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Dear Parent/Guardian of Advanced Placement Student:

As you know, the AP program is a rigorous academic program built on the commitment, passion, and hard work of students and educators from both secondary schools and higher education. Since 1955, the AP Program has enabled millions of students to take college-level courses and exams and to earn college credit or placement while still in high school. A 2008 study found that AP students had better four-year college graduation rates than those who did not take AP. As a matter of fact, 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admissions decisions. **Please carefully read the information below as there have been significant updates and changes to the AP Exam Registration process for this school year.**

Your child's enrollment in Union Grove's AP Program reflects his/her commitment to academic rigor and preparation for college success. AP exams are an essential part of the AP course experience and are administered in high schools across the country each May. The 2020 schedule is listed below.

May 3 – US Government (AM)
May 4 – Calculus AB (AM) / Calculus BC (AM) / Human Geography (PM)
May 5 – English Literature (AM) / Physics 1 (PM)
May 6 – US History (AM)
May 7 – Chemistry (AM) / European History (PM) / Studio Art (PM)
May 10 – World History (AM)
May 11 - Spanish Lang (AM) / Psychology (PM)
May 12 - English Language (AM) / Music Theory (PM)
May 13 – Statistics (PM)
May 14 – Biology (AM) / Environmental Science (PM)

Students can earn college credit, placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam scores. Each exam has a cost of \$95.00 (this does not include the processing fee if paying via MySchoolBucks). This may seem costly, however when compared to the cost of college tuition, AP exams are a bargain! For example:

AP exam @ \$95.00 – Student earns 3 or higher = 3 hours credit
1 semester hour of college tuition @ \$318.00 x 3 = \$924.00
\$95.00 < \$924.00 for 3 semester hours

This year, the Georgia Department of Education will fund one exam for each student enrolled in an AP STEM Course who wishes to take the AP exam. The AP STEM courses offered at Union Grove High School are as follows:

AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
AP Physics I

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science

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Any student who is enrolled in one or more of these courses and chooses to take the AP exam will have the **\$95.00 exam fee for one AP STEM exam waived.**

Your son/daughter is strongly encouraged to take all AP exams for the AP courses in which he/she is enrolled. All payments are due in full by **November 6, 2020**. Please be reminded that no test will be ordered after this deadline. **If your child receives free/reduced lunch, he/she may be eligible for reduced AP exam costs.** Please contact Ms. Perkins (elizabeth.perkins@henry.k12.ga.us) for more information regarding free/reduced lunch exam reduction.

In order to streamline payments during remote learning, please complete the following steps in order to register and pay for your exams. Again, all of these steps need to be completed prior to November 6, 2020.

- 1) Set up your College Board account at apstudents.collegeboard.org. Register for each course you are taking and indicate your intent to take the corresponding exam. This account will be used to access any materials provided by the teacher during instruction, and to receive their AP Exam scores during the summer.
- 2) Complete the Google Form indicating your exam choices by visiting <https://forms.gle/uz5ArF81BL4Bsvx2A>.
- 3) Proceed to www.myschoolbucks.com to log in or create an account to remit payment. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE IS A 3.85% PROCESSING FEE FOR THIS OPTION PER TRANSACTION**, which will be built into the cost of the test.

Should you have any questions concerning the AP Program at Union Grove High School, or about AP exams, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Perkins at 678-583-8502.

Sincerely,

Darius Freeman

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