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To: Parents of Advanced Placement Students

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The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. It exposes high school students to college-level material through involvement in an AP course, and it gives them the opportunity to show that they have mastered it by taking an AP Exam. Colleges and universities can then grant credit, placement, or both to students who have done so. **The granting of credit and/or placement is at the discretion of each individual college and university.**

In early July, the results of the AP Examinations will be made available to students online and can be sent to the secondary schools the students select. Each AP Exam grade is a weighted combination of the student's score on the multiple-choice section and on the free-response section. The final grade is reported on a 5-point scale: 5 = extremely well qualified; 4 = well qualified; 3 = qualified; 2 = possibly qualified; 1 = no recommendation. Each college/university decides which AP Exam grades it will accept in return for credit. Many institutions accept grades of 3 and above. Because this varies from school to school, students need to check each specific college's AP policy. You can typically find this information on the school's Web site.

Your student has the option of taking AP Exams this May. We will give the exams at RLHS on the dates and times listed below.

2019 AP Exam Schedule:

Euro Hist. – Wed. May 08, Noon

Chemistry – Thu. May 09, 8:00

Physics 2 – Fri. May 10, Noon

Studio Art – Portfolio due Fri. May 10

Biology – Mon. May 13, 8:00

Calc. AB/BC – Tue. May 14, 8:00

English Lang. – Wed. May 15, 8:00

Statistics – Thu. May 16, Noon

(approximate time for testing):

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The cost of each exam is \$85.00, to be paid by a check made out to Rice Lake High School. The fee needs to be delivered to Mrs. Hansen, our secretary in Student Services, by Wednesday, April 10th, 2019. Mrs. Hansen will give each student a receipt, and a copy will be given to me. I will then order exams for all students who have paid for an exam. Any student who signs up for an exam but is unable to take it, forfeits \$15.00 to the AP Program. Any student who qualifies for free or reduced lunch at our school should see Mr. Shomion to learn about a reduced fee.

Students who are interested in AP exams need to pick-up an informational bulletin from their AP instructor, or me, before registering for the exam(s). **Please be aware that the AP exams do not take the place of required placement tests that colleges may require of their incoming freshmen.** If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at 715-234-2181, extension 5335.

Thanks,

Mike Shomion