



Quantum Quest

Albert Einstein High School PTSA

August/September 2009

A message from PTSA President Molly Jackman

To all new and returning parents, a warm welcome to Einsteinwe are happy that you are here! Our PTSA motto is: "It's all good – because of you!"

Who are "you?" It's each of us--- working together to support our teens' school community. What better way to meet seasoned parents, teachers, and staff who can help you learn the ropes and "the Einstein way," than getting involved in a thriving PTSA.

The Einstein community – one of the most vibrant and diverse school communities in Montgomery County-- has an active PTSA due to the strength of parent volunteers and strong support by the school's hardworking administration and teachers. Parents and teachers have the same goal: encouraging students' academic achievement and social growth. PTSA is a channel to support this goal, and an opportunity for us to work together and learn from each other. We in PTSA view this organization as a link between school and home.

We communicate via the Einstein school web page, the Quantum Quest newsletter, the Yahoo group list serve (see how to join the list serve on p.10) and an occasional Connect Ed phone message.

From the successful October College Fair to the May after prom party, PTSA sponsors school-wide events. This year we are looking forward to several initiatives including our First Friday Career Days. (See pp. 8-9.) More than event-hosting though, the PTSA aims to build a strong community across the groups and interests reflected in our multicultural school and neighborhoods. How? By talking to and volunteering with people we may not know, but who share the common bond of raising and educating teenagers --- a challenging job best shared with others! Together, we work on fun events and on serious issues.

All parents are part of the PTSA. We'd love to have your dues (\$15/year), but you don't have to pay to get involved---just do something! Keep the "volunteers needed" post-

card that you got in the August mailing in a visible spot. You might chair a committee or simply serve once or twice doing a needed job. Or start something new. The PTSA is an open, dynamic group that welcomes new people and new ideas. Meetings are usually the third Tues of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, beginning October 20. (Look for our table at Back-to-School night on September 16.) Can't make a meeting? No worries--- just call someone on the PTSA contact list (p. 11) with your idea and offer to help.

Your child will have several years of rich experiences here at Einstein. This would not happen without the dedication of the Einstein teachers, staff, and parents. When graduation day approaches, will you be able to look back and say that you worked to make this the very best experience for your child -- and others? We hope that you will. Please join us in the quest to make and keep Einstein "the place to be."

Molly

Fall Sports

Sat., Aug. 15

See page 9. ■



For Freshman:

Orientation, Aug. 27, 7:30 am

Parent night, Sept 2, 7 pm

First Day of School

Mon., Aug. 31, 7:25 am – 2:10 pm

Make the most of the first day. Have your student

- Arrive at school by **7:15 a.m.**
- Come prepared with notebook and pen

If your student does not get a schedule that day, call the Counseling Services office (301-929-2220). ■

Welcome back!!

Back-to-School Night

Wed., Sept. 16, 7 pm

Start the year off right by making good connections. Visit your student's classes and meet the teachers. ■

First PTSA Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 7 pm

Visit our table on back to school night Sept. 16 to get acquainted, sign up, and see what's going on. ■

College Fair

Monday, Oct. 12, 6-8 pm

Mark your calendar. See page 7 for details. ■

A Note from the Principal

Welcome back to school.

As these tight budget times continue, we appreciate the funding and support the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has received from the County Council. We recognize that it is imperative to use our resources in the most efficient and effective manner. MCPS staffing allocations are based on projected enrollment. We certainly hope that at the beginning of the school year our actual enrollment matches the projected enrollment. Unfortunately, as a result of this current fiscal situation, it may become necessary for staffing changes to occur in some schools if enrollment comes in below projection and doesn't justify the staffing that was allocated.

If there is a need to make an adjustment in staffing based on actual enrollment, I will do my best to minimize the impact of these necessary adjustments. I will keep you informed and alert you of any changes that may occur at our school.

