



Dear SJCA AP students, parents and guardians,

I hope you are all safe, healthy and finding your footing during this uncertain time. I just want to send a message about SJCA's AP classes and the upcoming AP exams. **Just as SJCA is pivoting to find the best way to navigate our students' educational experience, the AP program is equally committed to all of the students enrolled in AP courses and exams.** While many things are still in flux regarding the AP exams, here is the latest information from AP:

- **The AP offices have assured schools and students that AP exams will take place, albeit in a shorter format.**
- Traditional face-to-face exam administrations will not take place. Students will take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home.
- While AP encourages students to wait until closer to the test date to decide, any student already registered for an exam can choose to cancel at no charge.
- Students will be able to take these streamlined exams on any device they have access to-computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option.
- For each AP subject, there will be two different testing dates, so students may have the ability to sit for the exam when they feel the most prepared.
- The full exam schedule, specific free-response question types that will be on each AP Exam, and additional testing details will be available by April 3, 2020.
- **AP exams will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March.**
- Educators are working with AP personnel to select exam questions that address only that content.
- AP has provided and will continue to provide additional digital resources so students can access all practice questions of the type that will appear on the exam.

I realize there is a lot of information coming your way right now, not just with AP classes but across many realms. Here is my best advice to our students and families about the AP exams:

- **Relax and take a breath.** Our AP students are smart, motivated, hard-working and already immersed in the rigors of AP classes. They will be ready to take their AP exams.
- **Unlike many schools, SJCA is providing distance learning, so our AP students are receiving extra, intentional instruction from their own AP teachers that will give them an advantage over AP students across the globe.**
- **Our teachers have already covered most, if not all, of the material that will be on the shortened AP exams.** These next several weeks will be review, again giving our students a great opportunity to score well on their AP exams.
- **Our AP teachers have a vast amount of resources available to them that they will be sharing with their students.** As long as students continue to do their work, ask questions, and stay engaged, they will be more than prepared for the 2020 AP exams.
- In addition, our **AP teachers will be giving students more information pertinent to specific subjects** in their virtual classes.
- **This is not just an SJCA issue.** Every single AP student across the globe will be facing these same challenges and more, if they do not have access to distance learning.

Thanks to you all for being flexible and patient during this time. The SJCA community is blessed to have such dedicated students, teachers and resources, ensuring all of our students will be well prepared for the AP exams. **If you have any questions about AP classes or exams, please do not hesitate to contact me at lmckeon@sjcawi.org.**

Please be safe and know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Best,

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