# PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADVANCED PLACEMENT Program

2011-2012

“Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength of the nation."

*-- John F. Kennedy*

# WHAT IS ADVANCED PLACEMENT?

- Rigorous academic program
- Built on commitment, passion, and hard work
- Provides willing and academically prepared high school students with the opportunity to study and learn at the college level

# Why take AP classes?

- Stand out in the admission process
- Earn academic scholarships and awards from colleges and universities
- Experience college-level academics now, while they're still in high school
- Save time and money once they get to college, providing them with more study options and allowing them to move directly into upper-level courses in their field of interest
- Earn AP Scholar Awards, an academic distinction granted each September by the College Board to students with exemplary AP Exam scores.

# AP Courses

- Teachers help students develop and apply skills ability, and content knowledge they will need later in college
- Modeled on a comparable college course
- AP Courses culminate with a College Level Assessment

# PRHS

## Advanced Placement Classes

1. Biology
2. Calculus AB
3. Calculus BC
4. Chemistry
5. English Literature and Composition
6. European History
7. Macroeconomics
8. Physics
9. Psychology
10. United States History

# AP ENGLISH Literature and Composition

Mr. Anthony Lupo

English Literature and Composition

# AP SCIENCE

Mrs. Tammy Leonard

AP Biology

Mr. Joseph Palumbo

AP Chemistry

Dr. James Alletto

AP Physics

# AP SOCIAL STUDIES

Mrs. Katherine Poerner

AP United States History

Mrs. Arlene Mongold

AP Psychology

Ms. Shannon English

AP European History

Mr. Mark Bradley

AP Economics

# AP MATHEMATICS

## Mr. James Trenelli

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

# AP EXAMS

- All AP courses Culminate with an AP Exam
  - Free Response Section
  - Multiple Choice Questions

***AP EXAMS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE AP EXPERIENCE*****

# Advantages of Taking the AP Exam

- Credit Placement or Both in 90% of the Colleges and Universities in the US
  - 5- extremely well qualified
  - 4-well qualified
  - 3-qualified
  - 2-Possibly qualified
  - 1- no recommendation

***Gateway to Success in College***

# AP Exams

- Each AP course has a corresponding AP Exam that schools worldwide administer in May.
- AP Exams provide students with a standardized measure of what they've accomplished in the AP classroom, and are thus an essential part of the AP Program.
- Taking an AP Exam allows students to experience a college-level exam now, while they are still in high school.
- Students' work will be evaluated by unbiased college and university professors and AP teachers using college-level standards.
- Students' scores are sent to the colleges of their choice.
- Most colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, and institutions in more than 40 other countries, grant students credit, placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam grades.
- At many of these institutions, you can earn up to a full year of college credit.

# AP Exam Schedule

- Mon. May 7~ 8:00 am CHEMISTRY
- Mon. May 7~ 12:00pm PSYCHOLOGY
- Wed. May 8~ 8:00 am CALCULUS AB
- Wed. May 8~8:00pm CALCULUS BC
- Thurs. May 10~ 8:00 am ENGLISH LIT
- Fri. May 11~ 8:00 am US HISTORY
- Fri. May 11~ 12:00pm EURO HISTORY
- Mon. May 14~ 8:00am BIOLOGY
- Mon. May 14 ~ 12:00pm PHYSICS
- Thurs. May 17~ 8:00am MACROECONOMICS

# Exam Fee

- Fees this year
  - $87 per Exam

- Free or Reduced Lunch
  - $57 per exam
  - http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/ap/coordinate/fee-assistance

# Make the Commitment!

- Request ***pay for exam(s) before October 31
- Make Checks out to Advanced Placement
- Write your child's name in the MEMO section of your check.
- Place your check in a sealed envelope and hand to your AP teacher.  They will get the checks to me!

# Other Financial Concerns…

- Please do not let Financial Concerns be the reason your child is not taking the test or tests!
- Payments
- Plans tailored on Individual Needs

# University Fees

- Fairleigh Dickinson:
  - Yearly Tuition
  - Non-Resident
  - $30,392

- Rider University:
  - Yearly Tuition
  - Resident
  - $28,470

# More College Fees

- TCNJ
  - Yearly fees
  - $22,948

- Stockton:
  - Per Credit- $327
  - Per Class-$1308

# Last Three Years…

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total AP students | 52 | 62 | 101 |
| Number of Exams | 81 | 80 | 160 |
| AP students with a 3 or higher | 41 | 46 | 68 |

# AP Access for more students…

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BIO | 4 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| CALC ( AB) | 10 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 10 |
| CALC (BC) | - | - | - | - | - | 5 |
| CHEM | 5 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 15 |
| ENG | 15 | 22 | 15 | 17 | 7 | 30 |
| EURO HIS | 6 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 13 |
| MACRO ECONOMICS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| PHYS | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| PSYCH | 3 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 22 | 21 |
| US HIS | 8 | 20 | 15 | 21 | 25 | 52 |
| TOTAL | 52 | 106 | 71 | 81 | 80 | 160** 1 Music Theory |

# AP Scholar Awards

- 2010-2011 AP students:
  - 8 students with a score of 3 or higher on 3 or more exams
- AP SCHOLAR with DISTINCTION
  - 3 students with a score of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams
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# Profile of an AP Scholar

| AP Course | Score |
|---|---|
| 1. English Lit | 4 |
| 2. Psychology | 5 |
| 3. US History | 3 |
| 4. Calculus AB | 4 |
| 5. Calculus BC | 5 |
| 6. Biology | 4 |
| 7. Chemistry | 4 |

**Average Score: 4.14**

# Looking Ahead…

- We are looking to improve our AP Program
- Teachers meeting discussing how to support our AP students more effectively.
- We are hoping to add two additional AP courses next year.
- Please give us your feedback!

# Some helpful sites

- www.collegeboard.org/ap/creditpolicy
- http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/
- http://www.collegeboard.com/student/
- www.collegeboard.org/ap/testing

# A 2011 Graduate says…

- “I just wanted to write to let you know how beneficial your class was in getting ready for college…”
- “I’m helping a few people on my floor write essays…”
- Thank you again for everything!”

# Choose AP!

- Reach Higher…
- Learn Differently…
- Find your Passion…
- Imagine and Succeed…
- Challenge Yourself…
- Get the Credit You Deserve!!

# Thank You Teachers!

“Ideal teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross, then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own."

-- *Nikos Kazantzakis*

# Thank you Parents!

"You, the parent, are your child's first teacher and his best teacher. It's an awesome responsibility, but one that brings immeasurable rewards."

-*Jacquie McTaggart*

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# Any questions?

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  - AP Coordinator
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  - Please contact me or your son/daughter's AP Teacher with any questions or concerns.