



June 2008 APEX Newsletter

Dear parents and students,

I am writing to give you a quick update on our Debate & Essay and Math Clubs, along with our summer program.

The 07'-08' season ended. We will be closed this week and then resume with the 08'-09' season, starting with summer session, on Monday, June 23rd.

Both of these programs will be offered at all 3 of our locations - Walnut Creek, Sunnyvale, and Pleasanton.

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New Exciting Year 08'-09' Begins June 23rd!

Debate and Essay Club:

We have learned a lot about current events and have developed stronger debate skills. The goal of the debate & essay club is to improve in these areas:

- Critical Reading
- Critical Thinking
- Research and Analysis
- Organization and Presentation
- Public Speaking
- Note Taking
- Writing Skills

In addition, our students learned a lot about what is going on in the world. Here are a few sample topics we have debated:

- Should we pass proposition 98 in California's Primary election?
- Should we drill for oil in ANWR?
- Should the US adopt a Universal Health Care system?
- Should we scrap the electoral college?

These are some of the most important issues that affect our lives. We stress the importance of learning about current events as well as the value of leadership.

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Math Club:

The 07'-08' season ended with the award ceremonies we held on June 10th in Sunnyvale and June 11th in Walnut Creek. These were fun-filled events, with math jeopardy, building hypercubes, and blowing square bubbles, in addition to recognizing the students who excelled.

07'-08' was a very successful year for Apex Mathletes! Here is sampling of our accomplishments:

- We had 4 students qualify for AIME: Daniel Yi, MJ Choi, Daniel Khim, and Chaerim Oh!
- Sigma Mathematics League - Apex was given a Merit Award by finishing in the top 20 in the nation.
- AMC awarded Apex it's Merit Roll award for achieving in the top 5% in the nation.
- National Assessment & Testing - Apex Mathletes finished 2nd in the nation in the 4-by-4 team competition.

Individually, many of our students ranked nationally in AMC 8/10/12, Mandelbrot, Math Olympiad, Sigma, and National Assessment & Testing. You can see the results on our website - <http://www.apexcollegeprep.com/Math Club.php>.

Congratulations to all of our students!

The 08'-09' session will begin on June 23rd. Weekly lesson plans have been developed and students will learn advanced topics that will help them do well in next year's math competitions. We will be signing up for various competitions this year's new schedule will be published shortly.

As always, we expose students to the most difficult and challenging problems we can find. Apex's goal of fostering greater understanding and retention of math concepts will enable our students to apply this knowledge in and outside of class, and will turn them into strong problem solvers.

Summer Program 2008:

- Our 8-week summer program will start on June 23rd to August 14th. Please talk to Mrs. Yi for more details or check out the complete schedule for the Walnut Creek, Sunnyvale and Pleasanton location on our website.
- The Summer session will be the start of the 2008-2009 Math Club. We are starting to prepare for the upcoming Math Contest 2008-2009 including AMC, AIME, Mandelbrot, Math Olympiad, etc. Join our summer session to sharpen your skills!

Upcoming Programs:

- Study Skills Workshop
- The Competition Club
- College Workshop

Important Dates:

June 23 rd - August 16 th	Summer Session
July 4 th , Friday	Independence Day - APEX Closed
July 12 th , Saturday	The Strong High School Career Tests
August 2 nd , Saturday	The Strong High School Career Tests
August 25 th , Monday	Fall Session Starts



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Strong High School Career Test:

We will offer The Strong High School Career Test and Report for the Apex Students. This report helps high school students identify postsecondary options. The personalized report helps the students to explore various fields of study; discover satisfying work-study, volunteer, or summer job opportunities; and examine a wide range of work environments.

The overview summarizes occupations and educational programs linked to the student's interests, and incorporates his or her personal work, learning, leadership, and risk-taking style preferences. Complete with an action plan, this profile offers the students a tool kit for exploring choices and planning for the future.

The cost of the Test and Complete Report and consultation with Mrs. Yi is \$100. Please contact Mrs. Yi to set up an appointment - the Test will take about 45 minutes to an hour.

Announcements:

- Join the new Apex Journalism Club! The new Apex Journalism Club is now accepting applications! The Club will host weekly 1-2 hour lessons on journalism and news writing. The Club is free to interested Apex students who submit an essay on "Why I want to Join the Apex Journalism Club." This activity will be a great addition to your college application. Space is limited however, so apply soon!
- Check out our new website at www.apexcollegeprep.com. Our website will serve as an information center and students can now access their homework for SAT, Debate Club, and Math Club online. The online calendar also lists important Apex dates.
- Please return all borrowed books to Ms. Yi.
- Tuition is due the first day of each month and late charges will be assessed after the 10th day of the month.