

# Second Floor Scoop

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## STUDENTS

### 2012 AP Exam Schedule

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon
Monday, May 7	Chemistry Environmental Science	
Tuesday, May 8	Spanish Language	Art History
Wednesday, May 9	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Language and Culture
Thursday, May 10	English Literature and Composition	Japanese Language and Culture
Friday, May 11	United States History	
Week 2	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon
Monday, May 14	Biology Music Theory	
Tuesday, May 15		French Language and Culture
Wednesday, May 16	English Language and Composition	Statistics
Thursday, May 17	World History	Italian Language and Culture



#### Acuity Tests in English and Math

Math Acuity exams will be administered on Thursday, March 8. Students who are currently enrolled in an Integrated Algebra class will take this Interim Term Assessment.

English Acuity tests will be administered on Friday, March 9. All students in ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade who are not taking AP Language will take this Interim Term Assessment.



#### Attendance

If you are checking student attendance in Daedalus, see "cuts," and think the record inaccurate, please 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.



#### LaGuardia's AP Fair

All interested ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students are invited to LaGuardia's AP Fair on Wednesday, March 28, in the seventh-floor cafeteria. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the opportunities and challenges presented by our school's AP courses, speak with current AP students and teachers, review course offerings, and ask questions.

## STUDENTS (CONTINUED)



#### AP Exam Registration and Payment

*Please pay for AP exams by the day after you register. You may not pay later than Thursday, March 22.*

#### AP Exam Registration

- Students will be registering for the AP exams with their AP teacher and class in the computer lab on Daedalus this week. Be sure you have your Daedalus logon information with you. If you do not know your userid and password you should go to room 261.
- Student should print a copy of their receipt which shows all the exams registered for and the associated fees.
- Students taking multiple AP classes and exams should register for all their AP exams in Daedalus at the same time.

#### AP Exam Payment

- Students should bring the printed receipt with payment (cash, check or money order) to room 229 or 237 during a free period. Checks and money orders should be made out to LaGuardia H.S.
- Parents of students paying the full exam fee of \$87 per exam can instead opt to pay for the exams on-line with a credit card by going to LaProgram.org.
- As per the DOE, for the first time, students who qualify for free or reduced lunch must pay \$15.00 per exam for up to 3 exams and then \$53 for each additional AP exam.
- All payments must be received no later than Thursday, March 22, 2012.

If you feel that you cannot afford to pay for any or all of your AP exam fees, there is a very limited amount of money available from the Parents Association to help defray the costs of these exam fees. Students should come to room 237 to make a request for financial assistance. Requests for assistance must include a copy of the most recent 1040 form indicating financial hardship.

## TEACHERS



#### Technical Help During AP Registration

If any student or teacher experiences technical difficulties while students are registering for AP exams in the computer labs next week, the teacher should call **X6317**.



#### Coverage for SMART Board PD

SMART Board PDs will be offered during the school day over the course of two months. **The sessions will be offered during periods 6 and 7.** Since training is offered during school hours, coverage will be arranged for all participating teachers.



#### Tax Forms

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

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## TEACHERS (CONTINUED)

### Revised Due Date for First Marking Period Grades



In response to teachers' requests, we are changing the due date for the first marking period grades from Thursday, March 8, to Monday, March 12. The OP for report card distribution is being moved from Wednesday, March 14, to Friday, March 16. This change was requested because of the reduced number of days of instruction due to the midwinter recess.

Thank you.

### AP Teachers: Your AP Students Will Register for AP Exams in Class During the Week of March 5.



This year, rather than having AP students individually register to take their AP exams, AP teachers are asked to bring their class to the computer lab as a group to have the students register for all of their AP exams in Daedalus at the same time. This is being done to help ensure that students who plan to take an AP exam, as well as those who do not plan to take the respective AP exam, are identified earlier in the registration process. In the November 18 issue of the Yellow Sheet, we asked teachers to submit ideas regarding how we can help students register for AP examinations and pay for them on time. This is the solution we chose for the current year.

AP teachers are asked to review the memo placed in mailboxes identifying the assigned days and rooms for registration. Please call Ms. van Keulen at x2261 if you have any questions.

Students taking more than one AP exam should register for all of their AP exams at the same time when they initially visit the computer lab. All AP students must print out a copy of their receipt after registering. Students will need to submit this receipt and their payment to Pam Fogel (Room 235) during the week following registration. (The due date is Thursday, March 22.) Students who are absent on the day their AP class is scheduled to register will be responsible for registering on their own. Please help students to understand this important information.

### New Technological Resources



#### Computers

The 2011-2012 technology tax levy money was spent on 17 Lenovo PCs used to replace the following computers:

- Six in the student section of the College Office
- One inside the College Office
- Two in room 317 for teachers and students
- One in Room 837C (the Dance Department)
- One in room 527 (the Science Department)
- One in room 229A (the Guidance Department)
- Two in the Program office
- Three reserves

#### Integrated SMART Boards

In addition, the school has purchased Integrated SMART Boards, and they were placed in the following departments:

- Three in the World Language Department
- Three in the Science Department
- Three in the Social Studies Department
- Two in the English Department
- Two in the Math Department
- One in the Art Department
- One in the Music Department

Sixteen of our rooms contain an Integrated SMART Board.

We would like to thank the Parents Association for the money given to purchase some of these SMART Boards.

