

MIDDLE COLLEGE NEWS

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Summer Grades and Summer Reading

⇒ **Grades**

Several Middle College students took summer school classes, either at CSM or in the SMUHSD. While we plan to gather final grades for these classes, students should ensure that we receive final grades so that their high school transcripts can be updated. Most CSM summer classes ended on July 24; some end on August 7. SMUHSD summer school ended on July 18. We will issue revised high school transcripts when school resumes. See Mr. Quigley if there are questions.



⇒ **Reading**

Middle College juniors and seniors are required to complete a summer reading assignment by Aug. 12. View collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege/summer.asp for the summer reading assignments. Email Mr. Lance at glance@smuhd.org if you have concerns or questions.

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Principal's Corner

By Greg Quigley



The start of the fall semester for Middle College students is a week away. MCHS begins its 17th year on Tuesday, August 12. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

All students are required to meet on August 12 in Bldg. 19, room 121 from 9am until noon. High school classes only will be held August 12-14, 9am-noon; students have a mandatory field trip on August 15. Plan to be at school from 1pm-6pm; transportation provided by the SMUHSD. Details to follow. College classes begin August 18.

All Middle College students have registered for fall college classes. If there are questions about the schedule or thoughts of changing the schedule, students can contact me by phone or email (gquigley@smuhd.org). I'll place holds on student records on August 11.

Social Science teacher Michael Clardy will be advising the seniors. If there are questions about graduation requirements, SAT tests, college applications, etc., seniors should schedule a meeting with Mr. Clardy. Contact him via email at clardymichael@hotmail.com

English teacher Greg Lance will be teaching senior and junior English in addition to helping the juniors transition to Middle College.

Some students did not return the paperwork we mailed in May. Return the completed papers, including the permission slip for the field trip, via mail or when the student returns to school.

Students must get their college books on August 12 and August 13 from noon-1pm in the CSM bookstore. The textbook policy is on page 2 of the newsletter. Students should bring a credit card, cash or a check when they get their college books.

The Middle College Back-to-School Night is Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6pm in Bldg. 10, room 193. More information to follow.

The teachers, staff and I are looking forward to another successful school year.

MIDDLE COLLEGE CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
August 12	First day of Middle College classes	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 12-13	Get college books	Noon-12:30pm	CSM Bookstore
August 13	Middle College classes	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 14	Middle College classes	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 15	Middle College field trip to San Francisco	1pm-6pm	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 18	First day of college classes		
August 19	CRER 121 class begins	11:10-noon	Bldg. 16, room 140
August 29	Last day to add semester-long classes		
September 1	No school, Labor Day holiday		
September 2	Parking Permits required for all vehicles parked in student lots		
September 10	Back-to-School Night	6pm-8pm	Bldg. 10, room 193
September 19	End of six-week grading period		

✓ CSM EMAIL ACCOUNTS

All MCHS students have been assigned a CSM email account, which ends in @my.smccd.edu. If students have not logged in, they should do so immediately. Students can link their current email account to the my.smccd.edu account. Important CSM information is sent to students, including upcoming events and status on wait lists. Go to <http://my.smccd.edu> for details and login.

✓ FEES FOR FALL 2014

CSM and the San Mateo County Community College District are required to charge fees for high school students who are taking 11.5 or more college units in one semester. Such a student is referred to as a "special admit full-time student." Students enrolled in 11.5 or more units are charged the full fee of \$46 per unit for every unit the student is enrolled in.

Students enrolled in 11.5 or more units by the start of the semester must drop below 11.5 units before the final day to drop classes (usually two weeks after the first day of the semester) to avoid being charged for the units. (Consult the class schedule for the exact dates.)

Students who want to take 11.5 or more units may do so with the permission of the Middle College administrator or counselor. Full-time college students typically take between 12 and 15 college units. Middle College students enrolled in 11.5 or more college units, in addition to their three high school classes, are taking on a heavy academic load and responsibility.

✓ FALL 2014 APPLICATIONS

Middle College still has openings for juniors and senior for the Fall 2014. Applications, accepted on a case-by-case basis, are available on-line at the MC website: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege. For information, call 574-6101.

