



# CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Advanced Placement Students,

Canisius High School policy has traditionally been that students taking an AP course are required to take the AP exam. Because of the situation this year with schools being closed, there were changes made to the AP exams. Because of this, AP teachers and administration have decided to make the exams optional with the exception of AP World History. Students enrolled in this class will be required to take the AP World exam.

Students who to take the AP exams must take them during the May scheduled date and time. The June exam administration dates are for students who encounter extenuating circumstances which prevent them from taking the exam in May. Students who intend to take the AP exam should notify their AP teacher by Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

The College Board has developed secure online free-response exams for each course that will be taken at home. The exams will only include topics that AP teachers have covered, and the exam format will be a free-response type question that students will be familiar with. Students will be able to take their exams on any device, and for most subjects, the exams will be 45 minutes long. Although the AP exam length, structure and format will be different this year, the College Board states: "We're confident that the vast majority of Higher Ed institutions will award credit as they have in the past. We've spoken with hundreds of institutions across the country who support our solution for this year's AP exams." You may want to discuss with your son whether or not he thinks he should take the exam or opt out this year.

The College Board has created a page on their website for updates for AP students affected by COVID – 19. This page includes the AP exam schedule, information about the exam format for each subject, and links to all the online AP classes and review sessions that were created for students. The link to this page is: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>

Please do not hesitate to contact your son's AP teacher, or me, if you have questions about this year's AP exams.

Sincerely,

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