If you have any questions regarding information on this page, please call Ms. van Keulen, AP of Data and Technology, at (212) 496-0700 X 2261.

### Donorschoose.org Grants



Qualify for a grant and you will get your project funded more quickly!!

Selective Funding From ABC Family  
50% match offer for student-initiated projects in grades 9-12 (debate teams, recycling programs, beach clean-up efforts, you name it!).

Projects must:

- \* Contain \$100-\$1,300 in project materials.
- \* Include the keyword "ABC Family".
- \* Demonstrate how your student(s) initiated the project, how many students are involved, and how you're working with them to develop it.
- \* Tell us how your students will implement the project at your school, and why you're both interested in seeing it funded!

#### Selective Funding From Pricewaterhouse Coopers

Double Your Impact funding available for select projects that educate students about civil rights and diversity. Projects may include up to \$600 in materials. If your project is selected for this opportunity, it will appear with the match offer within two weeks of posting.

#### Double Your Impact From Seth Sprague Educational and Charitable Foundation

Almost Home funding offer for health and fitness projects at high poverty schools in New York City. Projects may include up to \$250 in materials.

#### Double Your Impact From Townsend Press

50% match offer for projects that request \$400 or less in materials to combat bullying. Projects will be added to the campaign weekly at the discretion of the grantor. Be sure to explain how each item you request will contribute to an anti-bullying curriculum.

#### Almost Home Thanks to Townsend Press

Almost Home funding offer for projects that request \$400 or less in materials to combat bullying, including the book "Bullying in Schools," available through AKJ Books. Projects will be added to the campaign weekly at the discretion of the grantor. Be sure to explain how each item you request will contribute to an anti-bullying curriculum.

Here is a link to the grant information on the donorschoose.org website:

<http://help.donorschoose.org/app/fundingopportunities#Newyork>

Never used donorschoose before?

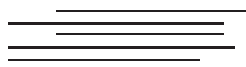
You can find the information you need to get started here: <http://www.donorschoose.org/teachers>

## PARENTS

### Extended Time for AP Exams



The due date for submitting complete accommodations requests for students with disabilities for AP exams was Friday, February 24.



# SMART Board Training Opportunity

Integrating Technology  
1000010 Into Teaching 

LaGuardia teachers are encouraged to participate in the upcoming second SMART Board training session.

SMART Board PDs will be offered during the school day over the course of two months. The sessions will be offered during periods 6 and 7. Since training is offered during school hours, coverage will be arranged for all participating teachers. Participants may attend one or more sessions.

Please review the session descriptions to the right.

SMART Board Training Sessions		
Level	Date	Time
Course 102A	3/7/2012	Periods 6 and 7
Course 102B	3/20/2012	
Course 103	4/18/2012	

## "SMART Board Session Offerings

### "Usability 102a (1.5-hour session)

Explore the SMART Notebook software and its interactive capabilities in greater detail. Use Drawing Tools, Gallery content and links to create engaging activities on your SMART Board, and learn how to incorporate these interactive tools and templates into a SMART Notebook lesson.

### "Usability 102b (1.5-hour session)

Discover the more advanced design tools within SMART Notebook. Learn how to integrate tables, animate objects, use the magic pen, make page recordings, create links, and much more.

### "Usability 103 (1.5-hour session)

Learn sophisticated techniques that will help you realize the full potential of the SMART Notebook software and further increase student engagement. Explore advanced software tools, such as the SMART Recorder and Video Player, and learn how to customize all settings within the software to fit your personal teaching style" ("SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard System").

## LaGuardia's AP Results Among Best in City



The Department of Education made available aggregated data on schools' AP participation and the performance of students who took examinations during the 2010-11 school year.

More LaGuardia students took the English Language AP Exam in 2010-11 than in 2009-10. Even with this increase in student participation from 193 to 233, a higher percentage of students earned

a 3 or greater than last year. The increase was from 89.6% to 94%.

More LaGuardia students also took the English Literature AP test, and a higher percentage passed. 97 took it this year, while only 88 took it last year. 84.5% earned at least a 3; this is an improvement on the previous year's percentage, which was 80.7%.

In all of New York City, LaGuardia boasts the fourth highest number of AP exams scoring a 3, 4, or 5 in the 2010-11 AP exam session.

More LaGuardia students took the AP English exams in 2011 than in the previous year, *and* a higher percentage earned a 3 or greater.

AP Results				
	2009-2010		2010-2011	
	# Students Taking the Exam	% Achieving 3 or Greater	# Students Taking the Exam	% Achieving 3 or Greater
Art History	172	47.70%	158	44.90%
Biology	49	79.60%	68	75%
Chemistry	49	85.70%	22	63.6%
Env. Science	140	47.10%	83	56.6%
English Language	193	89.60%	233	94%
English Literature	88	80.70%	97	84.50%
French	32	78.10%	32	93.80%
Spanish Language	50	76.00%	54	75.90%
Japanese	18	66.70%	14	71.40%
Music Theory	22	95.40%	25	100%
U.S. History	185	69.20%	199	79.40%
Calculus AB	154	33.80%	146	50.70%
Statistics	82	51.20%	88	37.50%

"SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard System." Smart Interactive Solutions for Education, Business, and Government. 2012. Web. 17 Jan. 2012.

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