

Winter Break December 24th thru January 4th!

Dear Students and Families of Killingly High School,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope the winter break provided time for rest, reflection, and meaningful moments with family and friends. As we return on January 5th, we also have an important opportunity to reset, refocus, and begin the new year with purpose and optimism.

January marks a pivotal point in the academic year. Course selection for the upcoming school year will begin soon, and we encourage families to engage in thoughtful conversations with students about their interests, goals, and future pathways. Additionally, mid-year exams will take place at the end of January, making this an ideal time for students to establish strong study routines and seek support as needed.

Strong partnerships between families, students, and teachers are essential to supporting positive student behavior and clear learning goals. Open communication and shared expectations help ensure that every student is positioned for success- academically, socially, and emotionally.

We are excited to kick off the new year with our Great Things Happen Here R.E.D. Assembly on January 5th, which will set a positive tone for the semester ahead. Winter sports and co-curricular activities are also well underway, and upcoming events are listed on the calendar below. We encourage families to attend and support our students whenever possible.

As we move toward the close of Semester 1, I look forward to a strong and focused finish. Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Killingly High School.

Warm regards,

Carrie Apanovitch
Principal
Killingly High School



Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Date	1/5/26	1/6/26	1/7/26	1/8/26	1/9/26
Schedule	**A Day** **R.E.D.** **Assembly**	**B Day**	**A Day**	**B Day**	**A Day** **ERD**
Pride			Career Center Lincoln Tech “Life After Highschool”		
Meetings & Evening Events	2:30 Faculty meeting in Library	Optional New Staff Faculty Meeting 2:30			
Other Home Events 		Boys Basketball vs New London		Unified Basketball Ag Science Interview Night	

Early Release Day/Half Day Schedule 2025-2026

School Doors Open at 7AM Breakfast	7:00-7:30	30 minutes
PRIDE	7:35-7:45	10 minutes
A1/B1	7:50-8:35	45 minutes
A2-PRIDE/B2 Announcements A Day-PRIDE & Intervention B Day-Classes	8:40-9:25 Intervention: 8:55-9:25	45 minutes (30 minute intervention)
A3/B3	9:30-10:15	45 minutes
A4/B4	10:20-12:10 1st Floor 1st lunch with the exception of PE and AgEd 2nd Floor 2nd lunch 3rd Floor 3rd lunch	115 minutes (30 minute lunch)
1st Lunch *Lunch 10:20-10:50* *Class 10:55-12:10*	***2nd Lunch*** *Class 10:15-10:55* *Lunch 11:00:-11:30* *Class 11:35-12:10*	***3rd Lunch*** *Class 10:20-11:35* *Lunch 11:40-12:10*
After School Program	**There is no after school program on Early Release Days-all students must leave at 12:10**	

Mid-term Exam Information:

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Mid-Term Exams

Midterm (for year long classes) **and Final** (for semester classes) **January 15th – 23rd**

Guidelines and Expectations for Exams:

- Students must be present and participate in Final Exams. The only exception is for seniors who will not be required to take a final exam for semester-long classes. Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will not be exempt from exams.
- Students must arrive at school on time AND arrive at each exam on time. Any student who arrives late may not be granted access to the classroom by the teacher.
- Students must stay in their classroom for the entire exam period. No students will be allowed to exit the classroom if they finish their exam early.
- No students will be allowed in any common areas without a teacher or a co-teacher/support teacher.
- Any student who misses the exam or owes missing assignments will be required to make up the exam/assignments on the make-up day, Friday, January 23rd or after school with teacher discretion. Please note out of town buses will pick up students at 12:05, however there are no out of town late buses at 2:20 on exam dates. Out of town students who stay after exams must be picked up by a parent.
- Students who are absent from school must be called in by a parent and followed up with an email detailing why the student is absent. If the student is not called in by a parent, the student will not be allowed to take the makeup exam.
- **SENIORS ONLY-**If you do not have an exam and arrive at school, you will be required to stay in the café until the exam is over.
- **THERE WILL BE SNACKS/MEALS AVAILABLE IN THE CAFÉ DURING THE 15 MINUTE BREAK BETWEEN EXAMS.**

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Midterm Exam Schedule January, 2026

Thursday, January 15, 2026 **Period Exam Times** **A2 7:45-9:45** Intervention 1: 8:00-8:30 Intervention 2: 8:35-9:05 Intervention 3: 9:10-9:45 **Break/Snack 9:45-10:00** **A1 10:05-12:05**	**Friday, January 16, 2026** **Period Exam Times** **B1 7:45-9:45** **Break/Snack 9:45-10:00** **B2 10:05-12:05**
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 **Period Exam Times** **A3 7:45-9:45** **Break/Snack 9:45-10:00** **A4 10:05-12:05**	**Thursday, January 22, 2026** **Period Exam Times** **B3 7:45-9:45** **Break/Snack 9:45-10:00** **B4 10:05-12:05**
Friday, January 23, 2026 **Only for students who need to makeup exams and assignments** **Period Exam Times** **Makeup Period 1 7:45-8:45** **Makeup Period 2 8:50-9:45** **Snacks and Break 9:45-10:05** **Makeup Period 3 10:10-11:05** **Makeup Period 4 11:10-12:00**	**Monday, January 26, 2026** **Beginning of Semester 2** **Check your PowerSchool Schedule to ensure you know your new schedule. Email your school counselor if you have any questions.**

School Counseling Updates and Reminders

Seniors

FAFSA

- Please complete the FAFSA as soon as possible—submitting early increases your chances of qualifying for more financial aid.
- Students planning to attend CT State – Quinebaug Valley must complete the FAFSA to be eligible for FREE TUITION.
- If you need assistance, reach out to your student's school counselor or the CT State Financial Aid Office. They are happy to help families complete the FAFSA, even if the student does *not* plan to attend CT State in the fall.

Scholarships

- Local scholarships will be available when students return from the holiday break.
- This year, in addition to posting opportunities on Naviance, we are adding a physical scholarship display wall in the School Counseling Office.
- Each scholarship will have:
    - A labeled folder with the title, description, deadline, and category (e.g., healthcare, engineering, general/anyone can apply)
    - A paper application or a slip of paper linking to the online application
- Our goal is to make accessing and submitting scholarship applications as simple as possible for students.
- Counselors will meet with seniors during PRIDE after the break to review the scholarship process.

Course Selection

Course selection for next school year is approaching, now is the time to start the conversation

- Encourage students to begin thinking about:
    - Courses they have enjoyed and found meaningful
    - Areas of strength and interest
    - Future goals (college, career, certification, military, workforce)

- More information about the course selection process and timeline will be shared in January.

Seniors: Deadline for Senior Recognition Ads is January 30th

Come join us for a presentation:

Lincoln Tech

LINCOLN TECH 75 YEARS

Life After High School

presented by

Mr. Robert M. Wargo

So many paths to take and so little time to choose! This presentation paints a clear picture of what life is truly like after graduation.

• Post-Secondary options after high school • How much money it takes to live • Career vs. job • Career options • What does LINCOLN TECH have to offer!

WHEN: January 7, 2026

WHERE: KHS Auditorium

TIME: 9:21 a.m., during PRIDE

Sign up in the Career Center or email Ms. Hebert

thebert@killinglyschools.org


JANUARY 5TH IS
DRESS FOR SLEDDING DAY
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
WINTER GEAR...
HATS, GLOVES,
SCARVES, PUFFERS