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Welcome

By: Members of the Journalism Club

Welcome to Apex Newsletter!

Apex Journalism Club has started a newsletter on behalf of Apex College Prep. Apex Journalism Club members are Leeann Chu, Deanna Lim, Andy Roh, and Daniel Yi with direction from Rising Percey. These newsletters will be published bi-monthly (every two months) to keep parents and students up to date with events within Apex and relevant educational news.

This month's issue includes information on Fresh Start, a program Apex Volunteer will be participating in, SAT advice, and the Saint Mary's College Fair. The newsletter also includes summer courses, new programs, and date reminders offered at Apex. We hope that you will enjoy and benefit from this newsletter.

If you have any news that you would like us to add on to future newsletters, please contact us at apex-newsletter@googlegroups.com

Sincerely,
Apex Journalism Club

Advice on SAT's

By: Deanna Lim

As many students look forward to summer, Juniors anxiously prepare for the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test, a college entrance exam). Aside from studying for the SAT, students who took the May SAT advise those taking the exam in the future to get a good night's rest the night before the exam, eat a big breakfast and pack snacks for breaks in between the test.

"It was my first time taking the SAT, and I should have woken up earlier to eat breakfast. I was so hungry during the test," quotes David Jee, a student who took the May SAT.

Leeann Chu states students should know directions to schools



From left to right: Daniel Yi, Deanna Lim, Leeann Chu and Andy Roh.

Summer Programs

June 25th-August 17th

Summer 2007 program and schedule is now available. (See back page for more details.)

Starting June 25th, we will be offering Debate/Essay Club and Math Club in San Jose/Sunnyvale center. Please tell your friends in the San Jose/Sunnyvale area.

Test Dates

SAT test – June 2nd

ACT test – June 9th

Reminders

Please return all borrowed books to Mrs. Yi

Tuition is due the first day of each month and late charges will be assessed after the 10th day of the month.

We will be closed Monday, May 28th.

beforehand so as to not get lost and be late for the test itself.

Students should also study months before the SAT. Apex offers SAT courses on Critical Reading, Writing, and Math.. (See Summer Program 2007.)

The St. Mary's College Fair

By: Leeann Chu

On April 28, 2007 I went to a college fair that took place at St. Mary's. With a group of friends, a backpack and pen I was ready for a day to explore potential colleges.



College fairs are a great way to talk one-on-one with the representatives of a particular school and receive brochures endorsing their college such as private liberal arts schools, UC's, community colleges or state schools. To receive a better understanding of the school I asked the representatives questions such as: "What is the average GPA of incoming freshmen?" "What are the usual class sizes?" "What are the most popular majors for the students?" and "What is the average SAT score or ACT score for incoming freshmen?"

When the college booths were crowded it was difficult to talk to the representatives so I would just pick up a

brochure and hand them a card with all of my information on it, such as, my name, phone number, address and e-mail address. It is important to fill out these forms because certain colleges will contact you with financial aid, scholarships and athletic information.

Be sure to bring cards that are already filled out because it is a hassle to fill them out when it is overly crowded with high school students and make sure to print out a list of colleges that you are interested in. I printed out four sheets of the cards from the St. Mary's website and filled them all out prior to the college fair. Also, I printed out a list of all the colleges that were attending the fair and highlighted all the ones I was interested, after doing research on them. (stmarys-ca.edu/prospective/undergraduate_admissions/ebcc.html)

If you are planning on visiting a college fair soon try to take BART instead of driving a car. Parking is a tedious and difficult task when there are many cars in a small parking lot. Also, from BART to St. Mary's, there was a free transit bus that made it easy for people to reach the college. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities that the college fair provides for students such as, helping people find the different buildings, passing out the papers and



cleaning up after the fair. Volunteers can work for an hour and then browse around the fair afterwards. This is a great opportunity to meet with the college representatives, to receive volunteer hours and to look around the host campus.

The college fair was a way for me to learn more about a variety of college's especially small private colleges. I have always known about the UC's and state schools and this college fair opened my view towards private schools. College fairs are a great way to meet with representatives and learn more about a wide range of schools.

The college fairs are sponsored by WACAC (Western Association for College Admission Counseling) and more information can be found on wacac.org/college_sched.php. Also, this summer Apex College Prep will have a

College Student Night where high school students will be able to ask college students for their tips about getting into college. There will be a panel of students coming from UC Berkeley, Harvard, Stanford, Princeton,

Brown and other colleges.

