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Advanced Placement Program Q&A

What is the AP Program?

The Advanced Placement Program is designed by the College Board to provide motivated and academically prepared high school students with the opportunity to study and learn at the college level. The two components of the program are **AP Courses** and **AP Exams**. There are 34 courses/exams offered in a wide variety of subjects.



Does Seton School participate in the AP Program?

Yes, each May, Seton School offers AP Exams to interested students. Due to many constraints however, Seton School does not offer authorized AP Courses.

What are the benefits of taking AP Exams?

AP Exams are scored on a 5 point scale. A score of 3 or higher corresponds to a passing grade in a comparable college course. Most colleges and universities worldwide grant college credit, advanced placement, or both on the basis of AP Exam scores. (Please consult individual colleges for their policies.)

Earning college credit or advanced placement can allow students more flexibility to double major, study abroad, or graduate early. Participating in the AP Program can also help students to stand out in the college admissions process.

Who should consider taking AP Exams?

High school students who are doing well in various subjects and are willing to do some independent study should consider preparing for the corresponding AP Exam(s). Students should take AP subject exams in May of the year they are studying that subject.

Which exams are offered to our Seton Students?

The following is a list of exams typically offered at Seton, along with the corresponding Seton course. If a student is interested in taking an AP exam not listed below, Seton is willing to offer the exam if it is possible.

AP English Language and Composition—junior and senior level English classes

AP English Literature and Composition—English 12, Advanced Literature

AP European History, AP World History—World History II

AP U.S. History—American History

AP Microeconomics—Economics

AP U.S. Government and Politics—American Government

AP Calculus AB—Calculus

AP Statistics—Statistics

AP Physics B—Physics II

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How should I prepare for AP Exams?

First, consult with your classroom teacher for guidance and advice. Then obtain an AP preparation book from the bookstore or the library and begin studying it as you progress through your coursework at Seton. Try to find other students interested in taking the exam and form a study group to keep you focused during the school year.

How do Seton students typically do on the AP exams?

About 67% of our students earn scores of 3 or higher each year. Additionally, nearly every year Seton students have achieved AP Scholar Awards. This achievement is acknowledged on any score report sent to colleges the following fall.

What are the various AP Scholar awards?

AP Scholar- a score of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams

AP Scholar with Honors- an average score of 3.25 on all exams taken and a grade of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction- an average score of 3.5 on all exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams.

National AP Scholar- an average grade of 4 on all exams taken and grades of 4 or more on 8 or more exams.

Where can I learn more about the AP Program?

The *2012 Bulletin for AP Students and Parents* will be sent home with interested students in January. Also, log onto www.collegeboard.com/student and click on "AP" under College Board Tests.

How do I order AP Exams and what is the cost?

Seton School must place exam orders by late March, and the fee is \$87 per exam. Registration information will be published in the Sentinel and the Guidance Newsletter.

Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program

Offered by George Mason University for high school and undergraduate students to gain hands on experience in laboratories at the Prince William and Fairfax campuses of George Mason University. Students work along side Mason researchers using state-of-the-art technology, gain invaluable laboratory experience, and have the opportunity to meet with scientists from varying disciplines in the scientific fields.

When: The program runs from June, 21-August 13, 2012

Cost: Free

Applications Due Date: February 15th

Pre-Req: Students must be 16 by June 21, 2012

For more information visit <http://assip.cos.gmu.edu>

SAT Prep Class

* Practice Tests

*Skill Review

*Test-Taking Strategies

When: Saturdays, February 4th -Saturday, March 31st

Time: 9-12

Where: Seton School

Cost is \$250 including prep book and supplies

Please call Rita Hughes at (540)878-1791

Prayer for Openness to God's Call

Lord Jesus, once You called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men. Continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation: "Come and Follow Me."

Grant to young men and women the grace of responding promptly to Your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests, and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are fulfilling the ideal of a life of total consecration to Your service.

Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send, Lord, workers into Your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to collaborate in the divine design of salvation.

Amen.

Pope John Paul II



Upcoming Financial Aid Nights

Saturday, January 28th

Super Saturday at Stonewall Jackson HS -
9am-1:00pm (FAFSA)

Thursday, February 16th

Woodbridge HS - 6-8pm (FAFSA)



Scholarships Deadlines Jan 20th - Feb 17th

National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships 1/31/12

KFC Colonel's Scholars 2/8/12

Virginia Airport Operators Council 2/17/12

Willard G. Plenti Aviation Scholarship Program 2/17/12

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program 2/17/12