

February 23rd, 2009

To parents/guardians:

AP Exam Preparation Sessions (For Grade 12 students)

AP teachers will be running AP Exam Preparation sessions after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. Chemistry and Physics sessions will alternate on Wednesdays with Chemistry beginning on February 25th. Biology and English sessions will alternate on Thursdays with English sessions beginning on February 19th. During these sessions the students will have opportunities to review the material in the Grade 11 and 12 courses, write practice questions for the exam and discuss materials which may appear on the exam but are not part of the Ontario curriculum. The sessions will run from 2:30 to 3:30 in the library. If you have any questions please see Mr. Warren (Chemistry & Physics), Ms. Caruso (Biology) or Ms. Cummings (English).

The AP courses offered will have their exams in May with the English exam May 7a.m., Biology May 11 a.m., Physics May 11 p.m., and Chemistry May 12 a.m. Each exam is three hours in length and will be held in the Resource Room at CCSS. Specific details on the exams are contained in the pamphlets previously sent home. Further details will be given at a later date.

Fees for those writing the exams are \$105 per exam and are due March 6 to the subject teacher.. Students must declare their intention to write the AP exam at this time. The AP Exam grade can be sent to the university of the student's choice. If the student does well on the exam, the results can mean a credit is granted from the university the student attends in the fall. Each university has their own standards concerning granting credits, and the Ontario university contacts are on the AP web site for the school. The advantage to students is they can write the exam and even if they do not do well, it will not count against them; they will still be better prepared for university.

We reviewed the statistics and we found that students from AP courses traditionally did 8% to 10% better than students in their counterpart academic/university courses. Students also push each other to excel and the courses will help them to better prepare for university even if they do not choose to write the exam.

Sincerely,

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Principal