

Middle College News

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High school finals on May 26 and May 27

Final exams for the college classes begin Monday, May 23 and run through May 27. The high school finals are May 26-27. Students can check the CSM spring schedule of classes for the final exam schedule.

The senior Government presentations will be scheduled by Mr. Clardy from May 25-27. Here is the schedule for the other high school finals:

Date	Subject	Time	Location
May 26	Senior English	11:10-1:40pm	19-107
May 26	US History	11:10-1:40pm	19-121
May 27	Junior English	11:10-1:40pm	19-107

The CRER 121 final is May 12 at 11:10am in 18-302.

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 15. The six-week program, held at San Mateo High School, runs June 6 through July 15. 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 20 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, May 9.

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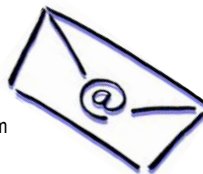
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Principal's Corner

By Greg Quigley



Middle College students are entering their final six weeks of the spring semester, with the seniors eyeing the May 31 graduation ceremony held in the CSM Theater at 5:30pm.

Congratulations to senior Megan Ryan, who was recognized on March 10 by the SMUHSD Board of Trustees as the district Student of the Month for March. At the same meeting, teacher Jennifer Fraser was acknowledged as the SMUHSD Teacher of the Month.

Middle College students have received letters about acceptances into four-year universities. One-third of the seniors will attend a four-year school, while the other students will continue either CSM or Skyline. I'll send more information about college acceptances in next month's newsletter.

Most Middle College students should have completed a Student Education Plan (SEP) by working with counselor Tony Basques. The SEP deadline is April 19. Students who meet the deadline will register for summer and fall classes on May 9.

Students who don't meet the deadline will have their registration delayed one week. At a time when class offerings are limited due to budget cuts, our students cannot afford to miss the SEP deadline.

We're processing applications for students planning to begin Middle College in Fall 2011. Ms. Fraser is meeting with juniors to determine who will return for their senior year. The juniors have completed one week of the state-mandated STAR testing, which assesses students in the areas of English, math, science and history. The final two days of testing are April 12 and 13. Students should have all tests completed by April 15.

Late applications for Fall 2011 will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Students who are interested in joining the program are invited to visit the CSM. The best days for visits are Mondays and Wednesdays. Call the Middle College office to make an appointment.

MIDDLE COLLEGE CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
Week of April 11	STAR testing for juniors	12:10-1pm	Bldg. 19, room 121
April 13	Parent Information/Student testing for Fall 2011 applicants	6pm	Bldg. 18, room 308
April 19	Student Education Plan deadline		
April 29	End of 15-week grading period		
May 9	Registration for summer and fall classes		
May 24-28	CSM final exams	TBD	TBD
May 26	Graduation rehearsal for seniors	1:45-4pm	CSM Theater
May 26-27	Final exams in high school classes		
May 30	No School, Memorial Day Holiday		

✓ PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Dr. Harvey S. Kaplan, long-time local pediatrician and chair of the First 5 San Mateo County Commission, visited College of San Mateo on March 23 to participate as a "Principal for the Day," a program sponsored by the San Mateo County Office of Education.

Dr. Kaplan was "Principal for the Day" for Middle College, shadowing Middle College Principal Greg Quigley. During his visit, Dr. Kaplan toured the campus and met with current and prospective Middle College students, the staff and CSM President Michael Claire.

The First 5 program, which emerged from the passage of Proposition 10 in 1998, provides early childhood development, health care, parent education, and other programs that improve services for children from a prenatal stage through age five and their families. Dr. Kaplan previously served as Chief of Pediatrics at San Mateo Medical Center.

✓ SAT/ACT DEADLINES

The next SAT and Subject Tests will be Saturday, May 7 with an April 22 late registration deadline. This would be a good time for juniors to take the SAT and Subject Tests. The last test for the school year is June 4 with a May 6 registration deadline. View www.collegeboard.com for details. The last ACT for the school year is June 11; the registration deadline is May 6. 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 REGISTRATION

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 summer test date is Saturday, June 18. The registration deadline is May 21; the late registration deadline is June 4. No walk ins are admitted on the test date. Results for the test are mailed in late July. See www.chspe.net for more information.

✓ 2011-12 CALENDAR

The 2011-12 Middle College school year begins on Thursday, August 11. Students will have high school classes August 11-12, 15-16. CSM classes begin on Wednesday, August 17. The semester runs through December 16. The spring semester begins on Tuesday, January 10.



✓ COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students should be completing their community service requirements in the next six weeks. Students have been advised to see Ms. Fraser once they finish their 24 hours of service. Students need to submit a verification form, completed by the student's supervisor. Students are volunteering at the following locations: San Mateo Boys and Girls Club; The Humane Connection; SMCOE Outdoor Education; Mills-Peninsula Hospital; Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Center; Sons of Norway; Fiesta Gardens International School; Palcare Daycare Center; El Granada After-school Education and Safety Program; City of San Mateo Police Activities League; Second Harvest Food Bank; and San Mateo County Health System. If there are questions, contact Ms. Fraser at 574-6537.

✓ PLANNING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Students in the CRER 121 class have finished reviewing the General Education patterns for the UC, CSU, and A.A./A.S. requirements. They begin to select a major and will spend time in the computer lab learning how to use Assist.org, a California schools network that details courses required for specific college majors. Students will look into Transfer Agreements, which will provide them with insights into the patterns of course that meet entrance requirements.

Steve Morehouse, counselor at CSM and developer of a Career Assessment survey, is scheduled to administer this survey to the class in April. The students will learn to use Eureka, a career exploration and scholarship resource program that will help students research potential majors, careers, and colleges. Financial aid also is covered.

Seniors: Graduation Info

The Middle College graduation is Tuesday, May 31 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 staff assistant Carol Ullrich contacted all seniors regarding names for the diplomas. She also has ordered graduation items. The cost for cap, gown, and tassel is \$35. Students get to keep these 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 Thursday, May 26 from 1:45pm-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.

- Adult School - June 15, 7pm, CSM Theater
- Aragon - May 27, 1pm, San Mateo PAC*
- Burlingame - May 27, 4pm, BHS Football Field
- Capuchino - May 27, 7:30pm, San Mateo PAC*
- Half Moon Bay - June 8, HMB HS
- Hillsdale - May 26, 5:30pm, Hillsdale Great Court
- Mills - May 27, 5pm, San Mateo PAC*
- San Mateo - May 26, 7pm, San Mateo PAC*

*San Mateo Performing Arts Center

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 birth date (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)