New Programs:

- ACT class beginning from May 12th to June 2nd
- Few openings available in Middle School Math Club-Tuesdays 6-7pm
- Debate Club for 6th-7th graders on Fridays 5:30-7 P.M. has started. There are few openings left.
- ***Sign up for Finals Prep classes - May 29th-June 14th.***
- Apex Volunteer Club is starting up again. The next volunteers meeting will be May 21st 7-8pm. Join us to find out more about Fresh Start and other volunteer opportunities.
- Join the new Apex Journalism Club!
- Starting June 25th, we will be offering Debate/Essay Club and Math Club in San Jose/ Sunnyvale center. Please tell your friends in the San Jose/Sunnyvale area.

AMC 10 & 12 Results

By: Daniel Yi



John Woo (left) and Myung Geun Chi received the top scores on the AMC tests.

AMC, American Mathematics Competitions, is a math competition for 8th, 10th and 12th graders. This year, Apex College Prep sponsored this event, and two of its members were recognized for their outstanding performance. John Woo, an 11th grader, scored in the top 5% on the AMC 12 and was invited to participate in AIME, the succeeding contest for those who excelled in AMC. Myung Geun Chi, a 6th grader, received the top score on the AMC 10 and received the Young Students Certificate of Achievement. In order to prepare for these contests and also for the SAT test, Apex College Prep has started a Math Club and Debate Club.

Fresh Start Volunteering

By: Daniel Yi

Last week, the Apex Volunteer group visited Fresh Start, an organization dedicated to helping homeless people and families get their lives back on track. Located in Walnut Creek, Fresh Start provides a comfortable and welcoming environment in which people can relax, shower, do laundry, and receive clothing, food donations, and emergency financial assistance.

For their first visit, the Apex volunteers met the director, Susan Prather, took a tour of the facility, and donated one hour of their time organizing donations. The Apex Volunteer group will continue volunteering its time, raising funds, and collecting donations for Fresh Start.

The next Apex Volunteer meeting will be Monday, May 21st from 7-8PM. If you are interesting in joining the Apex Volunteer Group or donating to Fresh Start, email apex-newsletter@googlegroups.com. For more information about Fresh Start, please visit www.freshstartwc.org

Math Problems of the Month

Elementary School:

When 3 numbers are added 2 at a time, the sums are 29, 46, and 53. What is the sum of all three numbers?

Middle School:

If fence posts are 2 feet apart, how many posts are needed to enclose a rectangular field which has length 20 feet and width 12 feet?

High School:

A ball of radius R is tangent to the floor and one wall of the room. Find, in terms of R, the radius of the largest sphere that can be rolled through the space between the ball, the wall, and the floor.

Win JEI dollars with the correct solution. Turn in answers into Mrs. Yi or e-mail it to apex-newsletter@googlegroups.com

UC Admissions Statistics- Class of 2007 (All Statistics from Fall 2007 California Freshman Admit Profile)

	Apps. Received	Students Admitted	Percent Admitted	GPA	SAT
UC Berkeley	44,001	10,213	23.2%	4.17	2009
UCLA	50,729	11,837	23.3%	4.13	1996
UCSD	45,067	19,133	42.5%	4.06	1936
UCSB	40,912	22,168	54.2%	3.90	1840
UC Davis	34,854	20,473	58.7%	3.89	1836
UC Irvine	39,910	20,753	52.0%	3.93	1829
UC Santa Cruz	24,436	18,803	76.9%	3.65	1747
UC Riverside	19,797	14,916	75.3%	3.60	1666
UC Merced	8,257	6,676	80.9%	3.56	1620

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Summer Programs 2007:

- SAT Boot Camp
- SAT Saturday Classes
- SAT Subject Tests
- College Essay and Application Workshop
- Writing Workshop – ***Sign up for Ms. Joanne’s Writing Class***
- Debate/Essay Club
- Math Club
- Reading Club – ***Sign up for Randall’s Literature Analysis Class***
- Preview Classes
- Elementary English and Math Program
- Starting June 25th, we will be offering Debate/Essay Club and Math Club in San Jose/Sunnyvale center. Please tell your friends in the San Jose/Sunnyvale area.

Spaces are limited. Sign up Now!

**For complete class schedule and tuition information, visit our website at
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