Have a successful and enjoyable year. ■

James G. Fernandez
Principal

High School Plus Can Help

Students who failed a course required for graduation should enroll in the High School Plus program. High School Plus will meet Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 10. The classes will meet from 2:25 until 4:00 pm. For more information, please contact the counselor Ms. Stephanie Waller or Mrs. Piercey, the program manager for HS+ at Einstein, Rose-mary.G.Piercey@mcps.md.org.

During the 2009-2010 school year, High School Plus will be available to students in Grades 9-12. The Regional Evening High School will no longer provide services.

Anticipated AEHS course offerings for 2009-2010 are:

- Algebra 1B
- Algebra 2B
- Bridge to Algebra 2B
- Biology B
- English 9B
- English 10B
- English 11B
- Geometry B
- Matter and Energy B
- National, State, and Local Government B
- U.S. History B



Students will be expected to attend whenever the class is scheduled to meet. All Montgomery County Public Schools policies, procedures and regulations will be carried out in this program. This includes the rules for cell phones, electronic equipment and hats. The class will be listed as period 8 on the report cards of students enrolled. Attendance will be counted as in any other course and Five unexcused absences will result in a loss of credit for the class and the students will receive a failing grade for the semester. (Three unexcused tardies count as one unexcused absence.) For restoration of credit, students must submit, in writing, the reasons why they should get credit and how they propose to earn it.

Classes must meet 33 days for 100 minutes per class. Our scheduled calendar meets this requirement. ■

Einstein's four academies are:

- ◆ Finance
- ◆ International Baccalaureate
- ◆ Renaissance
- ◆ Visual and Performing Arts

Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

Students gain CITIZENSHIP SKILLS from high quality service learning.

SSL is a graduation requirement in the state of Maryland. Understand the SSL plan in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) by contacting any SSL coordinator or exploring www.mcpsssl.org.

Service performed during the summer for which SSL hours are desired must be documented on MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification*, and turned in to the SSL coordinator (Ms. Scollick) by **September 25**.

All organizations and opportunities for which SSL hours are desired must be preapproved. Check the list of organizations tagged "Approved SSL MCPS" and opportunities tagged "MCPS SSL Approved" at the Web site www.mcpsssl.org or get MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval*, granted in advance of any involvement.

The award of SSL hours is one SSL hour for every hour of service within a 24 hours period.

SSL is provided without financial compensation. ■

News and Notes from the Einstein Counseling Department

August/September 2009

We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing, fun-filled summer. We are anticipating an exciting, successful school year in 2009-2010. The School Counseling Department of Albert Einstein High School will publish important information in this newsletter several times a year. This is to inform you of upcoming events, deadlines, and dates.

Counselor assignments are listed below. Please note that this year there have been some changes to our caseloads. We have decided to have two counselors work solely with 9th graders. This is a wonderful change and will give support where needed. Because of this change, we had to re-structure the counselor caseloads. The counselors and their assignments and

their email addresses are listed below.

Summer is a good time for seniors to begin the college search. We hope that many of you have begun the process. If you need help/guidance please contact Ms. DeOto, our College and Career Coordinator, or your child's counselor. We have many resources available to help with the process.

All seniors have been introduced to Naviance/Family Connections. Parents can also access this web-based program by going to www.connection.naviance.com/einstein. The guest password is einsteinc. You can log in using your son/daughter's information. If you need help please contact Ms. DeOto.

To all students: The PSAT will be given at Einstein on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. All MCPS sophomores will be given this test at no charge. All college bound juniors should also take this important test. This is a regular school day for all students; everyone is expected to come to school on October 14th. **If your students has an IEP or 504 Plan, please be sure to fill out the SSD Student Eligibility Form in early August so their accommodations may be considered by the College Board for the October PSAT.**

Forms can be picked up in the Special Education Department.

STANDARDIZED TEST INFORMATION

Mr. Tom Curley is the SAT/ACT Coordinator. Please see him about reg-

istering for the SAT or ACT. Einstein has bought a test preparation program, Triumph. This is an internet based program that can be accessed from any computer with Internet access; the username and password is your student ID number (without the year). You can log into Triumph via the Einstein home page. Studies prove that with at least 12 hours per week on this Web site you can raise your SAT score 100 to even 200 points!

