

Middle College News

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High school finals on May 22 and May 23

Final exams for the college classes begin Monday, May 19 and run through May 23. The high school finals are May 22-23. Students can check the CSM spring schedule of classes for the final exam schedule.

The seniors will schedule a time/date to present their senior portfolio. Here is the schedule for the other high school finals:

Date	Subject	Time	Location
May 22	Junior English	11:10-1:40pm	19-107
May 23	US History	11:10-1:40pm	19-121

CSM/SMUHSD Summer School

The Middle College office has applications for SMUHSD summer school. Juniors applying for summer school should see Mr. Quigley for an application. Most classes are filling quickly; the application deadline is April 18. The six-week program, held at Mills High School, runs June 9 through July 18. Summer school is reserved for students needing to make up classes in PE, English, social science and math.

Students can sign up for summer school classes at CSM. The classes begin June 16 and run for four, six or eight weeks, depending on the course. Summer schedules are available on campus and on-line at Websmart. Students interested in taking CSM summer classes will register for those classes at the same time they register for fall classes.

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Principal's Corner

By Greg Quigley

Middle College students are entering their final six weeks of the spring semester, with the seniors eyeing the May 27 graduation ceremony held in the CSM Theater at 5:30pm.

Our students have received letters about acceptances into four-year universities. About one-quarter of the seniors will attend a four-year school, while the other students will continue either CSM or another community college. I'll send more information about college acceptances in next month's newsletter.

Middle College students should be working on developing or revising a Student Education Plan (SEP). This can be accomplished by meeting with the MC teachers or by meeting with CSM counselor Jesenia Diaz in the counseling office. The SEP deadline on April 18. Students who meet the deadline will register for summer and fall classes on May 2.

Students who don't meet the deadline will have their registration delayed one week. New MCHS students register starting May 6.

From April 8-11, the juniors will be taking the state-mandated California Standards Testing, which assesses students in the areas of English and math. A portion of these tests include the Early Assessment Program (EAP), used to determine math and English placement at community colleges and Cal State universities (information included in this mailing). Students should have all tests completed by April 11.

We're processing applications for students planning to begin Middle College in Fall 2014. Mr. Lance will be meeting with juniors to determine who will return for their senior year. Late applications for Fall 2014 will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Students who are interested in joining the program are invited to visit the CSM. Call the Middle College office to make an appointment.

Seniors have been busy preparing for their Senior Portfolio presentation, which will happen in late May.

MIDDLE COLLEGE CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
April 8-11	CST testing for juniors	TBD	Bldg. 19, room 121
April 9	Parent Information/Student testing for Fall 2013 applicants	6pm	Bldg. 10, 195
April 18	Student Education Plan deadline		
April 25	End of 15-week grading period		
May 2	Registration for summer and fall classes		
May 16	Senior BBQ	Noon-2pm	TBD
May 20-24	CSM final exams		
May 21	Graduation rehearsal for seniors	2-4pm	CSM Theater
May 22-23	Final exams in high school classes		
May 26	No School, Memorial Day Holiday		
May 27	Graduation ceremony	5:30pm	CSM Theater

✓ MC STUDENT RECEIVES HONOR

Middle College junior Nina Luo was honored on March 21 by being inducted in the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame as a "Young Woman of Excellence." She was inducted along with retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and two other long-time community volunteers. Nina also was acknowledged for her commitment to the community at the SMUHSD Board meeting on March 27.

✓ SAT/ACT DEADLINES

The next SAT and Subject Tests will be Saturday, May 3. The original registration deadline was April 4; the late registration deadline is April 18. This would be a good time for juniors to take the SAT and Subject Tests. The last test for the school year is June 7 with a May 9 registration deadline. View www.collegeboard.com for details. The last ACT for the school year is June 12; the registration deadline is May 9. See www.act.org for more information.

