 a.m.
- There are two 70-minute exams per day. If extra time is needed on an exam, students will be provided this time after the second exam. Extra time will not be granted for students arriving late.
- Students will be excused from the exam room when the exam time is over.
- Study halls will be open during their regularly scheduled class period. Please note:
 - Students with a period 1 study hall may not leave the building after the half day schedule. They are required to attend lunch and first hour study hall to prepare for upcoming exams.
 - Students with study halls scheduled during period 3, 5 or 7 may choose to arrive only for their scheduled exam. **No parent permission for late arrival is needed.**
 - Students with study halls scheduled during period 2, 4, 6 or 8 may choose to leave after the first exam period scheduled that day. **Parent permission is required for early dismissal. A signed note or parent phone call is accepted. (no email permission). Students must sign out in the office.**
- Requests for any pre-arrangements for early exams must be made directly through Mrs. Neitzel by Friday, May 11, 2018. Documentation for these requests may be required before permission for early finals is granted. Any student with a valid request will take all exams they will miss on Saturday, May 19, 2018 starting at 7:00 a.m. in the school library.
- **Tuesday, May 22nd will be a full day of school, per diocesan regulation. In the morning, students will follow bell schedule #4 for a final opportunity to ask questions of all of their teachers. House Lunch will be served from 11:30 until 12:10. In the afternoon, students will take periods 1 and 2 exams. Exam 1 will run from 12:10-1:30 and Exam 2 will run from 1:40-3:00. Students will be dismissed at 3:00.**

	Wednesday, May 23	Thursday, May 24	Friday, May 25
7:15	Building Opens	Building Opens	Building Opens
7:30-8:30	Teachers available	Teachers available	Teachers available
8:40-8:50	Report to Period 3 Prayer and Pledge Book Collection Other Housekeeping	Report to Period 5 Prayer and Pledge Book Collection Other Housekeeping	Report to Period 7 Prayer and Pledge Book Collection Other Housekeeping
8:50-10:00	Period 3 Semester Test	Period 5 Semester Test	Period 7 Semester Test
10:00-10:10	Brain Break	Brain Break	Brain Break
10:10-10:20	Report to Period 4 Book Collection Other Housekeeping	Report to Period 6 Book Collection Other Housekeeping	Report to Period 8 Book Collection Other Housekeeping
10:20-11:30	Period 4 Semester Test	Period 6 Semester Test	Period 8 Semester Test
11:30	Dismissal	Dismissal	Have a BLESSED summer!!!

Exams

~ May 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Sr. Finals	17 Sr. Finals	18	19
20 Graduation	21	22 ½ Day Pizza Lunch! Final 1: Final 2:	23 Final 3 Final 4	24 Final 5 Final 6	25 Final 7 Final 8	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29 Teacher PD	30	31		

It is the beginning of May, and you have three weeks of classes prior to your final exams. You will have a 70 minute test in each class that is worth 20% of your semester grade!

What does that mean? This exam can make or break you! Do you have an A in a class and want to keep it? You have to do well (A or high B) on your final! Do you have a B+ in a class and want to raise it to the A range? You have to get an A on your final!



How do you know how well you need to do? Here's an example: Amy has an 89% average for the semester. She wants to know what she needs to earn on the final to get an A or A- for the semester! Let's let x be the grade she needs to earn in order to get an A- (the lowest percentage of that is 90%).

$$89 \cdot 8 + 2x = 900$$

$$712 + 2x = 900$$

$$2x = 188$$

$$x = 94$$

This is an equation that you can use so that you aren't messing with decimals

As you can see, she needs a 94 on the exam. She should get to work!

Peer Tutoring Study Sessions

Library 3:00 - 4:00

May 8 - May 19

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
World History I	Algebra I	Spanish I	Biology I	Theology 9
World History II	Geometry	Spanish II	AP Biology	Theology 10
US History	Algebra II	Spanish III	Chemistry I	Theology 11
APUSH	Pre-Calculus	Honors Spanish	AP Chemistry	Theology 12
Sociology	AP Calculus	IV	Physics I	
Government	Statistics	Latin I	Physics II	
	Consumer's Math	Latin II	Anatomy	
		Latin III	Earth Science	
		Latin IV	Integrated Science	
		Latin V		

Good Luck on your Finals!

Studying Checklist

- ❑ Talk to your teachers about whether or not they will be giving you a study guide. Study guides are only guides of main concepts—make sure you study notes, quizzes, tests and other assignments.
- ❑ Talk to your teachers about the format of the exam—will it be multiple choice? True/False? Essay? Short answer? A mixture of these?
- ❑ Prioritize your exams. Some will require more studying than others. Evaluate all the factors. For example, what do you need to earn on the exam to keep or raise your semester grade? What is the format of the exam? What classes have you needed more study time for throughout the semester?
- ❑ Once you've prioritized your exams, create a schedule for studying. Starting the day before the final is not going to be enough for all or most classes, so aim to start at least the week before.
- ❑ Get organized! Look through all of your old papers and determine which papers will be helpful for studying. When in doubt, ask your teacher!
- ❑ Flashcards are great for memorizing vocabulary words. So is Quizlet!
- ❑ Outlines are great for studying for essay and short answer questions. Focus on creating small outlines to reinforce your understanding of concepts.
- ❑ When you are studying, don't spend valuable time quizzing yourself on concepts you already know. Focus most of your time and energy to the concepts that you have difficulty remembering or understanding.
- ❑ As you are studying, make a list of questions for your teacher. Ask those questions when you review together as a class—or earlier!
- ❑ Sleep well the night before. You won't do as well if you are tired!
- ❑ Get good nutrition! Your body needs fuel to cope with the stress of this week. Breakfast that day is most important.
- ❑ RELAX! Your teachers want you to do well on your exams—but that doesn't mean they will make tests easy. You will have to work for strong grades, but you have the ability to do it. You'll make it to the finish line!
- ❑ PRAY! Before exams, thank God for all that he's given you, and ask for his help!



“Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win.”
1 Corinthians 9:24

STM Final Exam Checklist

Class	Week Before	Weekend	Day Before	Exam Day!
Period 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have Study Guide ○ Format of exam understood ○ I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flashcards & outlines made ○ List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions for teacher asked ○ Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! ○ I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have Study Guide ○ Format of exam understood ○ I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flashcards & outlines made ○ List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions for teacher asked ○ Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! ○ I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have Study Guide ○ Format of exam understood ○ I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flashcards & outlines made ○ List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions for teacher asked ○ Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! ○ I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have Study Guide ○ Format of exam understood ○ I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flashcards & outlines made ○ List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions for teacher asked ○ Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! ○ I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have Study Guide ○ Format of exam understood ○ I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flashcards & outlines made ○ List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions for teacher asked ○ Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! ○ I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have Study Guide ○ Format of exam understood ○ I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flashcards & outlines made ○ List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions for teacher asked ○ Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! ○ I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have Study Guide ○ Format of exam understood ○ I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flashcards & outlines made ○ List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions for teacher asked ○ Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! ○ I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have Study Guide ○ Format of exam understood ○ I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flashcards & outlines made ○ List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions for teacher asked ○ Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! ○ I'm relaxed and ready!