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Dear Parents/Guardians:

You are receiving this letter because you are the parents/guardians of a student who is registered to take at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course here at Bay Path during the 2017-18 school year. We would first like to congratulate you and your child on selecting the most rigorous coursework available to students. All AP courses are approved by the College Board, and students from across the country and around the globe experience the same college-level curriculum as your son or daughter will in the AP course s/he has selected. The expectation in taking AP is that students will foster the independent learning habits and study skills needed to succeed in college and career. Also part of that experience is the required Advanced Placement exam that students take in the spring.

Payment Information

The Advanced Placement exam is offered by the College Board, and the College Board assesses a fee for each AP exam. Bay Path collects the fee from each student and then sends payment for all exams to the College Board. Please see the fee amounts below. Note that this fee is assessed **for each AP exam your son/daughter will take.**

EACH EXAM FEE: \$93. per student
 \$50. per student who is eligible for free/reduced lunch
PAYMENT DUE DATE: Friday, October 20, 2017

Payment Options:

You may pay the fee in person (or have your child drop it off) in the Bay Path Business Office, or you may use our convenient online payment system, which may be found on the school website. The Business Office will accept payments between October 2—20. After October 20, students who have not paid their exam fees will be scheduled OUT of their AP course(s). No exceptions will be made.

Benefits of the AP Program

We understand that this is a substantial amount of money and that is why we are giving families ample time and opportunity to secure the funds. Please note that this is a worthwhile investment in your child's future: some colleges award three college credits for qualifying scores of three or higher; and some waive required core courses, saving families hundreds in college fees. Other colleges place students in Honors programs. In any case, all colleges look favorably when AP courses appear on students' transcripts, and this often makes a difference in favor of gaining college acceptance.

Please note that Bay Path has earned an award for excellence in AP and we are on the College Board National Honor Roll. We were recognized for the growth and quality of our program, as well as for our exceptional instructors. Your child will gain a great deal from experiences in AP courses.

Testing Support:

As part of Bay Path’s Advanced Placement program, we offer Saturday Study sessions in math, science, and English that support students in studying for AP exams. These sessions are held at area schools with many other AP students from central Massachusetts. The instructors are hired for their expertise in specific subject areas. It is expected that your child make every effort to attend these sessions. They may ask their individual AP teachers for more information on this program.

Saturday Session Dates and Locations:

English	Math	Science
Oct 21 at Bay Path	November 18, 2017 at TBD	December 9, 2017 at Auburn High
Jan 20 at Bay Path (mock exam)	February 3, 2018 at Auburn High	February 10, 2018 at Bay Path
April 7 at Auburn High	March 3, 2018 at Bay Path (mock exam)	March 17, 2018 at Bay Path (mock exam)

What next?

- Bay Path collects all exam fees, then pays the College Board directly.
- You may make your payment in the Bay Path Business Office between October 2—20.
- You may pay the fee online, using the Bay Path website, between October 2—20.
- Students who do not pay the fee will be withdrawn from their AP course(s). No exceptions.

What happens if my child drops the AP course?

The pre-paid exam fee will only be refunded if the student withdraws from the course prior to November 30, 2017. After that date, no refunds will be issued, even if student drops the AP course and/or does not take the exam.

What if my child is taking more than one AP course?

Students enrolled in more than one AP course must pay a fee of \$93. for EACH exam. So for example, if your child is enrolled in two AP courses, then the fee will be \$186.

Please complete the form on page three of this notice. Sign the form, and be sure to return it with your payment. Should you have any questions or concerns, or if your family would like information regarding financial support available for this fee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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