

September 1, 2009

Dear 8th Grade Students and Parents:

I hope you have had an enjoyable beginning to your last year in middle school! Although, your 8th grade year has just begun, now is the time to begin thinking about high school and where you might want to go to school next year. The time is now because several programs have application deadlines that are happening in the next few weeks!

If you plan on going to a Fayette County Public Schools' high school, the following programs might be of interest to you:

School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCAPA) at Lafayette HS

- This program offers advanced and college-preparatory classes in nine arts areas (Art, Ballet, Band, Contemporary Dance, Creative Writing, Drama, Piano, Strings, and Voice).
- Important Dates:
 - ◆ **Application Period is September 1 - October 15, 2009**
 - ◆ **Apply on-line at www.fcps.net/magnets/apply.htm**
 - ◆ **Information Night:** Tuesday, September 22, 6pm-7pm, Lafayette HS Library
 - ◆ **Auditions** - Saturday, November 7, 2009 at the SCAPA Bluegrass building.
- Information about SCAPA Lafayette can be requested from **Carla Pleasant** at SCAPA (381-3338 or carla.pleasant@fayette.kyschools.us) or by visiting our website at: <http://www.lafayette.fcps.net/departments/scapa.htm>

Math, Science and Technology Center (MSTC) at Dunbar HS

- This program offers a rigorous four-year curriculum designed to develop students who are internationally competitive in mathematics and science.
- Important Dates:
 - ◆ **Deadline to Apply is October 15, 2009**
 - ◆ **Apply on-line at www.fcps.net/magnets/apply.htm**
 - ◆ **Information Night:** Monday, October 5th, 6:30 pm, PLD Cafeteria
- Information about MSTC can be requested from **Beverly Smith** at Dunbar HS (381-3558 or beverly.smith@fayette.kyschools.us) or by visiting: <http://www.fcps.net/about-fcps/education-options/gifted--talented/programs/mstc-dunbar>

Lafayette Pre-Engineering Program

- This program provides advanced math, science and technology classes to those students interested in a more rigorous program of studies in those areas.
- Required materials: Grade transcripts, letters of recommendation, and an application letter from the student must be submitted.
- Important Dates:
 - **Deadline to Apply is December 1, 2009**
 - **Information Night:** Thursday, October 8th, 6:30pm, Lafayette HS Library
- Information can be requested from **Gene Toth** at Lafayette HS (381-3474 or gene.toth@fayette.kyschools.us)

Liberal Arts Academy at Henry Clay HS (LAAHC)

- The Liberal Arts Academy challenges its students in all disciplines with required Academy and AP courses that are specifically designed or adapted for the Gifted and Talented population.
- Important Dates:
 - ◆ **Deadline to Apply is October 15, 2009**
 - ◆ **Apply on-line at www.fcps.net/magnets/apply.htm**
 - ◆ **Information Night:** Tuesday, September 29, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Lassiter Theatre (Henry Clay HS)
- Information about LAAHC can be requested from **Peggy Workman** at Henry Clay HS (381-3423 ext. 1133 or peggy.workman@fayette.kyschools.us) or by visiting their website at: <http://www.henryclay.fcps.net/academics/Academy/Default.htm>

International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Tates Creek HS

- The International Baccalaureate, which began in 1968 in Geneva, Switzerland, aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. This program is the most rigorous and relevant college preparatory program in today's global society.
- Important Dates:
 - **Information Night: Thursday, January 14, 2010** at 7 pm, TCHS Fuller Theater
 - **Intent to Participate Agreement Due January 29, 2010**
- Information about the IB program can be requested from **Teri Harper** at Tates Creek HS (381-3623 or teri.harper@fayette.kyschools.us) or by visiting their website at: <http://www.tchs.fcps.net/ib/index.html>

Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) at Bryan Station High School

- As a member of the National Academy Foundation, students in this program will study topics such as web design, video/media, programming, and computer systems while also being grouped together for the majority of their core classes. This small learning community gives students the opportunity to earn dual credit for some courses and to participate in a paid internship between their junior and senior year.
- Important Dates:
 - **Deadline to apply is Oct.15, 2009.**
 - **Applications are available at www.bsbs.fcps.net/it.htm.**
 - **Information Night:** Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6:00 pm in the Bryan Station Auditorium
- Information about the Academy of Information Technology can be requested from Amy Johns at Bryan Station High School (381-3308 ext. 6001 or amy.johns@fayette.kyschools.us) or via the web at www.bsbs.fcps.net.

I hope that you have found this information to be helpful as you begin to plan for your next four years of public school! Please feel free to contact the program directors listed above if you have any questions about any of the programs.