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February 5, 2025

Dear parents/guardians of juniors and sophomores,

College and career readiness is important to your child's future so the Department of Education (DOE) will provide **11th graders**, enrolled at CHS, the opportunity to take the *ACT Plus Writing* assessment (free of charge) on **Tuesday, February 25, 2025** during their advisory class. This administration is equivalent to the assessment your child might take at a National ACT Test Center in Hawaii for \$90. In addition, **10th graders** will be provided the opportunity to take the *PreACT* during their advisory class as well. **Look out for more information about the special bell schedule and other test-day reminders which will be posted on the [Castle Webpage](#) in mid February.**

The **ACT** is a curriculum-based test that can provide helpful information to 11th graders about their academic strengths in English, mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Results will also show areas where they need to improve, in order to be successful in college or in the workplace. Each student will also receive personalized career information that can be used to develop a comprehensive profile that tells colleges about his or her work in high school and plans for the future. Most importantly, the ACT test can help your child qualify for scholarships and admissions into all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.

The **PreACT** test helps 10th graders prepare for the ACT test by providing the opportunity to practice with a shortened version of the test. Results predict future success on the ACT test, and provide both current achievement and projected future ACT test scores on the ACT 1-36 scale. The ACT Interest Inventory results will provide students with a personalized view of their current academic development, career/training options, and information regarding plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years.

Additional information about testing can be found on Castle's College and Career webpage: [HOME | Castle High School](#) Click on "Academics," then on "College and Career." Parents and students can also visit [ACT Student Site](#) for additional ACT test preparation resources. If you have any questions, please contact Testing/RTI Coordinator, Dale Detton, at dettond@knights.k12.hi.us, or College and Career Counselor, Eric Takemoto, at takemotoe@knights.k12.hi.us or 305-0720. Together we will prepare your child to be college and career ready.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernadette Tyrell".

Bernadette Tyrell
Principal

Knight Pride
demonstrating
Character ♥ Competence ♥ Commitment