All colleges now accept ACT scores in place of the SAT if the student scores higher on the ACT. Because the ACT is a test of actual knowledge, many students have a better score on the ACT. Students can learn more about the ACT at www.act.org.

Special Accommodations: Students must include a copy of the eligibility letter received from the College Board for special accommodation when registering for the SAT or ACT. The packet for "SAT Services for Students with Disabilities," which is necessary to apply for eligibility, is available through Ms. Rachel

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Counselor Assignments 2009 – 2010

Grade 9:

A - E	Ms. Lori Leister	lori_a_leister@mcpsmd.org
F - Z	Ms. Stephanie Waller	stephanie_r_waller@mcpsmd.org

Grades 10 -12:

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Men - Ram	Ms. Melissa Keller	melissa_s_keller@mcpsmd.org
Ran - Z	Mr. Joseph Monte	joseph_a_monte@mcpsmd.org

ESOL, METS, Transition

LFI and SCB	Ms. Patricia Azcuna	patricia_l_azcuna@mcpsmd.org
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Counseling news, continued

Ziulkowski in the Special education Department. More information about testing accommodations on College Board tests can be found at

www.collegeboard.com/ssd/prof/. The ACT test requires a separate application for testing accommodations. Information on the procedures for receiving ACT accommodations can be found at www.act.org/aap/disab/policy.html.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2010

The college application season is now upon us and that means that the students of the class of 2010 will need an official transcript, a secondary school report, and in most cases a counselor letter of recommendation

for each college, university, or scholarship program he/she applies to. Our counseling secretary handles all transcript requests. Counselors will be meeting with all seniors in September to acquaint them with the procedures, but parents should also be aware of the process.

In general:

1. A parent or student over 18, must sign the "Student Transcript Request Form." This needs to be done only once but **no records will be sent without this form.**

There is no cost for the first three transcript requests. After that, there is a \$4.00 per transcript fee.

2. Students complete the "Secondary School Report Form" and the "College Recommendation Self-Evaluation" form.

Deadlines: In an effort to be responsive to student needs, the counseling staff is committed to expediting the mailing of transcripts and applications. **Counselors require 4 weeks to process and mail documents to support college applications!** However we ask students to give us as much time as possible by turning in requests well in advance your deadlines.

Meeting with Counselors: **If seniors have not met with counselors as part of the college and post-secondary planning**

meeting, they should schedule a meeting as soon as possible. Parents are encouraged to be part of this meeting as well. Before meeting with your counselor, it is helpful if the students complete the "College Recommendation Self-Evaluation" form. This form is part of the "Life After High School" packet that is available on the counseling section of the Web site.

COLLEGE/CAREER CENTER NEWS

Ms. DeOto has already

Einstein has three testing coordinators who can answer parent and student questions.

Tom Curley, SAT & ACT Coordinator
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Amy Conner, AP/IB Testing Coordinator
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IMPORTANT COLLEGE TESTING DATES 2009-2010

SAT I and II Administration Dates

SAT & Subject Tests—10/10/09	Register by: 09/09/09
SAT & Subject Tests—11/7/09	Register by: 10/01/09
SAT & Subject Tests—12/05/09	Register by: 10/30/09
SAT & Subject Tests—01/23/10	Register by: 12/15/09
SAT only—03/13/10	Register by: 02/04/10
SAT & Subject Tests—05/01/10	Register by: 03/25/10
SAT & Subject Tests—06/05/10	Register by: 04/29/10

ACT Administration Dates

ACT—09/12/09	Register by: 08/07/09
ACT—10/24/09	Register by: 09/18/09
ACT—12/12/09	Register by: 11/06/09
ACT—02/06/10	Register by: 01/05/10
ACT—04/10/09	Register by: 03/05/10
ACT—06/12/09	Register by: 05/07/10

Web sites: SAT—<http://www.collegeboard.com/>, ACT—<http://www.actstudent.org/>

Black/African American Parents' Council – Join Us!

