TO: High School Chemistry Teachers  
FROM: Steve Lantos, Chair, High School Education Committee  
DATE: February, 2020  

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 date for 2020 is:

**Wednesday, April 1st from 4:30-7:00pm at:**
Weston High School  
44 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, April 4th from 9:00am to 11am at:**

SIMMONS COLLEGE  
Park Science Building  
4th Floor  
300 The Fenway  
Boston, MA 02115  
Rooms S182 and S119  

*Please arrive at 8:30 a.m.*

**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 registrations.**

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](http://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 2020 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 (pdf) by **Friday, March 27, 2020** 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 April 4th Alternate date can be made via Eventbrite at:**  
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/avery-a-ashdownalternate-date-for-those-with-religious-reasons-only-tickets-91870181185

**Payment for Registration for the April 4th date can be made via Eventbrite at:**  
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/avery-a-ashdown-exam-registration-tickets-90192459073  
*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: crosbya@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**