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Dear Eighth Grade Students and Families:

We invite you to apply to the Walter Johnson High APEX Reach Scholars Program. This program enables students to pursue a rigorous academic curriculum with like-minded scholars and to be recognized for academic achievement in your own pathway of academic interest. So that you can learn more about the program, there will be an informational meeting on, Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 7 pm in Walter Johnson High School's auditorium.

The APEX Reach program is designed for students who want to challenge themselves with the most academically rigorous coursework available in core humanities classes as well as in a pathway of their interest. The list of the core required classes as well as the pathways are found on the back of this letter. In these classes, APEX Reach students will work to develop their writing, critical thinking and reading skills in part to prepare them for coursework at the AP level. Students who have a 3.5 GPA or above in both 7th grade and the first semester of 8th grade are eligible to apply and enroll in the program.

Again, I hope that you consider applying to the APEX Reach program. If at any time you have questions about the program or the application process, please email either Mr. Nathan Schwartz or Ms. Kathy Simmons, the APEX-Reach Coordinators at Nathan_Schwartz@mcpsmd.org or Katherine_A_Simmons@mcpsmd.org. For your information, a timeline and a list of core classes and pathways are provided on the second page of this letter with important dates associated with the APEX-Reach application process.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Baker
Principal

Application Schedule for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

Date	Activity
December 1, 2022	APEX Reach Scholars Applicant Information Nights, 7:00 PM in Walter Johnson High School's Auditorium APEX Reach Application opens on December 2, 2022
January 20, 2023	APEX Reach Application Online Submission Deadline
February 24, 2023	Results of Program Screening mailed
March 17, 2023	Deadline for student/parent acceptance of APEX program enrollment

Core APEX Reach Classes

9th grade - APEX Reach AP Government, APEX Reach Honors Biology, APEX Reach Honors English
10th grade - APEX Reach AP United States History, APEX Reach Honors English
11th grade - APEX Reach AP Language (English class), APEX Reach AP World History
12th grade - APEX Reach AP Literature (English class)

APEX Reach Pathways

Students choose a pathway by their 10th grade year and include advanced courses in the following areas:

Fine Arts, Math, Music, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, General Education

More details on these pathways will be provided during the informational meetings and can also be found on the Walter Johnson website under APEX Reach Pathways.

<https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wjhs/programs/apex/>