Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you about the upcoming May 2023 AP examination changes for **AP US History, AP English Literature, and AP English Language.** These exams will be offered in a digital, in-person format as well as paper/pencil. Your student may choose **EITHER** digital or paper/pencil if they are testing in any of these three areas in the spring. Please see the attached Spring 2023 AP Testing Calendar.

We understand that this information likely includes a number of questions from both parents and students. Please see below for some FAQ items:

**Does my student get to use their personal device?**

No. Personal devices are NOT permitted. CHS will utilize Chromebooks for digital, in-person testing. The College Board requires that students use a school-issued Chromebook device to test. Additionally, in order for CHS to best support students in the digital testing environment, students must use a school-issued Chromebook device.

**Will my student be able to use scratch paper?**

Yes, students will be provided with scratch paper by their exam proctor. This scratch paper will be picked up before the student is dismissed.

**What if my student misses their exam? Will they be able to test digitally at a later date?**

No. If a student misses their exam due to a College Board approved absence reason, they will be registered for the late exam which will be **paper and pencil** only. Please see below for situations which do and do not qualify for late testing. Late testing fees are $40 for an absence on the non-approved list. This is in addition to the cost of the exam.

**NON-APPROVED AP EXAM ABSENCES**

* Family event including wedding, graduation, etc.
* Non-school sponsored athletic event or academic contest
* College visit or vacation

**APPROVED AP EXAM ABSENCES**

* Conflict with school sponsored athletic/academic event
* Conflict due to a College Board approved (SSD) accommodation
* Illness, accompanied by a doctor's note, provided to the AP Coordinator within 24 hours of original exam time
* Family tragedy
* Religious/Holiday observance

**What if the internet goes out****?**

All CHS testing environments that will house these digital exams have the wi-fi specifications that the College Board has defined as necessary to support the digital testing platform. The digital testing platform will be able run for a period of time without internet connection, but CHS technology staff will be readily available on testing days to help mitigate any issues.

 **Can my student move back and forth between questions?**

Students will be able to move back and forth between questions in the same section.

**Can my student annotate in the testing application?**

Yes. Students will be able to annotate text passages in the digital testing application.

**My student has College Board testing accommodations. How will the digital app work with this?**

Students who have approved accommodations by the College Board will have those accommodations built into their testing platform. Students with certain approved accommodations may test in an alternative environment.