

# Whitewater High School Advanced Placement Program



Informational Meeting  
January 11, 2010

# Tonight's Agenda

- AP Overview: Mrs. Pina
- Rotations
  - Visit up to four 15-minute AP class presentations located on the 1000 hall

# What is Advanced Placement?

- Sponsored by the College Board and created by college professors
- College level coursework completed at the high school level
- Satisfies high school credit requirements as well as the credit requirements of many colleges at the same time

# Advantages of AP Coursework

- “Advanced Placement Program Courses give you a head start on college while you’re still in the supportive high school classroom.”

AP Student Bulletin

# Benefits of AP Coursework

- Exposure to rigorous, college-level curriculum
- Opportunity to earn college credit and/or advanced placement
- Good predictor of college success
- Enhanced college attractiveness
- College tuition savings
- Competitive edge for scholarship dollars

# AP Grades & Transcripts

- 5 points are added to semester grades in all AP classes, providing the student is passing.
- Transcripts will include two grade point averages:
  - GPA: Average of all grades accumulated in high school
  - Weighted GPA: Average with one quality point added per AP course.

# AP Test Grades

- AP Tests are graded on a scale of 1-5
- Score of 3, 4, or 5 signifies that the student is qualified to receive college credit
  - 3: Qualified
  - 4: Well-Qualified
  - 5: Extremely Well-Qualified

# APPLICATIONS

- AP Course Applications
  - Available in tonight's sessions
  - At school in the guidance & registrar's office

# AP Enrollment Criteria

- Teacher recommendations (2 per application)
  - Effort and motivation
  - Natural ability
- Rigor of previous coursework
- Content area and overall GPA
- PSAT/SAT/ACT Scores
  - Writing, Verbal, and Math
- Writing Sample (some areas)
- AP Potential (Calculated based on your PSAT score)

# AP Application Process

- Distribute teacher recommendation forms (2)
- Complete application
- Turn in application to AP subject teacher (By Tuesday, January 19th)
- If selected, return AP class acceptance letter (Due by February 12)

# AP Expectations

- Complete required summer reading and assignments
- Remain in the class for a full year (No schedule changes at semester break or because you didn't complete summer assignments)
- Must take the AP Examination in May (substitutes for your Spring Semester Final Exam)
  - Exam price is approximately \$86 per exam.

# AP Application Time Line

- Tuesday, January 12: Begin application process
- Tuesday, January 19: Applications due to AP subject area teacher
- Thursday, February 4: AP Course Eligibility letters mailed
- Friday, February 12: Acceptance letters due to the Registrar's office

# AP Course Offerings

- Fine Arts: AP Studio Art – Room 1014 (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>)
  - AP Music Theory Room 1019 (11<sup>th</sup> & 12)
  - AP Art History Room 1008 (11<sup>th</sup> & 12)

Foreign Language Spanish- Room 1007 (12<sup>th</sup>)

- AP Spanish –Prerequisite: Spanish 4 or 3 w/ permission

- Language Arts:

- AP 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Language and Composition **Room 1011**
- AP 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and Composition **Room 1003**

# AP Course Offerings

## ■ Mathematics:

- AP Calculus – **ROOM 1017 (12<sup>th</sup> gr)**
- Prerequisite: Analysis
- AP Statistics – **ROOM 1016 (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>)**
  - PSAT math & verbal > 50

## ■ Social Studies:

- - AP World History **ROOM 1015 (10<sup>th</sup> )**
- AP European History – **ROOM 1021 (12<sup>th</sup> )**
- AP United States History – **ROOM 1013 (11<sup>th</sup>)**
- AP Psychology – **ROOM 1006**

# AP Course Offerings

## ■ Science:

- AP Biology **ROOM 1012 (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>)**
  - Prerequisite: Biology and Chemistry
- AP Chemistry **ROOM 1009 (11<sup>th</sup> & 12)**
  - Prerequisite: Chemistry & Algebra II
- AP Physics **ROOM 1010**
  - Prerequisite: Biology & Chemistry (11<sup>th</sup> & 12)

LOCATED IN THE 1000 HALL  
ATRIUM

APPLICATION ONLY  
CLASSES

# DO YOU WANT TO BE A TEACHER?

## ■ Contemporary Issues in Education

- Juniors and seniors only
- Fall semester
  - 4 class days / 1 observation day at SHME
- Spring semester
  - 2 class days / 3 intern days at SHME
- Preference given to students who have completed Examining the Teaching Profession

See Ms. DeBusk  
in room 712 for  
an application or  
stop by the  
display table in  
the 1000 hall  
tonight

# INTERESTED IN BEING THE NEXT ANCHOR ON WHS TV?

## ■ Communication Technology

- Preference given to Juniors and Seniors, but Sophomores are welcome to apply.
- Fall semester
  - News media and reporting
- Spring semester
  - Film Production
- Preference given to students who have completed Foundations of Engineering & Technology course

See Ms. Smith in room 714 for an application or stop by the display table in the 1000 hall tonight



# DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE GENERAL MEDICINE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- General Internship Program
- Juniors and seniors only
- 2 hour block
- Clinical experience in various health care facilities in the community

See Ms. Wolf in  
room 708 for an  
application or  
stop by the  
display table in  
the 1000 hall  
tonight



# Other Application Only Classes

- Year Book
- Journalism

# WORK-BASED LEARNING

- Juniors and seniors only
- Elective credit for student's part time job
- Qualifies for early release from school to go to work

See Ms. Hipps in guidance for an application or stop by the display table in the 1000 hall tonight

# **Advanced Marketing: School Store**

**– Juniors and Seniors Only (4<sup>th</sup> Period)**

**Awesome marketing projects**

- **Atlanta Motor Speedway**
- **The Avenue- Peachtree City**

**– Join DECA!**

- **Leadership Conferences**
- **Scholarships**
- **Real world field trips**

# Want to Know More?

- Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to research AP course descriptions, etc.
- Call Mrs. Mary Ann Pina at 770-460-3935

# ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

|        |             |         |
|--------|-------------|---------|
| ■ 1003 | Literature  | Carroll |
| ■ 1006 | Psychology  | Daniel  |
| ■ 1007 | Spanish     | Nieves  |
| ■ 1008 | Art History | Simons  |
| ■ 1009 | Chemistry   | Whitley |
| ■ 1010 | Physics     | Wansley |
| ■ 1011 | Language    | Brand   |
| ■ 1012 | Biology     | Grissom |

# ROOM ASSIGNMENT

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|--------|------------------|-----------|
| ■ 1013 | US HISTORY       | Taylor    |
| ■ 1014 | STUDIO ART       | Cloud     |
| ■ 1015 | WORLD HISTORY    | Muir      |
| ■ 1016 | STATISTICS       | Rhodes    |
| ■ 1017 | CALCULUS         | Sweatman  |
| ■ 1019 | MUSIC THEORY     | Esterline |
| ■ 1021 | EUROPEAN HISTORY | Jackson   |

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