The Black/African American Parents' Council is a PTSA-sponsored committee for parents of Black/African American students and other interested persons.

The Council links school and community to help promote our children's cultural awareness and self esteem, to maximize their learning experiences and to advocate for appropriate resources and supports that will enrich their educational experience and promote future success. Please email us to receive:

- Dates for parent meetings
- Our newsletter and updates
- How to help with school events
- How to enhance learning opportunities
- Networking with other Black/African American parents and families
- Information about experiences and opportunities afforded your child ■

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Here's to a Smooth Senior Year

As your senior considers life after high school, look to Einstein for a wealth of resources to help guide the way.

Come to the senior parent meeting. Thursday, October 1, at 7:00 pm.

Attend the College Fair with your student on October 12th from 6-8 pm at Einstein.

Have your student complete the college planning packet. Counselors will distribute this packet in early fall and it is also on the Web at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteinhs/counseling/>.

Students should return it to the Counseling Secretary, as soon as possible after school starts. This information helps seniors get organized for applying to colleges and also provides key details to the counselors as they write recommendations.

Request transcripts and recommendations early. Counselors will meet with seniors in the fall to explain the application process and how students can request transcripts to be sent to the colleges they are applying to. The Counseling Secretary manages the process. Forms are available in the Counseling Services Office or on the school's

Web site (click on Counseling Services or go straight to <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/einsteinhs/counseling/>). **The first three transcripts are free, additional transcripts cost \$4.00, allow up to four weeks for processing. Be sure to check college application deadlines and plan accordingly.** Also ask for teacher recommendation letters early; remember that lots of students are asking for these around the same time of year. When asking a teacher for a recommendation, provide them with a complete resume, don't assume they remember everything.

Visit the Career Center on Main Street. The Career Center has videos, catalogs, books, and computerized college and career search programs; information on college testing and scholarships; and college admission data on past Einstein students. Throughout the year, college representatives regularly visit the Career Center to meet with students. This year students need to sign up for college visits using Naviance/Family Connections. Seniors have registered on the Web site. Parents can log on as guest by going to [www.connection.naviance](http://www.connection.naviance.com/einstein)

[.com/einstein](http://www.connection.naviance.com/einstein) and using the password einsteincc. The Career Center Web site is also a good resource at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteinhs/counseling/career/>

Check testing requirements. Be sure your student has taken all the tests necessary for college admission. (See page 4 for dates and Web sites.) Registration forms (and fee waivers for students who qualify) are available in the College and Career Center.

Have your student meet with his or her counselor. Who knows this process best? Your child's counselor. (See page 3 if you want to know which counselor is assigned to your child.) Call 301-929-2220 or have your student stop by the office to make an appointment early in the school year. ■



10th Annual College Fair

Monday October 12th from 6 PM to 8PM

All Students welcome – parents too!

AEHS Main Street – come meet College Representatives from all over the country. This free event is open to Einstein students to learn more about their college options.

PARENTS NEEDED!

BECOME A PART OF A GREAT AEHS TRADITION

Your help is needed for our 10th Annual College Fair on Monday October 12, 2009 from 6 to 8 pm featuring more than 80 colleges and universities from across the country.

Please sign up to help today by contacting: Sambia Shivers-Barclay or Cindy Frank at aehscfair@gmail.com

Promotion:

- Hand out fliers at various AEHS events and during the morning “drop off” and the afternoon “pick up”
- Decorate Main Street bulletin board s
- Welcome posters for doors along with other decorations

College Representatives’ Reception

- Donate food
- Set up reception
- Clean up reception

Set up college display tables on day of the fair

Sign in college representatives and escort them to their tables

Sign in students attending College Fair

Clean up after College Fair

AEHS PTSA needs your help to continue to make the college fair a huge success for our students. Don’t delay—email us at aehscfair@gmail.com

Thank you from the College Fair Committee. ■

J.J. Pryor
Sambia Shivers-Barclay
Cindy Frank

Kudos to the IB Class of 2009

All of the twenty-one IB diploma candidates in the AEHS class of 2009 successfully earned their IB diploma. Historically, the worldwide pass rate for IB diploma candidates in all of the 2,005 schools with IB Diploma Programs is 78-80%. The AEHS students, staff, and parents are very proud of the outstanding performance of our students who achieved a 100% pass rate.

