

Second Floor Scoop

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STUDENTS

PM School Begins on Tue., Mar. 1.

 This semester we will offer credit recovery courses through a DOE-approved, online company called Aventa Learning. We consider this online option to be a good fit for our iGeneration students. Learn more about these credit recovery courses by reviewing the excerpts below:

"Aventa Learning is an award-winning provider of high-quality, standards-based online courses for middle school, high school, and high school credit recovery. Aventa Learning courses are designed to meet students learning needs by aligning course content and assessments with state standards, proven instructional design theory, and accepted best practices in instruction and educational technology.

"Aventa Learning is a leading provider of virtual school solutions. Their highly qualified instructional staff, extensive catalog of online courses, and flexible delivery options combine to meet the needs of all middle school and high school students" (*Aventa Learning 13*).

"More than one thousand virtual schools, charter schools, school districts, and state education departments across the United States rely on Aventa for expanded educational opportunities for their students. Aventa accommodates unique scheduling needs, without adding staff or classrooms" (*Aventa Learning 1*).

Student Ambassadors Needed

 We are excited to welcome to LaGuardia the prospective students who were accepted into our school for the Fall 2011 semester. These students and their families as guests at LaGuardia's upcoming Open House on **Thu., Feb. 17** from **5pm-8pm**.

If you are interested in answering guests' questions and giving them directions during this invitation-only event, you should sign up in the Guidance Suite. Student Ambassadors will be assigned specific locations throughout the building. La! T-shirts will be provided.

Thank You For Going to Study Hall.

 Data Processing (GSPR, GSTH) attendance is required. There will be consequences for failing to sign in, which may include detention. Thank you.

Reviewing Your Report Card

 Any student who failed a class must see a guidance counselor as soon as possible to register for PM school. If you have any questions or concerns about your grades, you must speak with your guidance counselor.

Missing MetroCards

 Any student who did not receive a MetroCard during OP should pick one up from Ms. Rivera in Room 230.

TEACHERS

Staff Reporting Responsibilities During an Announced Delayed School Opening



All school staff are responsible and obligated to report to work as early as possible, but not later than the later starting time on a day with an authorized two hour delayed opening. For our school, this would be 10:00 am. Regular attendance reporting standards apply (absences, latenesses) based on this later starting time.

These regular standards include the principal's discretion in approving or denying extraordinary Transportation Delay Forms for staff (OP201) contingent upon, as applicable, confirmation of delays by the Transit Authority, Department of Transportation or other agencies involved with the specific cause of delay (again, based on the later starting time).

Tax Forms



If you haven't already done so, please stop by Mary Nieves in Room 208 to pick up your W-2 form.

Win a Wireless Lab and Document Camera!



Teachers are encouraged to apply for a Discovery Education grant package. Three grand prize winners will receive wireless labs. Interactive whiteboards, netbooks, and digital cameras are also among the prizes. Go to www.discoveryeducation.org/cdwg to learn more.

Enter the 2011 Samsung Grant Competition, and you could receive a new SAM-CAM 860. Samsung is offering 50 SAMCAM 860 document cameras through their Digital Preparedness program. Applications must be received by Apr. 30 and will include an explanation of how new technology in the classroom will better prepare our students for future challenges. Visit www.samsunggrants.com for more information.

PARENTS

Attendance



If you are checking student attendance in Daedalus, see "cuts," and think the record inaccurate, please ask your child to come to Room 201 and get a "Marked Absent in Error" form. This document must be filled out by the teacher who marked the student absent. Calling the Attendance Office will not help much because we cannot change the record without the teacher's signature. Based on the completed form, the attendance personnel will change the attendance record.

AP Examination Information

The Importance of AP

According to the College Board, "AP is accepted by more than 3,600 colleges and universities worldwide for college credit, advanced placement, or both on the basis of successful AP Exam grades" (AP Program Guide 2008-09 3). The opportunity for students to earn college credits is fast approaching. Be sure to meet the deadlines below for AP Exam registration:

Meeting Deadlines

The deadline to register and pay for your AP exams is Tue., Mar. 22. If you are paying by check or money order, bring your envelope to Ms. Fogel in Room 237. If you wish to pay online, visit LaProgram.org. **NO LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Receiving Log-in Information

To be able to register, every student registered for at least one AP class will receive their username and password for Daedalus. You may have received this information before. If that is the case and you have already changed your password, use the last password you had. Your teacher will go over the registration process during class.

Each student will receive their log-in information only one time. Students with more than one AP class will receive their letter from only one of their AP teachers. Therefore, there may be some students for which teachers do not have log-in information. These students should have received it through another class.

Extended Time and Absence

- Please make sure to see Ms. van Keulen in Room 261 if any one of the following is true: you think the College Office approved you for extended time or special accommodations, you have two examinations at the same time, or you cannot take a test because of a funeral, graduation of a sibling, or other excused absence.
- If you are absent for an AP exam and you wish to take the late administration, you must present a note from a medical professional to excuse your absence. The College Board grants LaGuardia High School the right to decide whether or not a late AP exam will be administered.
- If you are unsure of your College Board extended time status, please see Ms. van Keulen in 261 ASAP. If you already know you are approved for extended time by the College Board, also see Ms. van Keulen ASAP.

How to Register for AP Examinations

To register for the AP Exams, please follow the steps below.

1. Go to the following URL: LaProgram.org. There you will find a link to <https://students-laguardiahs.theschoolsystem.net/login.rb>
2. Login using the complete username (including the "@laguardiahs.net") and the password provided.
3. Go to "Register for A.P. Exams"
4. Use the scroll-down menu to select the exam(s) you wish to take. **DO NOT REGISTER FOR ANY EXAMS YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF ACTUALLY TAKING.**
5. After you have selected all of the exams you wish to take, click "Update."
6. You will be sent to a page that will give you the calculation of your amount due for payment. Please print this form and put it in an envelope with a check or money order, made out to LaGuardia High School, if applicable. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Bring this envelope to Ms. Fogel in Room 237. Alternatively, you may pay your fees online at the LaGuardia web store. You can access the web store through LaProgram.org, which links to http://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/fiorello_h_laguardia/
7. The full fee for each AP exam is \$86. Students who qualify for the Federal Free Lunch subsidy pay no fee. If you believe that you should not pay or you should pay a reduced fee, please see Ms. Fogel in Room 237.
8. The Parents Association offers financial aid to those students who do not qualify for free lunch but feel that they need financial assistance to pay for these exams. See Ms. Fogel in Room 237 to receive an application.
9. Applications and checks are due on or before Tue., Mar. 22.
10. If you have any problems registering, please see Mrs. Wilson in Room 261.

AP Calendar

Wed., Mar. 2	Students receive Daedalus log-in information to register for Exam(s) through one of their AP classes.
Tue., Mar. 22	Deadline for students to register and pay for AP Exams