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TO: High School Chemistry Teachers
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NOTE: Please refer to the website of the Northeastern Section for Ashdown Examination information and registration forms. The URL <http://www.nesacs.org>

This year, there will be two dates available to take the Avery Ashdown High School Chemistry Examination. We realize that due to religious or other commitments, not everyone is able to take the exam on Saturday. Therefore, the dates for 2019 are:

Thursday, March 28th from 4:30-6:30pm at:

**Weston High School
444 Wellesley Street
Weston, MA 02493**

For directions to WHS:

<https://www.westonschools.org/high/about/directions-parking/>

Driving Directions

Weston High School is located south of Route 30 (South Avenue, Weston) on Wellesley Street. Coming from Rte 30, the entrance to the HIGH SCHOOL playing fields/parking lot is the first left off Wellesley Street; the main entrance to the school is the second left off Wellesley Street. Coming from Wellesley toward Rte 30, the main entrance is on the right, after the Middle School; the playing fields and parking lot are the second right after the Middle School.

(The HIGH SCHOOL gym is located in the left wing of the main building. Enter through the doors on far left of the building.)

From points North via Rte 128: Take Exit 24, Rte. 30, and head West on Rte. 30 for approximately 2 miles. Take a left at stoplight onto Wellesley Street.

From Boston via Mass Pike: Take the Weston interchange, Exit 15, and follow the signs for Weston, Rte. 30. At the top of the ramp, turn right. At first light, make left onto Rte. 30. At second stoplight, make left onto Wellesley Street.

From points west via Mass Pike: Take the Natick/Rte. 30 East interchange. Follow Rte. 30 East to the intersection of Rte. 30 and Wellesley Street (first stoplight in Weston). Turn right onto Wellesley St.

Parking: Faculty and visitor parking are located directly across from the main entrance and off of the library back exit. Students are required to park in the general parking lot directly off of Wellesley Street.

Saturday, March 30th from 9:00am to 11am at:

**SIMMONS COLLEGE Science Building
4th Floor
300 The Fenway
Boston, MA 02115**

****The entrance to the Park Science Building at Simmons (where the Saturday exam will be) is on Louis Pasteur Blvd.**

**** Students must arrive by one half hour for check-in registration. *Only* teachers are able to register up to five (5) students per school, no individual student.**

At Simmons*, we will be using rooms in the Science Building which is directly behind the Main College Building. Information regarding parking will be available **at www.nesacs.org**. ***Student participants in the exam and teachers or parents accompanying the students are strongly encouraged to use public transportation or to share rides to Simmons if public transportation is not available in your area.**

Each high school in the Northeastern Section may be represented by a maximum of five (5) participants selected by their school or teachers for each exam. (One alternate may be named on the registration form, but only five students will be tested.) Winners of cash awards in previous years are not eligible to compete for Ashdown recognition; however, they may compete to become eligible for the Olympiad Examination. Cash awards will be given to the students with the top five (5) second-year students with the next highest scores. In addition, each winning student will be invited, along with his/her teacher, to be guests of NESACS at its May 2017 dinner meeting and will be given appropriate recognition. **SCORES WILL BE REPORTED TO TEACHERS VIA E-MAIL IF ADDRESSES ARE PROVIDED ON THE TEACHER REGISTRATION FORM.**

Top scorers in the Ashdown Examination will be eligible to take the qualifying exam for the United States Chemistry Olympiad Team on April. PLEASE SEE THE GUIDELINES ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS MEMO FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASHDOWN EXAM AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD.

Please fill out the STUDENT and TEACHER REGISTRATION FORMS by Friday, March 22, 2019 to register your students for the Ashdown Exam. *Please note that late entrants and walk-ins will NO longer be accepted.*** Each student should bring #2 pencils to the examination. Students may use programmable or graphing calculators provided the memory is erased from the programs. This will be verified by proctors before the exam.**

Payment for Registration for the March 28th Alternate date can be made via Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/avery-a-ashdown-exam-thursday-march-28-2019-tickets-56359799678>

Payment for Registration for the March 30th date can be made via Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/avery-a-ashdown-exam-saturday-march-30-2019-tickets-55709050269>

It is requested that each school pay \$5.00 per student (\$25 maximum) in order to defray the cost of prizes and awards. Please use the Eventbrite registration. You can pay for multiple students Checks and purchase orders will not be accepted.

Forms completed and submitted by individual students will be returned. Only forms/payments from Teachers/Dept. Heads will be accepted.

****Please note that the registration forms should **NOT** be handwritten. **Please complete the fillable pdf which can be found on our website** at www.nesacs.org and return it via email to secretary@nesacs.org. When the forms are handwritten, most times the handwriting is illegible. Forms that are handwritten **will be returned** this year, causing delays in processing.**

Please be certain that your students make careful note of the exact information about the examination since this is not an official function of the college/school involved, and few on campus will be aware of essential details.

Any questions about the details of the examination should be directed, by email to:

Alan Crosby
Newton South High School
Email: alan_crosby@newton.k12.ma.us

Questions relating to *registration* should be directed to:

Anna Singer, NESACS Administrative Coordinator
Email: secretary@nesacs.org

****Please note: school/faculty contacts have all the information related to the exams.
Additional inquiries should be routed through the faculty advisor to the exam administrator****