Overall, 95 juniors and seniors took a total of 218 IB exams in May 2009.

The average score for these exams was 5.24 (on a scale of 1-7). Our Titians showed achievement on Key 6 of the MCPS “Seven Keys to College Readiness” by having 83% of the 218 exams have a score of 4 or higher.

Graduates in the class of 2009 who took IB courses and exams are now attending the following colleges and universities.

GREAT JOB!!

Allegany College of Maryland
American University
Babson College
Bard College
Berklee College of Music
Clark University
College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Eckerd College
Juniata College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Montgomery College
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Oberlin
Reed College
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Temple University
The Catholic University of America
University of Colorado
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
University of New Hampshire
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Virginia Commonwealth University



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Deadline for the October issue is Sept. 15.

Einstein Reads!

We are still looking for contributions of books and magazines for the Einstein Reads display racks that are being built by tech-ed students and scheduled for completion in late October. Our students have a wide range of interests and this is a great way to recycle reading material and promote literacy at the same time. There is a collection box in the main office or material can be dropped off in room 217. If you have a heavy box of books or magazines to contribute, there is usually help available to get the material from your car. ■

Bruce Parce



PACE 2009-2010

PACE, the Performing Arts Coalition of Einstein, will be led by Judi Sheffer this year. Her contact information is sjsheffer@aol.com, 301-237-9561. Assisting her will be Betsy Toretsky (Secretary); Jenny Hess (Treasurer); Debbie Duel (Publicity); and Sue Udry (Concession Manager). Look for PACE meetings, events, and initiatives! ■

AP Test Results Better Than Last Year: Tests Taken and Pass Rates Both Increased *by Gordie Brenne*

AEHS achieved good or better test scores (3 or higher) in 10 of the major Advanced Placement (AP) courses it offered in the spring of 2009, while increasing the number of tests taken. Comparisons to other MCPS schools are not yet available, but this spring's results should move AEHS up from its ranking of 19th in the county last year where it was bested in the Down County Consortium by only Blair, whose average is boosted by magnet program students.



Tests taken were up in ten of the fourteen AP courses offered that are most popular within MCPS. This was a significant turnaround from 2008 tests taken, which dropped. Surprisingly, pass rates were also up in most of the courses with higher tests taken. In the past, higher numbers of tests taken have led to lower pass rates, consistent with MCPS-wide experience, but not this year.

Most AEHS AP courses still had pass rates below the MCPS average from last year (2009 MCPS average results are not yet

available). The overall AEHS pass rate was 56%, compared to the MCPS average of 71%, but better than AEHS's average of 52% last year.

US Government and Politics, and Spanish Language both had pass rates greater than MCPS's average last year. Also, English Literature and Psychology showed significant improvements over last year in both tests taken and pass rates.

However, pass rates were below 50% in four courses (Calculus AB, Statistics, Biology, and Environmental Science). Nonetheless, except for Environmental Science, the pass rates for these courses were still better than last year.

The table that follows compares tests taken and pass rates for the last three years. For comparison purposes, data was limited to thirteen of the fifteen most popular MCPS AP courses that AEHS offers, plus Physics.

Less popular AP courses that AEHS offers are not shown, but include the following with their corresponding pass rates: SA Drawing-100%; SA 2-D Design- 100%; French

Language-67%; Music Theory- 86%; Spanish Literature- 60%.

See page 10 for the AP Trend Analysis referred to in this article.

Gordie Brenne is PTSA Vice President for School Improvement. ■

"First Friday" Career Days-Coming Soon

Many cities around the country celebrate the first Friday of the month with art openings and other creative events. It's a chance to learn something new, explore creative ideas and broaden your perspective.

