

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to have your child in the Advanced Placement Program next year. College level courses will prepare them for the next stage of life. Like you, we are committed to preparing your child for the future.

The goal of AP Boot Camp is for students to discuss and develop the skills they will need for success in high school, college, and beyond. This program is for students who have never taken an AP course, as well as those who have been recommended by a teacher to take the Boot Camp program. Boot Camp is not about learning academic content, but developing attributes that will guarantee success while having fun and building relationships. In addition, this event will allow students to establish bonds with their peers that will promote solidarity in the classroom.

AP Boot Camp is NOT a military recruitment event or a highly physical endeavor. The boot camp is simply a fun way to get students excited about improving their skills. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at (815) 759-5520. Thank you again for encouraging your child to take the challenge of an AP course. We look forward to working together this coming school year.

Sincerely,
The AP Team



HOW PHYSICAL ARE THE EVENTS?

Most events will take place indoors and require more mental than physical effort. Nevertheless, students with health issues (heart conditions, asthma, physical disabilities, etc.) are exempt from all physical activity. Please notify us if you have concerns.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING WHEN YOU ENLIST?

YOUR ENTHUSIASM!

WHAT IF I CANNOT ATTEND THE AP BOOT CAMP?

Students who are unable to attend the Boot Camp must complete the alternative AP Boot Camp Packet that is located on the AP section of the district webpage (www.dist156.org/west-campus). The assignment is due the first day of class. Any student, who does not attend the Boot Camp or does not turn in the packet, will be required to attend special AIM classes.

MCHS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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For more information about the AP Program & AP summer assignment, visit the school website:
<http://www.dist156.org/west-campus>

WHAT IS AP BOOTCAMP?

AP Boot Camp is an interactive leadership workshop where students discuss and practice the qualities required for success in college and in the corporate world. This event will focus on developing five attributes:

TEAMWORK, COMMUNICATION, ORGANIZATION, CRITICAL READING, & PROBLEM SOLVING.

This program is for students who have never taken an AP class or have been recommended by a teacher to attend AP Boot Camp.

To go along with the military boot camp theme, students will divide into platoons and compete in tasks that will allow them to develop these skills. Current AP teachers and former AP students have been invited to return as Boot Camp Instructors and will help supervise each platoon. After each task, students will reflect upon their performance and discuss how they can improve.

The 4 Goals of Boot Camp:

1. Introduce students to the unique academic challenges of the MCHS AP Program and how to excel as an AP Scholar.
2. Guide students in skill development with focus on teamwork, communication, organization, critical reading, and problem solving.
3. Discuss the practical application of these skills inside and outside the classroom.
4. Provide opportunities for students to develop a support network with their teachers and peers.

WHEN IS AP BOOT CAMP?

Enlistment (Registration) will be at West Cafeteria at 8:00 a.m. To avoid conflicts with work schedules, Boot Camp is scheduled that day until 1:45 p.m. Students must attend all day to receive credit for the summer assignment. Attendance will be taken throughout the day. A fee for \$25.00 is required, which includes a t-shirt, lunch, and snacks. Please contact Karen Nelson at (815) 759-5520 with any financial questions.

WHY ARE WE HAVING AP BOOT CAMP?

The five skills we will develop are those that are most desired by Fortune 500 firms. Instead of a lecture about the importance of these skills, we have decided to have a hands-on program that actively engages students.

*“We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence then, is not an act
but a habit.”*

-Aristotle

Enlistment Fee: \$25
Late Enlistment Fee: \$30
**Any time after Friday, May
3rd, 2019**

ENLISTMENT

Complete the following form with your parent/guardian signature and return it to Karen Nelson at West or Patty Harter at East by May 3rd, 2019.

Session 1: July 23, 2019

or

Session 2: August 1, 2019

Please indicate which date you will be attending. If you attend a different date than you indicate, you may not receive a t-shirt.

Name: _____

2019-20 school year: Fr: So: Jr: Sr:

Campus: _____

Student ID: _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact #: _____

Medical Condition/Food Allergies _____

\$25 (T-Shirts, Lunch, Snacks)

\$30 (late fee)

Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

New to AP

Recommended for AP Boot Camp

List AP Courses that you are taking in 2019-2020

I understand that if I do not attend I have to complete the alternative assignment which can be found on the AP page located on the district website.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____