

# APEX NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! We are happy to report that our fall program is well underway. All of our students are thriving and making great progress.

Also, Apex College Prep and JEI would like to announce that we are moving upstairs from our current location to a space that is more than double our current size. Our new address will be 1850 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94595. The expanded new location will feature 7 classrooms and a more focused learning environment. In addition, we plan on launching a new fine arts curriculum for students interested in developing their creative skills. Art and writing students will have the opportunity to enter their work in contests ranging from the local to the national level.

To celebrate our move, we are inviting all parents and students to an Open House event on Sunday, October 26 from 3 - 6 pm. Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore our new space, meet the tutors and learn about our curriculum.

Additionally, APEX College Prep is sponsoring a free Financial Aid Planning Seminar for parents interested in learning about the process of applying for financial aid. It is highly recommended for parents of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and especially 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Sean Connors, Founder and CEO of College Planning Specialists will be giving a 90-minute presentation. Come learn about the different options and opportunities for financial aid for your college-bound students. Space is limited to the first 40 people who RSVP, so sign up early to secure your spot.

Happy Fall!

Julie Yi  
Director

## EDUCATIONAL NEWS

### College Board Announces New SAT Score-Reporting Policy

*Score Choice allows students to choose which scores are released to universities*

In efforts to reduce stress and improve test-taking conditions, the College Board will introduce Score Choice, a new SAT score-reporting policy. Beginning in March 2009, Score Choice will allow students to choose which SAT and SAT II Subject Test scores are submitted with their college applications at no additional cost.

Currently, students must submit scores from every test taken, but soon they will have the option of submitting only their best score(s). Score Choice will be available to the class of 2010 for all SAT and SAT II tests taken before and after March 2009.

Individual colleges set their own standards for score-reporting, so applicants must be aware that policies vary from school to school. Each university will provide instructions detailing their own score-reporting requirements.

#### Fast Facts:

- Students will be able to select which scores they send to colleges by sitting (test date) for the SAT and SAT II Subject Tests
- Composite scores from an entire SAT test will be sent – scores of individual sections from different sittings cannot be selected independently for sending
- Score Choice will be free. Students can send any or all scores to a college on a single report – it will not cost more to send one, multiple, or all test scores
- Score Choice will be optional – if students do not use it, all scores will be sent automatically

All parents, students and friends are invited to

**Apex College Prep & JEI Learning Center's**

# **OPEN** **HOUSE**

**3 – 6 pm**

**Sunday, October 26**

**at our new location:**

**1850 Tice Valley Blvd.**

**Walnut Creek, CA 94595**

**(upstairs from our current location)**

- Explore our new space
- Meet the tutors
- Learn about our curriculum and plans for new classes and programs

## *IMPORTANT DATES*

SAT 10/4	SAT TESTS
SAT 10/25	ACT
SUN 10/26	APEX/JEI OPEN HOUSE 3 – 6 PM
SAT 11/1	DUE DATE FOR MOST EARLY DECISION/EARLY ACTION APPLICATIONS
SAT 11/1 – SUN 11/30	FILING PERIOD FOR UC APPLICATIONS
SAT 11/1	SAT TESTS
WEDS 11/5	FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR 7:30 – 9 PM
FRI 11/7	MANDELBROT MATH CONTEST
TUES 11/18	AMC 8 & MATH OLYMPIAD TEST 6 – 7:30 PM
SAT 12/6	SAT TESTS LAST DATE FOR FALL 2009 APPLICANTS
THURS 12/11	NATA CTT MATH CONTEST
SAT 12/13	ACT LAST DATE FOR FALL 2009 APPLICANTS

## *CONGRATULATIONS!*

The following students received individual awards in the NAT Math Contest, a nationwide competition that measures mathematical ability:

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

Eddie Choi: 8<sup>th</sup> place  
Stacey Jeong: 9<sup>th</sup> place  
Jeongho Woo: 13<sup>th</sup> place  
Ben Jang: 15<sup>th</sup> place  
Chris Wang: 17<sup>th</sup> place  
Chan Ui Park: 20<sup>th</sup> place  
Saki Kitadai: 21<sup>st</sup> place  
Doowon Kang: 23<sup>rd</sup> place

### 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIVISION

Yun Park: 18<sup>th</sup> place

## NEW PROGRAMS

### **ART/WRITING COMPETITION CLASS**

Students will create art and writing pieces to submit to nationwide competitions. Examples of some contests are:

#### **AMVETS National Americanism Contests**

*Description:* Students can submit patriotic-themed art and writing pieces for a chance to win up to \$500.

*Available to:* Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

*Due Date:* July 1, 2009

#### **Alliance for Young Artists & Writers Contests**

*Description:* Students can submit visual arts and writing samples for entry in a wide range of media and genres.

*Available to:* 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

*Deadline:* TBA

#### **Kids Are Authors Book Contest**

*Description:* Groups of students create picture books

*Available to:* Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

*Deadline:* March 15, 2009

**This class will be offered Wednesdays, beginning 11/5**

**Sign up for Class I. 4 – 5:30 pm or Class II. 5:30 – 7 pm**

### **JR. SAT CLASS for CTY TALENT SEARCH**

Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth sponsors a yearly program to identify gifted 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Talented 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students qualify by achieving over 550 and 600, respectively, on the Math or Critical Reading sections of the SAT Reasoning Test. This class will help prepare students for the January 24, 2009 SAT TEST.

#### **Dates:**

**Class I:** 3 – 6 pm Saturdays (10/1 – 1/17)\*  
FULL!

**Class II:** 12 – 3 pm Saturdays (11/1 – 1/17)\*

\* No class 11/29 and 12/27

#### **Fee:**

10 Week Program – Price TBD

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN 10/26	<b>OPEN HOUSE 3 – 6 PM</b> (see left for details)
WEDS 11/5	<b>FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR</b> <b>7:30–9 PM</b> <i>Space is limited to 40 people.</i> <i>Please RSVP to Mrs. Yi at</i> <i>925.930.8255</i>
TUES 11/18	<b>AMC 8 CONTEST: 6 – 6:45 PM</b> Open to 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders <i>Fee: \$25</i> <i>Space is limited – sign up early!</i>
TUES 11/18, 12/17, 1/14, 2/4, 3/4	<b>MATH OLYMPIAD: 7 – 7:30 PM</b> Open to 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders <i>Fee: \$50 for all 5 rounds</i> <i>Space is limited – sign up early!</i>

**ALL EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR NEW LOCATION IN  
WALNUT CREEK.**

## REMINDERS

**Please return all  
borrowed books to  
Mrs Yi.**

**Tuition is due the  
first day of each  
month. Late charges  
will be assessed  
after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
the month.**



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**DON'T FORGET...  
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**Look for details inside the newsletter.**

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