



Falcon Newsletter #2

December 29, 2017

Academics:



Grades

Students and staff return to school on January 8, 2018 (**Happy New Year!**). Fall semester grades will be mailed on Jan. 11. Please refer to all the student academic supports available included on [Falcon Newsletter #1](#) in the Important Info message on the AHS homepage.

What's New?



Important Announcement from the Merced Union High School District

Great News for all Advanced Placement Students (and their Parents)!!!

The State of California is no longer subsidizing Advanced Placement (AP) fees for low income students. Due to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the state has left it to Local Education Agencies (LEA) to determine how to spend LCFF money, while meeting the needs of students targeted under our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). **Through our LCAP process, our stakeholders recommended to see all of our students supported; therefore, the Merced Union High School District will support the request of offering two AP testing vouchers to all enrolled AP students.**

FAQ's AP Fee Vouchers - Effective this year

1. Only students enrolled in AP classes may qualify for the voucher.
2. The two vouchers are for students' 4 year tenure in the MUHSD (only two vouchers per 4 years of attendance in MUHSD).
3. Yes, AP clubs may fundraise to offset the cost of AP exams (exceeding two vouchers)
4. Vouchers cannot be transferred to other students.

AP Exam Fee Exemptions

Foster Youth, Special Education, and English Language Learners enrolled in ELD 1-4 classes are exempt from all AP fees.

Specific information to follow in January and February.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON PAGE 2 - PLEASE READ



Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year - New 7 Period Schedule

In a district-wide effort to provide college and career readiness course opportunities for all students in the Merced Union High School District a new 7 period day will be implemented next year, affording students the opportunity to graduate with a high school diploma, job skill certifications, and college credits.

When we return from winter break, **AHS students will be registering by grade level with their counselor in their English class throughout January. We will begin with 9th graders the first two weeks and follow with 10th graders and finally 11th graders.**

Several new classes will be added. The Ed. Services staff at the District Office is working on updating the course catalog for January. The course catalog link will be shared with you as soon as updates are made. **The revamped AHS CTE Pathways At A Glance** will be distributed and posted on the website for registration.

Specific grade level information will be communicated via Parent Square, student email, and social media as we move through the registration process.

Guidance Staff to contact for registration questions beginning 1/8:

Mrs. Schroeder, AP Guidance - rschroeder@muhsd.org

Mrs. Yang, 9th grade Counselor - pyang@muhsd.org

Mrs. Rodriguez, 10th grade Counselor - darodriguez@muhsd.org

Mrs. Ochoa, 11th grade Counselor - sochoa@muhsd.org

Mrs. Smith will oversee registration for incoming 8th graders - msmith@muhsd.org

The **Parent Resource Night** scheduled for **Wednesday, January 10th** will be dedicated to the topics of **Registration on the 7 Period Day, CTE Pathways, and the Spring Test Schedule.** We will serve a grab and go dinner at 5:30 PM in Room 213. Presentations will begin at 6:00 PM, English in Room 213 and Spanish in the library.



Parent & Stakeholder Involvement:

<http://ahs.muhsd.org/atwater-high-school/about/stakeholder-involvement>

LCAP parent meeting with Principal Johnson

1/24 10:00 a.m. rm. 111

5:00 p.m. Library