In that vein, I am working with the PTSA, Mr. Fernandez, and Ms. DeOto, to begin First Friday program at Einstein, with an emphasis on exploring careers.

Each month we will focus on one career area. A panel of volunteers will visit the school and be available to speak with students about their edu-



cation, career path, and interests. Within each field we will invite speakers with a variety of educational backgrounds and in various settings. The idea is to inspire interest and offer a range of career options within that month's career choice.

Here are some possible career areas . Other suggestions are welcome.

- The arts
- Business
- Construction
- Journalism/communications
- Law/justice
- Medicine/health
- Teaching
- Technology

If you have an interesting job or know people in these fields and would be willing to participate, please let me know so I can line career areas and speakers. If you have ideas about the direction of the program, I would also appreciate receiving your input.
Thanks! ■

Ellen Sands
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Welcome from the Boosters

The Boosters are one of Einstein's most vibrant community organizations, dedicated to building an outstanding athletic program. Yes, you'll see Boosters selling hot dogs and nachos at our home games. But we do much more:

- Check out the gleaming, refurbished gymnasium floor. Booster dollars paid for that work. The stadium sound system, the painted press box, the electronic marquee sign along Newport Mill Road -- all came about with help from Booster funding.
- Academics are central to our goal, and we work with school staff to promote student athlete achievement. Last year, the number of student athletes making the quarterly honor roll was way up, while numbers of athletes losing academic eligibility hit the lowest number ever: zero. That 's right, following the release of third quarter grades in the Spring of 2009 no Einstein athlete was academically ineligible. We want more Einstein students pursuing athletics and academics.
- We provide scholarships for higher education. In May, we awarded \$1,000 scholarships to SIX out-

standing senior student athletes.

- We strengthen Einstein's sense of community, through sales of our popular spirit wear and by partnering with other groups such as the alumni athlete Hall of Fame. We encourage student athletes to serve and give back.

Your tax-deductible contributions to the Boosters, and your support of our fundraising activities -- concessions, the annual mulch sale -- helps make all this possible. The enthusiasm and hard work of our volunteer parents and friends provide critical support to help coaches and teams succeed.

You'll see the Boosters at Freshman Orientation Day, Back To School Night, and at our home games. Join us, won't you? Our first monthly meeting of the school year is Wed., Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in Rm 130. ■

Thomas Giblin
Booster President
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Join a Team This Fall!

Practices for fall sports -- Einstein's biggest season with eight different sports -- start Aug. 15. Is your student ready? All athletes need to have a **health inventory form** com-



pleted and signed by family members and a physician. They also need a **parent permission form** and to pay an **extra-curricular activity fee**.

All forms are available at Einstein's main office and on the school web site.

For questions, contact Einstein Athletic Director Brady Blade at 301-962-1025. Make

sure you're part of the action and join a Titan team this fall! It's going to be a great season! ■

Notes from two of the coaches

Volleyball

First day of practice is on Saturday August 15th at 9:00 am, then Monday to Friday 2:00 to 4:00 pm the next week.

James Chan

Cheerleading

We are looking for more cheerleaders! Both JV and Varsity need more girls. I want to have try-outs in the first week of school or so.

Julie Gstalder

Parenting Resources

The teenage years bring their own special challenges—some days are great, some days are really tough.



The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) has a page of parenting seminars, workshops, and support at <http://www.mccpta.com/parentclasses.html>. Check out the many helpful sessions offered this fall. Included are:

- YMCA Parenting Workshops and Classes in English and Spanish
- Parent Encouragement Program (PEP) classes
- Support groups
- School psychology resources
- The MCPS Parent's Place at Newport Middle School

In addition, the MCPS Parent Academy will be starting up programs in the fall—<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/> ■

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AP Trend Analysis—Compiled by Gordie Brenne- 7/24/09 AEHS 2007-2009 Results (Top 15 MCPS Courses Only, Plus Physics)

