



The Bathroom Sensation That's Sweeping the Nation

More testing...since it's the end of the year, it's not a surprise, but it is a little exhausting. Work hard on your final projects, everyone, and do your best! This week and the next are sort of the penultimate weeks before everything is over, so make use of your time!

Sick of Tests? Here's Why They're So Important

If you're sick of reading about tests in this column, imagine how sick I am of writing about them! I can only hope I'll write about something else when finals come around. Here's why they're important, as exhausting as they may be!

- Tests help teachers monitor student progress and keep them on track. If, for example, most of a class struggles on a topic, the teacher knows to revisit it.
- Tests push students to apply their knowledge or return to previously learned topics and reinforce recall and learning.
- Teachers can identify student strengths and weaknesses and help accordingly.
- Testing can limit interference from older learning material. Also known as proactive interference, frequent testing helps mitigate it.
- Regular testing can improve metacognitive monitoring abilities. More clearly, improving your working memory, your short-term memory, and your verbal intelligence.

At Coronado, there are several classes available to be taken known as Advanced Placement classes, or AP classes. Many of these classes offer dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment opportunities, where students can earn college credits for their effort in the class. These classes are also extremely work-heavy, which can be difficult for many students, especially if unprepared or unorganized.

But why are these classes so good to take? Are they worth the workload? It varies from person to person – even the easiest AP classes available here are immensely difficult and take dedication and hard work.

AP classes can boost your GPA if you do well in them, and they also prepare students who are planning on going to college for what college life is like. They also allow students to save time and money by taking these classes if they can earn college credit.

While our school pays for the exams (so you can take them for free), the exams can be potentially costly if you opt out of the final exam. The studying and preparation needed can also be draining and difficult and requires *dedication*.

AP Classes: Worth the Trouble?

Upcoming Events

Monday 5/6	Tuesday 5/7	Wednesday 5/8	Thursday 5/9	Friday 5/10	Saturday 5/11
AP Government & Politics Exam (7:30am) AP Chemistry Exam (11:30am) Lunch LinkUp @ Room 212 (both lunches)	AP Human Geography Exam (7:30am) AP Microeconomics Exam (7:30am) AP Statistics Exam (11:30am) AP Seminar Exam (11:30am) Choir Concert @ Auditorium (7pm) Varsity Baseball v Canon City @ Canon City Champions Awards Ceremony @ Auditorium (6pm)	AP Literature & Composition Exam (7:30am) AP Computer Science A Exam (11:30am) Orchestra Concert @ Auditorium (7pm)	AP Environmental Science Exam (7:30am) AP Psychology Exam (11:30am) Academic Council (11:40am) Boys Swim & Dive State @ VMAC-Thornton (TBD) Boys Volleyball State @ Overland High School (TBD) Girls Varsity Golf Invitational @ Four Mile Golf Club (9am) Girls Tennis State @ Pueblo City Park (9am) Varsity Baseball v Canon City @ Home (4pm)	SENIOR FINALS 5-8 (Check with teachers) AP US History Exam (7:30am) Spanish Language & Culture Exam (11:30am) Cougar Coffee House & Drama Awards @ Auditorium (6:30pm) Boys Swim & Dive State @ VMAC-Thornton (TBD) Boys Volleyball State @ Overland High School (TBD) Girls Tennis State @ Pueblo City Park (9am) Varsity Track & Field St. Vrain Last Chance v Lyons @ Longmont High (1pm)	Boys Swim & Dive State @ VMAC-Thornton (TBD) Boys Volleyball State @ Overland High School (TBD) Girls Tennis State @ Pueblo City Park (9am) Varsity Track & Field John Tate Challenge Cup v Pueblo Centennial @ Dutv Clark Stadium (9am)