Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of AP student(s),

If you have received this email, then your student is currently enrolled in one or more AP courses. AP Exams begin in a couple of weeks! This email is to be used as a resource to help answer any questions you may have about the upcoming sessions.

EXAM SCHEDULE/TESTING DAY INFORMATION

• EXAM DATES/TIMES:

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- Paper Pencil AP Exams occur from May 1 May 12: <u>CLICK HERE>></u> to see the specific course dates.
 - Please note that these dates and times are set nationally by College Board and must be followed. AP exams TAKE PRIORITY OVER ANY/ALL OTHER EXAMS. This includes FAST, EOC, and final exams.
- Morning sessions start at 8:00am and afternoon sessions start at 12:00pm.
- Students should arrive to their testing locations 30 minutes prior to their schedule exam(s).
- Students with afternoon AP exams will be released from their 3rd period class at 11:15am. The cafeteria will have food available for purchase.
 - Students participating in AP Exams will have the following course periods excused:
 - Morning Exams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th excused (although students will return to 4th period)
 - Afternoon Exams: 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th period excused (although students will return to 7th period)
- You will receive a REMINDER with more test specific information via School Messenger one week prior to your student's scheduled AP exam(s).

EXAM LOCATIONS/DETAILS:

- We utilize two main areas for AP Exams:
 - GYMNASIUM
 - Max Capacity: 225 students
 - WRESTLING ROOM
 - Max Capacity: 40 students
- Student's teachers will also know all testing locations, if a student is unsure where to report have them check with their teacher for location.
- All students are provided with their own table (or desk) and chair. Students will sit a minimum of 5 feet from other students.
- Please have your students wear warmer clothing, as both of our main testing locations tend to be a little chilly.

REQUIRED TESTING MATERIALS:

- PHOTO ID: ALL students need a photo identification card to participate in an AP Exam Session. This ID card MUST be on their table/desk AT ALL TIMES. If a student does not have one they will not be allowed to test.
- They should have at least two sharpened #2 pencils (not mechanical) and two black or dark blue pens.
- For some AP exams students are allowed to use an approved calculator. Calculators will not be proved to students, as they MUST bring their own. For more information on the College Board calculator policy, please see: <u>https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/exam-policies-</u> guidelines/calculator-policies

• TEST DISMISSAL (MORNING AP EXAM SESSIONS ONLY):

- Once a testing session has concluded, students are expected to return to their normally scheduled Bartram Trail classes...
 - However, if parents prefer their student be excused for the remainder of the school day, students MUST have a parent/guardian **SIGNED** note on the day of their test.
 - Notes will be collected in the gym hallway PRIOR to the AP test. Any student who does not have a note will be sent back to class.
 - Upon conclusion of the testing session, students will need to check out at the gym entrance.
 - Any parents picking up their child will need to sign them out at the gymnasium entrance, NOT the front office.
 - Students with a parking pass may drive ONLY themselves off campus.
 - *Please note, if students have over 15 unexcused absences, only a doctor's note can excuse their absence.

HOW DO AP TESTS WORK?

- Most AP tests are two to three hours long and consist of two sections:
 - **SECTION 1:** Multiple Choice
 - **SECTION 2:** Long Response (Essay)
- AP Scores are made available to students the first full week of July ONLINE via their Collee Board account. Students will receive a score between 1 and 5.

WHAT IS AN AP SCORE AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Click on the following link for more information: <u>https://apscore.collegeboard.org/scores/about-ap-scores</u>

HOW MUCH COLLEGE CREDIT COULD MY STUDENT EARN BY PASSING THEIR AP EXAM(S)?

- Credit is applied by Colleges/ Universities across and outside the United States. Credits are applied differently by institution.
- Visit College Board's AP Credit Policy Search website to see what college credits can be earned at various post-secondary institutions with certain AP exam scores: <u>https://goo.gl/GyzKHq</u>. Please look at College/University Admissions websites for more specific information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at <u>kerri.sands@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>. We would like to make this a smooth process with all questions answered. We will be posting more information as we move toward the testing dates.

Kerri Sands Assistant Principal – Curriculum & Instruction AP Coordinator BTHS: Your son/daughter is enrolled in one or more Advanced Placement courses. Please see your email about upcoming AP Testing information, including AP scores.

