**MC Graduation on June 1**

The Middle College spring semester officially ends on Tuesday, June 1 when the seniors graduate in the CSM Theater.

The Middle College final exams are May 27 from 11:10am-1:40pm (Senior English and US History) and on June 1 from 11:10-1:40pm (Junior English). The seniors will schedule internship project presentations with Mr. Clardy for May 26-28.

The CRER 121 final is May 18 from 11:10am-noon in Bldg. 18, room 302. Mr. Basques will provide more information to the students.

Seniors who are in danger of failing a high school class are receiving a 15-week interim progress report in this mailing.

Grades for the college classes will be available on Wednesday, June 9. Check Websmart for final grades.

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**Principal's Corner**

*By Greg Quigley*

Our students have joined the CSM community to participate in Spring Fling events this week. The arrival of Spring Fling means that the Middle College graduation is on the horizon.

The final day of the spring semester is June 1, also graduation day for seniors. But much work needs to be done in the closing weeks. Seniors are busily preparing for their final internship projects, a part of the English final exam. Juniors should be completing their volunteer hours.

The college final exams are scheduled for May 24-28. All students have been given a copy of the college final exam schedule and we’ve enclosed one in this mailing.

Graduation is June 1 at 5:30pm in the CSM Theater. Juniors are required to attend the ceremony to help with the event. Seniors and juniors must arrive at the CSM Theater no later than 4:30pm. Seniors have a mandatory graduation rehearsal on Tuesday, May 25 at 2pm in the theater.

Continuing Middle College students and seniors who will stay at CSM for summer and/or fall classes we are expected to register for classes via WebSmart on May 3.

We’re continuing to accept new students for next year. Most new students have registered for fall and summer classes. Prospective students can get an application from the Middle College office or at the Middle College website (www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege)

If juniors will not be returning to the program for senior year, they should tell me as soon as possible so we can create a space for a new student.

Seniors who won’t complete graduation requirements by June 1 should see me to design a plan to take the necessary courses for graduation.

The final Middle College News will be mailed with the final grades for the high school classes.

If there are questions leading up to the Middle College graduation, please call me or the teachers. Good luck on finals!

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**Registration for summer and fall classes is underway**

Current Middle College students were expected to register for CSM fall and summer classes on May 3. This includes students who will stay in the program in the fall and students who will graduate, but will continue their education at CSM in either the summer or fall.

Students who are accepted into Middle College for the fall semester also were expected to register for classes on May 3. In most cases, a student taking a college math class must take the CSM Placement Test prior to enrolling in the college class. Call the testing office for more information (574-6175).

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**Middle College Calendar**

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The 2010-11 Middle College school year begins on Thursday, August 12. Students will have high school classes August 12-13, 16-17. CSM classes begin on Wednesday, August 18. The semester runs through December 17.

SAT/ACT deadlines
The next SAT and Subject Tests will be Saturday, June 5. The registration deadline was May 5; the late registration deadline is May 19. This would be a good time for juniors to take the SAT and Subject Tests. View www.collegeboard.com for details. The last ACT for the school year is June 12; the registration deadline is May 7. See www.act.org for more information.

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 20. The registration deadline is May 22; the emergency registration date is June 16. 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.

Fall 10 applications
The deadline for students applying for Fall 2010 was in March, yet we will continue to receive applications and process them on a case-by-case basis. We have openings for incoming juniors and we have a wait list for incoming seniors. Applications are available in the counseling offices of district schools and are available on-line at the Middle College website: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege

Summer Reading
All new and continuing Middle College students must complete a summer reading assignment. The summer reading selections are included in this mailing and can be found at http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege/summer.asp

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Seniors: Graduation Info
The Middle College graduation is Tuesday, June 1 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 work 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, which will be distributed when they arrive from Jostens. 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 Tuesday, May 25 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.

- Aragon - May 28, 1pm, San Mateo PAC
- Burlingame - May 28, 4pm, BHS Football Field
- Capuchino - May 28, 6:30pm, Capuchino Auditorium
- Half Moon Bay, June 10, HMB HS
- Hillsdale - May 27, 5:30pm, Hillsdale Great Court
- Mills - May 28, 5pm, San Mateo PAC
- San Mateo - May 27, 7pm, San Mateo PAC

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 them 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 a replacement textbook.

Middle College requests 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 on-line 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.