

# Middle College News

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## High school finals on May 29 and June 1

Final exams for the college classes begin Tuesday, May 26 and run through June 1. The high school finals are May 29-June 1. 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 29	Junior English	11:10-1:40pm	19-107
June 1	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 20. The six-week program, held at Capuchino High School, runs June 8 through July 17. 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 15 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 June 2 graduation ceremony held in the CSM Theater at 5:30pm.

Our students have received letters about acceptances into four-year universities. About one-third 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 is April 17. Students who meet the deadline will register for summer and fall classes on May 4.

Students who don't meet the deadline will have their registration delayed one week. New MCHS students register starting May 8.

From April 13-22, the juniors are taking the new state-mandated California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) tests, which assess students in the areas of English and math. Students should have all tests completed by April 22.

We're processing applications for students planning to begin Middle College in Fall 2015. Mr. Lance will be meeting with juniors to determine who will return for their senior year. Late applications for Fall 2015 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 13-22	CAASPP tests for juniors		
April 17	Student Education Plan deadline		
May 1	End of 15-week grading period		
May 4	Registration for summer and fall classes		
May 22	Senior BBQ	Noon-2pm	TBD
May 23-June 1	CSM final exams		
May 25	No School, Memorial Day Holiday		
May 27	Graduation rehearsal for seniors	2-4pm	CSM Theater
May 29 and June 1	Final exams in high school classes		
June 2	Graduation ceremony	5:30pm	CSM Theater

# Juniors involved in volunteering activities



Middle College juniors have been busy seeking their own volunteering opportunities, and relating their work an individual research project related to junior English. Here are a few examples of volunteer/research projects:

- **Tina P.:** Reading Partners in Redwood City and King Center in San Mateo. Tutoring elementary school students in Reading and Math. Research Topic: Achievement Gap Between Children of Low-Income and Middle/Upper Income Families.
- **Samantha L.:** Child Development Center, CSM. Assisting with supervision and activities for pre-school children. Research Topic: Universal Pre-School
- **Savannah Z.:** Home and Hope. Supervises Children, serves food, helps with set up for local homeless families. Research Topic: Homeless Youth
- **Diana A.:** Mid-Peninsula Open Space Foundation. Helps with trail maintenance and preservation of native species. Research Topic: The California Drought

## ✓ SAT/ACT DEADLINES

The next SAT and Subject Tests will be Saturday, May 2. The original registration deadline was April 6; the late registration deadline is April 17. This would be a good time for juniors to take the SAT and Subject Tests. The last test for the school year is June 6 with a May 8 registration deadline. View [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for details. The last ACT for the school year is June 13; the registration deadline is May 8. See [www.act.org](http://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.

## ✓ FALL/SUMMER 2015 CHSPE

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 next test is June 20; registration deadline is May 22. The test also will be offered in the fall. See [www.chspe.net](http://www.chspe.net) for more information.

## ✓ 2015-16 CALENDAR

The 2015-16 Middle College school year begins on Tuesday, August 11. Students will have high school classes August 11-14. CSM classes begin on Monday, August 17. The semester runs through December 18. The spring semester begins on Tuesday, January 12. Spring 2016 CSM classes begin on Wednesday, January 20.

## Seniors: Graduation Info

The Middle College graduation is Tuesday, June 2 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 can 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 27 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, May 28, 5:30pm - Aragon High School Football Field*
- Burlingame, May 28, 4pm - Burlingame High School Football Field*
- Capuchino, May 29, 1pm - Capuchino High School Football Field*
- HMB, June 11, 6pm - HMB Football Field*
- Hillsdale, May 28, 5:30pm - Hillsdale High School Great Court*
- Mills, May 29, 1pm - Mills High School Football Field*
- Peninsula, May 27, 2pm - Capuchino High School Auditorium*
- San Mateo, May 28, 7pm - Performing Arts Center*
- Adult School June 17, 7pm- CSM Theater*

## SENIORS REGISTER 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 a Student Education Plan (SEP) to be eligible to register for fall and summer classes. Students will be eligible to register on May 4.

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.

The summer schedule of classes is available on campus and on Websmart. The fall schedule is available on Websmart, and will be available in hard copy next week.