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 end on July 30; some on August 13. SMUHSD summer school ended on July 17. 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. View collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege/summer.asp for the summer reading assignments. Email Ms. Fraser at fraserjen08@yahoo.com 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 few weeks away. Middle College begins its 12th year on Thursday, August 13. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

All students are required to meet on August 13 and 14 in Bldg. 19, room 121 from 9am until noon. The teachers are planning a field trip for either August 17 or 18, so students should make arrangements to be available from at least 8:30am-3pm. If we aren’t able to schedule a trip, we will hold classes from 9am-noon both days. More information to follow.

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@smuhsd.org).
I’ll place holds on student records as of August 3.

I’ve enclosed an announcement about the construction on the CSM campus during the summer and fall semesters. Parking has been limited, though the parking and traffic conditions are expected to improve in time for the fall semester. Check the CSM website for updates.

English teacher Jennifer Fraser will be advising the seniors this year. If there are questions about graduation requirements, SAT tests, college applications, etc., seniors should schedule a meeting with Ms. Fraser.
Contact Ms. Fraser via email at fraserjen08@yahoo.com

Michael Clardy will be the junior advisor, helping the juniors transition to Middle College.

Some students did not return the paperwork we mailed in June. Return the completed papers via mail or when the student returns to school.

Students must get their college books on August 13 and August 17 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. 9 at 6pm in Bldg. 14, room 213. More information to follow.

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

Middle College Calendar

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**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 online textbook service. Students will be able to write in and highlight 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 the 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.

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**Fees for Fall 2009**

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 $20 per unit for every unit the student is enrolled in (fees subject to change).

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) in order to avoid being charged for the units. (Consult the class schedule for the exact dates.) Students who want to take more 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. So 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 2009 Applications**

Middle College has openings for incoming juniors for the Fall 2009 semester. 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.

**CSM Flex Days, Nov. 11-12**

Note that CSM has non-school days (teacher work days) on Nov. 11-12, followed by the Veteran’s day Holiday on Nov. 13. However, because Middle College students need to attend school for more days than college students, we are required to have classes on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12. We anticipate holding classes from 9am-noon both days. More information to follow.

**Back-To-School Night**

The Middle College Back-To-School Night is Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 6pm-8pm in Bldg. 14, room 213. More information to follow.

**SAT/ACT registration**

The first SAT and Subject Tests for the 2009-10 school year will be Saturday, Oct. 10. Regular registration deadline is Sept. 9; late registration is Sept. 23. The next test will be Nov. 7. View www.collegeboard.com for more information.

The first ACT is Sept. 12; registration deadline is Aug. 7. View www.actstudent.org for more information.

**Final Exams, Dec. 17/18**

Reminder that the Middle College final exams are Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17 and 18 from 11:10-1:40pm. College finals begin Monday, Dec. 14. Middle College students must attend the high school final exams. Vacation begins Dec. 19; school resumes Jan. 12.

**CRER 122 class**

Middle College students are required to pass CRER 122 and CRER 121 to meet a MCHS requirement. The eight-week CRER 122 class, “Strategies for Educational Success,” begins on Thursday, August 20, 11:10-noon in Bldg. 18, room 203. The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays and runs until mid-October.

**Seniors internships**

Seniors must meet with senior advisor Ms. Fraser to plan for their senior internship. Some seniors began their assignments this summer. They are required to put in 24 hours in a career-related field. This experience is the basis for the mandatory Senior Project, completed in May. Contact Ms. Fraser to set up an appointment: 574-6537 or fraserjen08@yahoo.com

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**School 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. Here is some information about school picture days. Call the schools for more details.

- Aragon: Aug 19 (seniors), Aug. 21 (juniors), 8am-2:30pm, small gym
- Burlingame: Aug. 12 (juniors) 1pm-4pm, Cafeteria Capuchino: Aug. 12 (juniors and seniors), all day, gymnasium Hillsdale: Aug. 12 (juniors and seniors), room 110, 1pm-3pm Mills: Aug. 10 (seniors); Aug. 11 (juniors) 8am-3pm; Senior portraits by Prestige at Mills, Oct. 1 8am-3pm
- San Mateo: Aug. 10 in Performing Arts Center

Most schools use LifeTouch for their school pictures and their senior portraits. Call (510) 372-1500 for more information.

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