September 2019

Dear Parent and Guardian,

Greetings! This letter contains information about the upcoming 2020 Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. This year AP Exams will be held May 4th through May 15th. Students who are enrolled in AP classes have already been registered to take the AP Exams for those classes. If they wish to not take the exam, they will need to notify their AP teacher as well as Mr. Celli no later than November 4, 2019. Students are able to purchase AP exams from Ms. Barone in the Student Store or via the online student store located on the front page of the TLHS website. Payments can be made by check, cash, or credit card. Ms. Sheila Barone, in the Student Store, will assist you and payments need to be made no later than November 8, 2019.

All students in an AP class are automatically signed up for the exam when they register online in their AP classrooms. If you are in an AP class and do not want to take the AP exam, please let your AP teacher and Mr. Celli know before November 8, 2019.

Why Take an AP Exam?

- **Earn College Credits**: As college costs grow each year, the prospect of continuing education becomes overwhelming for many high school students. By making it through an AP course and scoring successfully on the related AP Exam, you can save on college expenses. Currently more than 90 percent of colleges and universities across the country offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores. These credits can potentially save students and their families thousands of dollars in college tuition, fees and textbook costs, which can transform what once seemed unaffordable into something within reach. You can see specific colleges’ guidelines on accepting AP scores for credit and placement by searching the AP Credit Policy database at www.collegeboard.com. Here you can see how many credits your AP scores will earn you and which courses you may be able to place out of at your future college.

- **Skip Introductory Classes**: If you know what you want to major in at college, taking an AP course related to that major and earning a qualifying score on the AP exam can help you gain advanced placement out of introductory courses. This means that you can possibly place out of crowded required courses, and move directly into upper-level classes where you can focus on work that interests you most. Even if you take an AP exam unrelated to your major, or if you’re not sure what you want to major in, AP courses can often help you place out of your colleges’ general education requirements. With this additional time on your class schedule, you can pursue a second major or minor, take exciting electives, or follow additional interests in new ways.
Again, students will be receiving more information about the exams from their AP teachers prior to the exam dates in May.

- **Schedule**: Please review the May 2020 AP Exam Schedule posted on the TLHS website and notify Mr. Celli, Assistant Principal, via e-mail at rcelli@srcs.org if you know that your child has a conflict OR if your child has two exams scheduled at the same time.

- **Testing Accommodations**: Students who have been approved by the College Board for testing accommodations should provide their identification number and information on the form. Please contact Mr. Celli, Assistant Principal, via e-mail at rcelli@srcs.org if you have questions.

- **Payment**: The fee for each AP Exam is $105.00. Please total the number of exams your child is taking and make a check payable to “Terra Linda High School” for the total amount, or issue a cash or credit card payment. In the memo area of the check, please write your child’s name and the full name of each exam. It is very important the name of the exam is correct to ensure we order the proper exam. Online purchases may be made at terralinda.srcs.org and Click on the Student Store link and then follow login instructions.

- **Reduced Fees**: Beginning with the 2018 AP Exam administration, states are no longer able to secure funding for low-income students’ AP Exams as they have in the past, through a dedicated federal program. These significant changes in reducing federal funding for low-income students has drastically affected our ability to significantly discount our exams. However, all Terra Linda students that have been approved for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program at TLHS will receive a discounted price for each AP exam. The new reduced fee cost is $53 per exam. Only students who are approved for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program will receive this discount. Students paying a reduced fee per exam must pay at the Student Store to be eligible for the discount, as the online system cannot be set to receive different payment amounts and will thus charge the full amount per exam. For reasons of confidentiality, students may also elect to see Principal Katy Dunlap or Assistant Principal Rob Celli to turn in their exam payment form.

- **Refund Requests**: If your child chooses not to take an exam, even with prior notification, you will be refunded $40 administration fee per exam. This is because College Board still charges the school for the ordered exam. All refund requests must be received 24 hours prior to the exam, and submitted in writing to Sheila Barone, via e-mail at sbarone@srcs.org.

- **Other commitments on the day of the exam**: Please do not make any other appointments on the day of your AP Exam(s). Delays occasionally cause exams to go over the scheduled time.

Please make sure during exam week that your child is getting plenty of rest and all of the support needed! If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mr. Celli, Assistant Principal, via e-mail at rcelli@srcs.org or at (415) 492-3103.
2020 AP Exams Registration Form

Student Name: ___________________  Grade: ______

AP Exam: ____________________  Teacher: ______________________

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Note: Please list full name of the AP exam, especially if you are taking a Language or Literature exam, Physics C: Mechanics and/or Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism and if you are taking Calculus AB or BC.

The cost per exam is $105.00 or $53.00 per exam if receiving a reduced fee.

Total amount of payment enclosed: $________

Testing Accommodations: Students who have requested and have been approved by the College Board for testing accommodations, please provide the student’s identification number here: ____________________________.

Please return this form to Ms. Sheila Barone in the Student Store
No later than November 8, 2019.