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# School District of South Orange and Maplewood

#### COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and CHS Cougars,

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our annual **Advanced Placement (AP) Forum on Wednesday, January 6** at **7:00 pm** at CHS. AP courses are rigorous, college-level classes offered at the high school level. They are strong predictors for success at the college level, and we encourage students to seek these learning opportunities. *Please visit and bookmark* [*www.apcentral.collegeboard.com*](http://www.apcentral.collegeboard.com)*.* Spending some time on that site **before** you attend our AP Forum will help answer many questions you may have about the College Board Advanced Placement program. The information there will also help you have conversations about where your student(s) are on the readiness road to AP courses, and help you plan out an academic trajectory at CHS.

The purpose of the forum is to introduce our AP course offerings to all prospective students and their parents/guardians. The chart below identifies each of the courses and our corresponding grade recommendations. This evening is designed to provide you and your student the opportunity to learn more about the content, work, and expectations of the College Board and CHS with regard to enrollment in Advanced Placement classes.

The SOMSD’s Board of Education recently adopted an Access and Equity policy to assure all students the opportunity to enroll in courses at academic levels for which they are ready. Learning more about the trajectory toward AP classes at CHS through our school’s course catalog (<http://www.somsd.k12.nj.us/Page/3654>)

and conversations with your students, their teachers, school counselors, and content area supervisors are key components of our work together as partners in your child’s education and future.

Scheduling decisions will be upon us early in the new year, and we know that this night will add to on-going, important conversations between you, your children, their counselors, and teachers. Deciding to take college-level courses in high school is an opportunity we believe all students should have, and we are here to support you in making the decisions that are best for your student.

We look forward to seeing you on January 6 at 7 pm.

Best regards,

Elizabeth M. Aaron, MAT, M.Ed.

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| **ART (Mara Rubin,** **mrubin@somsd.k12.nj.us****)**  |
| AP Studio Art  | 12th grade |
| AP Art History  | 10th, 11th and 12th grades |
| **ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS (Janine T. Gregory,** **jtgregor@somsd.k12.nj.us****)**  |
| AP Language and Composition | 11th grade |
| AP Literature and Composition | 12th grade |
| **MATHEMATICS (C.Beattys,** **cbeattys@somsd.k12.nj.us****)**  |
| AP Statistics  | 10th, 11th and 12th grades |
| AP Calculus (AB) | 11th and 12th grades |
| AP Calculus (BC) | 11th and 12th grades |
| **MUSIC (Mara Rubin,** **mrubin@somsd.k12.nj.us****)** |
| AP Music Theory | 11th and 12th grades |
| **SCIENCE (Alan Levin,** **alevin@somsd.k12.nj.us****)**  |
| AP Biology | 12th grade |
| AP Chemistry | 11th grade |
| AP Environmental Science | 12th grade |
| AP Physics | 12th grade |
| **SOCIAL STUDIES (Chris Preston,** **cpreston@somsd.k12.nj.us****)**  |
| AP US History I (year 1 of 2) | 10th grade |
| AP US History II (year 2 of 2) | 11th grade |
| AP European History  | 11th and 12th grades |
| AP Government & Politics | 11th and 12th grades |
| AP Psychology | 11th and 12th grades |
| **WORLD LANGUAGES (Ramon Robles,** **rrobles@somsd.k12.nj.us****)**  |
| AP French Language | 11th and 12th grades |
| AP Spanish Language and Culture | 11th and 12th grades |
| AP Spanish Literature | 11th and 12th grades |
| AP Italian Language | 11th and 12th grades |

Below please find the AP academic content areas and locations for the sessions. The first session will begin promptly at 7 pm. Please report directly to these locations, where our content area supervisors will host the sessions. Each session will last for approximately 25 minutes to allow you time to move to another. Each session will run 4 times to allow you to attend sessions in multiple subject areas.

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| **Content Areas** | **Room #** |
| Mathematics | Cafeteria (near food service area) |
| Fine & Performing Arts | D101 |
| Language Arts  | A205 & A207 |
| Social Studies | Black Box Theater |
| Science  | Cafeteria (near Parker Avenue) |
| World Languages  | D100 |

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| INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS |
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| Session #1 | 7:00-7:25 |
| Session #2 | 7:30-7:55 |
| Session #3 | 8:00-8:25 |
| Session #4 | 8:30-9:00 |