✓ BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

The Middle College Back-To-School Night is Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 6pm-8pm in Bldg. 10, room 193. More information to follow.

✓ SAT/ACT REGISTRATION

The first SAT and Subject Tests for the 2014-15 school year will be Saturday, Oct. 11. Regular registration deadline is Sept. 12; late registration is Sept. 30. The next test will be Nov. 8. View www.collegeboard.com for more information. The first ACT is Sept. 13. The registration deadline is Aug. 8; late registration from Aug. 9-22. View www.actstudent.org for more information.

✓ FINAL EXAMS, DEC. 18-19

Reminder that the Middle College final exams are Thursday and Friday, Dec. 18 and Dec. 19 from 11:10-1:40pm. College finals begin Saturday, Dec. 13 and run through Dec. 19. Middle College students must attend the high school final exams. Vacation begins Dec. 20; school resumes Tuesday, Jan. 14.

✓ CRER 122 CLASS

Middle College students are required to pass CRER 121 and CRER 122 to meet a MCHS requirement. The eight-week CRER 122 class, "Planning for Student Success," begins on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 11:10-noon in Bldg. 16, room 140. The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays and runs until mid-October.

✓ SENIORS INTERNSHIPS

Seniors must meet with senior advisor Mr. Clardy to plan for their senior internship. Some seniors began their assignments this summer. Seniors are required to put in 24 hours in a career-related field. This experience is the basis for the mandatory Senior Project, completed mid-spring. Contact Mr. Clardy to set up an appointment: call 574-6114 or email clardymichael@hotmail.com

MIDDLE COLLEGE TEXTBOOK POLICY

The high school textbooks used by Middle College students will be checked out to the student during the school year. Students are expected to take good care of the textbooks and return the textbooks to the Middle College staff members by the conclusion of the course. Students who do not return the textbooks or who damage high school textbooks will be responsible for paying for a replacement textbook.

Middle College requires that students purchase their own college textbooks from the CSM Bookstore or from an on-line textbook service. Students will be able to write in and highlight in the books as needed, and later resell the textbook to the CSM bookstore or to an online business for a portion of the original purchase price. Students also can rent books from the CSM Bookstore. Many college students keep their college textbooks and use the books as a resource either for other courses or for occupational experiences.



Middle College has set up an account to help purchase textbooks for students with a financial need. Students who need financial assistance for textbook costs can complete a rationale for fee waiver. See the administrator for more information. These textbooks remain property of the SMUHSD and Middle College. Students who do not return these textbooks or who damage them will be responsible for paying for a replacement textbook. Student may not write in or deface the textbooks in any way.

The following guidelines have been established for Middle College students who need the program to purchase some or all of the college books:

- Books for dropped or withdrawn classes must be returned within first two weeks of the semester or student is responsible for purchase price of the book.
- Students are responsible for the cost of books in courses in which they receive an F or a non-credit grade.

Students are responsible for paying for study guides, workbooks, solution manuals, course syllabi, class supplies or materials, other disposable items, and other non-textbook items.

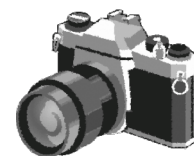
Student ID Pictures

Middle College doesn't have a scheduled day for student photos. Our students can return to their home school to have an individual picture taken, both for the yearbook and for their ID card. Call the home schools for more details.

Seniors should have received information during the summer regarding Senior Portraits. Call the home school for more information.

Half Moon Bay students should call the school to find out dates and locations.

Middle College students are eligible to get a CSM photo ID. Students must pay an \$8 Student Body Fee to the CSM Cashier's Office, then go to the Student Life Center in Bldg. 17 to get the photo taken. Students can do this when school begins on August 12.



San Mateo Athletic Center at CSM

The San Mateo Athletic Club and Aquatic Center is a full-service fitness and wellness facility at CSM with memberships available to the students and the public. Membership reps are available to answer questions and provide tours of the facility. For more information, call 378-7373.