

MANASQUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is enrolled in one or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses for the 2021-2022 school year. Advanced Placement courses offer rigorous college-level curriculum, and offer students a challenging, inquiry-based academic experience. In working with Manasquan High School's outstanding teaching staff, your child is learning to challenge themselves, to study subjects in greater detail, and to develop reasoning and analytical skills. National studies of college entrance requirements indicate that course selection is the most important criteria for admitting students. Studies have also demonstrated that students who take AP courses are more likely to earn a Bachelor's degree.

The national, end-of-course exam given in May is an integral measurement of your child's acquired knowledge in the particular subject area. Passing the AP exam with a score of 3 or higher on a 5-point scale earns college credit that your child may transfer to a university accepting AP credit.

The Manasquan High School administration and teaching staff looks to partner with our Advanced Placement students and families so as to provide you with:

- 1) a rigorous, challenging schedule that will allow our students to compete with the best students in the country as they apply to the most competitive colleges and universities.
- 2) an enriching, challenging academic experience that will encourage our students to explore their interests and possibly help guide them in creating their future academic and career goals.
- 3) **the best opportunity to commit to an prepare for success on all end-of-course Advanced Placement tests, providing families with significant opportunities to save on the cost of college tuition (recent Manasquan High School students have earned up to 20 college credits through their success on Advanced Placement exams).**

As a means to support our teachers and students, the Manasquan High School administration and Guidance Department will be meeting with A.P. Students in April to discuss scheduling and preparation for the end-of-course exams in early May.

We look forward to partnering with you in this process, and in celebrating our students' success in the most challenging and enriching academic setting.

Sincerely,

Rick Coppola
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