

Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) will be administered during the week of March 16-March 20. As you are aware, students must pass all five tests in order to receive a high school diploma. That is certainly an incentive for students to do their best on these tests! However, with a little extra effort and commitment some students can score in the advanced and accelerated range. These students need to be encouraged to do so for reasons that go beyond the graduation requirement, including:

- Advanced or accelerated OGT scores demonstrate interest and achievement in either a particular subject area or many areas.
- OGT scores assist the staff in placing students into specialized programs, e.g., Advanced Placement, which require student applications.
- OGT scores in the advanced and accelerated range assist the staff in recommending students for special recognitions and opportunities, i.e., Summer Honors Institutes, Cleveland Clinic Internships, scholarships, medals and departmental awards.
- Students who wish to be considered for National Honor Society membership in junior year must pass all five OGTs. With a little extra effort, many of these students can score in the advanced/accelerated range.
- Actual OGT scores, not simply pass/fail, are listed on transcripts that are reviewed by college admissions officers and scholarship committees.
- Students who consistently put forth their best effort are better prepared for the challenges of college.

Terra Nova tests and the Test of Cognitive Skills (TCS) will be given to freshman during the week of March 16. The purpose of these standardized tests is to find out which skills have been mastered and which need further development, as well as to measure thinking and reasoning skills. The students taking these tests should be encouraged to do their very best.



National Honor Society --*IMPORTANT INFORMATION!*

Stoles~Senior members need to order NHS stoles for graduation. Membership in National Honor Society is the highest honor a school can bestow upon a student. NHS seniors are recognized for having achieved this honor by wearing the NHS stole over their graduation gown. Stoles are \$18.00 and payment may be made to the Bookroom. Checks may be made payable to Lakewood High School or you may pay by credit card by calling the Bookroom at 529-4047. Deadline for ordering stoles is Friday, April 24, 2009

2009 Summer Honors Institutes

The Ohio Summer Honors Institutes are summer programs funded by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) for current 9th and 10th grade gifted students. The program's purpose is to provide in-depth study of challenging topics, to provide opportunities for exploring educational and career options, and to provide opportunities for interaction with gifted peers.

Summer Honors Institutes are hosted by Ohio colleges and universities. Tuition is free for eligible students. However, Summer Honors Institutes that offer a residential option may charge residential students a fee to cover the costs of breakfast, dinner, residence hall rooms, evening activities and overnight supervision

Student Eligibility—To be eligible to attend an Ohio Summer Honors Institute, a student must:

- Reside in Ohio;
- Be enrolled in the 9th or 10th grade during the 2008-09 school year;
- Be identified as gifted by an Ohio school district or be able to document that he or she meets Ohio gifted identification criteria described in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15.

There may be additional eligibility requirements for participation in specific courses or programs. For detailed information regarding eligibility requirements for a specific Ohio Summer Honors Institute, visit the institute's Web site or contact the institute director. Space in Ohio Summer Honors Institutes is limited. Samples of experiences available:

University of Akron (July 20-31)	The Life of a Lawyer You're in Business Engineering Technology The Polymer Scientist The Color Photographer Action! The Digital Moviemaking Workshop Project Byline What's the Secret? Programming for the 21st Century
Baldwin-Wallace College (July 5-24)	Music Theater Entrepreneurship Program International Business Biotechnology Digital Darkroom Problem Solving

Applications for the 2009 Summer Honors Institutes are due April 10, 2009. More information available: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=963&Content=43658>

It's time to sign up for Advanced Placement Exams!

AP EXAM REGISTRATION

As you know, deadlines are always important, but particularly so with regard to AP exams. Students may begin placing orders in the Bookroom on March 2, 2009. **Please make sure your student registers for the appropriate AP exam(s) no later than Wednesday, March 25, 2009.** We cannot accept orders after that date. As always, your cooperation is appreciated. In order to avoid long lines in the Bookroom, please order as early as possible.

- A nonrefundable \$13.00 fee is required for each exam ordered
- The total cost for each exam is \$86.00
- Final payment of \$73.00 is due April 24, 2009
- Checks may be made payable to Lakewood High School or you may pay by credit card by calling the Bookroom at 529-4047.

The AP exam schedule is listed below. Each exam takes approximately 3½ hours to complete. The *AP 2008-09 Bulletin for Students and Parents*, which provides specific information about the exams, will be provided to students when they order their exams. Please review it with your son or daughter. Information on the AP credit policy of the college of your choice may be found on the College Board website: <http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/apsearch.jsp>. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Baylog at 529-4330.

2009 Advanced Placement Exams Schedule

Week 1

	<u>Morning Session 7:30 A.M.</u>	<u>Afternoon Session 12:00 Noon</u>
Monday, May 4	Government and Politics: United States	Government and Politics: Comparative** French Language**
Tuesday, May 5	Computer Science A Computer Science AB Spanish Language	Statistics
Wednesday, May 6	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Language and Culture
Thursday, May 7	English Literature German Language	Japanese Language and Culture French Literature
Friday, May 8	United States History	European History Studio Art (portfolios due)

Week 2

	<u>Morning Session 7:30 A.M.</u>	<u>Afternoon Session 12:00 Noon</u>
Monday, May 11	Biology Music Theory	Physics B Physics C: Mechanics
Tuesday, May 12	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology
Wednesday, May 13	Italian Language and Culture English Language	Art History
Thursday, May 14	Macroeconomics World History	Microeconomics

(Exams administered at Lakewood H. S. are printed in bold)

Please note: *The College Board and Educational Testing Service have strict rules governing security of AP Exams, therefore:*

- **Students must have their LHS Student ID to enter the testing room (no temporary IDs)**
- **Cell phones, pagers, PDAs and all other electronic devices are prohibited from the testing area**
- **Food and/or drink are prohibited during testing, but students may bring a small snack for the 10-minute break**
- **It is critical that students arrive on time for AP Exams. These timed exams must be administered in a standardized manner and within the parameters set forth by the College Board. We cannot admit late students.**