Course	AEHS Tests Taken			AEHS Pass Rate			MCPS Pass Rate	Comments
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2008	
Gov & Pol	63	76	74	58%	60%	72%	70%	Great! Better than MCPS
US History	51	39	63	55%	54%	67%	68%	Good- tests & rate up
World Hist	41	38	45	43%	53%	65%	68%	Good- tests & rate up
Spanish	na	40	42	70%	96%	93%	82%	Outstanding!
Calculus AB	39	30	31	17%	25%	32%	67%	Problem , but rate did increase
Calculus BC	41	18	23	27%	67%	69%	81%	Good- tests & rate up
Statistics	67	48	48	24%	29%	42%	64%	Problem , but rate did increase
Eng Lit	67	36	60	48%	35%	50%	67%	Good- tests & rate up
Eng Lang	33	50	42	66%	61%	52%	73%	Good, but tests & rate down
Biology	30	17	15	57%	31%	33%	69%	Problem
Env Sci	82	88	97	23%	46%	39%	59%	Problem - tests up, rate down- toughest test
Chemistry	19	2	16	21%	100%	69%	80%	Good- tests up; only 2 taken in 2008
Psychology	67	63	73	62%	47%	57%	72%	Good- takers & rate up
Physics B	15	22	12	56%	78%	50%	na	Good, but tests & rate down

Sources:

MCPS 2008 Placement Exam Results, Clare Von Secker, 11/08; 2009 results pending

MCPS 2002-2007 AP Participation and Pass Rate Analysis, Clare Von Secker, 7/07

AHES compilation of AP Exam Scores- 7/16/09

Problem: When pass rates (score of 3 or better) drop significantly or are below 50%

Join Einstein's E-mail Lists and Stay Connected

AEHS Discussion

At this virtual gathering place, you can trade tips about tutors, remind each other about upcoming events and deadlines, and clarify Einstein rumors. Einstein staff members join in, too, letting you know about important programs, services, and activities. To join, send an email to einsteins-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

AEHS Bulletin

You'll receive only email announcements from the school and parent groups on this list. Members cannot reply to or post messages unless they are authorized "posters" for a particular group. To join, send a blank email message to aehs_bulletin-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. ■

Albert Einstein High School PTSA 2009-2010 update

The following are officers as well as coordinators of various initiatives, with some openings and always room for more participation. Want to join in or do you have an idea not represented here?

Please contact Molly Jackson at 301-962-6629 or thejackman5@aol.com or anyone below.

Parents, staff, and students are welcome!

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Calendar

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August

- 15 Fall sports begin
- 26 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 27 9th grade orientation
7:25 am–12:00 pm
- 31 First day of school
7:25 am–2:10 pm



September

- 2 9th grade parent night, 7 pm
- 4 First home football game! 6:30 pm
- 7 No school – Labor Day
- 9 Booster meeting, 7 pm, rm 130
- 10 Grade 9 Read 180 parent mtg.,
7pm, room 140
- 16 Back-to-School night, 7 pm

September, cont'd

- 21-22 Senior portraits, auditorium
By appt. 2:30 pm–7 pm
- 24-25 Undergraduate pictures, all day, aud.
- 28 Yom Kippur—No school

October

- 1 10th-12th grade parent mtg, 7-9pm, aud.
- 2 Early release
Hall of Fame weekend, 5-9 pm
- 9 Homecoming Game, 6:30 pm
- 10 Homecoming Dance, 8:00 pm–11:00 pm
- 12 College Fair, 6-8 pm
Junior parents IB mtg, 8-9pm, aud.
- 14 PSATs, 7:25 am –11 am
Sr Panoramic Picture, 8:25 am – 10 am
- 16 No school
- 20 PTSA meeting, 7pm
- 30 First marking period ends

November

- 2 No school
- 5 Financial Aid Night, 7pm
- 6,7 Fall play, 7 pm
- 11 Report cards
- 13, 14 Fall play, 7pm
- 25 Early release day
- 26, 27 Thanksgiving holiday, no school

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