✓ ATTENDANCE REPORTING

Parents/guardians are reminded that they must call the Middle College office (574-6101) to report a student's absence, otherwise the absence is considered a truancy. Students should not take vacations during the semester.

Students, not parents/guardians, should call the teachers when the student is absent. Two reasons: the teachers sense the student is concerned about missing the class and class material; and the student can complete assignments at home and not fall behind.

✓ CHSPE FOR FALL 2014

The California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) is offered to students 16 years and older who'd like to earn the equivalent to a high school diploma. Middle College students who have taken and passed the test in the past usually continue their education at the community college. The CHSPE is undergoing changes and will not be offered in the summer. The next test administration is October 18. See www.chspe.net for more information.

✓ 2014-15 CALENDAR

The 2014-15 Middle College school year begins on Tuesday, August 12. Students will have high school classes August 12-15. CSM classes begin on Monday, August 18. The semester runs through December 19. The spring semester begins on Tuesday, January 13. Spring 2015 CSM classes begin January 20.

✓ COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students should be completing their community service requirements in the next six weeks. Students have been advised to see Mr. Lance once they finish their 24 hours of service. Students need to submit a verification form, completed by the student's supervisor.

✓ SENIORS REGISTERING FOR CSM

Middle College seniors who are continuing their education at CSM must submit a new application to the college. Students also must complete or revise an Student Education Plan (SEP) to be eligible to register for fall and summer classes. Students will be eligible to register on May 2; highest priority is given to students who have earned the most college credits.

All new CSM students must attend an Orientation and Advising meeting at CSM during the spring semester. However, our students are exempt from this requirement, assuming they have passed both CRER 121 and CRER 122. For more questions about registration, seniors should meet with Mr. Clardy or Mr. Quigley.

Seniors: Graduation Info

The Middle College graduation is Tuesday, May 27 at 5:30pm in the CSM Theater. Students are eligible to attend their home school graduation ceremony, provided they've fulfilled graduation requirements.

A reminder that seniors are under the following SMUHSD policy for graduation ceremony participation. The policy states, "A student who has successfully completed all units required for graduation, has passed all of the competency tests, and has no outstanding bills may participate in the graduation ceremony."

Middle College office assistant Laurie Carrasquedo contacted all seniors regarding names for the diplomas. She also has ordered graduation caps, gowns, and tassels. Students should purchase and keep the items, or can rent the items. Class pictures will be available for purchase at a later date. A check, made out to "San Mateo Middle College," is now due and payable.

Middle College has a mandatory graduation rehearsal on Wednesday, May 21 from 2pm-4pm at the CSM Theater.

Here are the dates/locations for the graduation ceremonies at SMUHSD and CUSD schools. Students planning to participate in these ceremonies must consult their home school to determine mandatory rehearsal sessions.

Other ceremonies are scheduled for...

Aragon, 5/29, 5:30pm - Aragon Football Field
Burlingame, 5/30, 1pm - Burlingame Football Field
Capuchino, 5/30, 1pm - Capuchino Field
HMB, 6/12, 6pm, HMB Football Field
Hillsdale, 5/29, 5:30pm - Hillsdale Great Court
Mills, 5/30, 1:00pm - Mills Football Field
Peninsula, 5/29, 2pm - Location TBD
San Mateo, 5/29, 7pm, SM Performing Arts Center
Adult School, 6/11, 7pm - CSM Theater

CSM Math/English Placement Tests for Summer/Fall

Students taking summer and/or fall college classes at CSM are required to take the English Placement Test. Students taking a college math class for the first time are required to take the CSM Math Placement Test.

Test results are used to determine eligibility for classes. Students who've already taken a college math or English class don't need to take the tests.

To schedule a placement test appointment, go to WebSMART and:

1. login with your Student ID Number and your 6-digit (PIN)
2. click on Schedule Appointments
3. click on Placement Test Appointment
4. click on Make Appointments

What to Bring:

1. Photo Identification
2. Student Identification Number (G Number)