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Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because you have a student that is enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course here at Oceanside High School. We would like to congratulate you and your child on choosing a path that will help them to become college and career ready. Success on an AP exam indicates that your child is ready for college-level coursework.

Another benefit to taking an AP course and the corresponding AP exam is to potentially earn college credit and/or skip introductory courses in college. According to the College Board, *"Students who take AP courses send a signal to colleges that they're serious about their education and that they're willing to challenge themselves with rigorous coursework. 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions."*

Now that your child has elected to participate in AP coursework, we want to be sure you are informed of all aspects related to the Advanced Placement examinations.

Important AP exam information:

- In January, students will receive additional information in their AP classes about the upcoming AP exams as well as how to register and pay for these exams.
- Payment of **\$94 per exam** will be collected **Jan 22-Feb 13, 2019**. In the event that finances are a concern, please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor and be assured that all calls will be handled with strict confidentiality.
- Students should bring cash or check payable to *Oceanside UFSD* to **Ms. Aiello in the Guidance office (Room S103A)**.
- Students who remain in the AP course, but choose not to take the corresponding AP exam will lose the AP designation and GPA weighting on their transcript. These students will be given Honors designation and weighting.
- This year's AP testing window is **May 6-17, 2019**.

Information as well as any subsequent notices regarding AP exams will be posted on the Oceanside High School website. All questions can be answered by contacting the guidance department or Mrs. Mazun at (516) 678-8531.

Once again, congratulations on your child's efforts towards participating in AP courses and all that this advanced level coursework offers towards their future goals.

Sincerely,

Geraldine A. De Carlo
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