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DATE : APRIL 23, 2021

TO : PARENTS / GUARDIANS OF GRADE 10

FROM :  FRANCES R. GIZA
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SUBJECT : PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT (PRE-AP) ENGLISH 1 FINAL EXAM TESTING

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We thank the Lord for every opportunity to make our curriculum internationally competitive. As part of this commitment, the Junior High School (JHS) Department rolled out this school year 2020-2021 the *Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) Program* to students in Grades 9 and 10.

The Pre-AP is an international program by College Board that offers courses that build, strengthen, and reinforce students' content knowledge and critical thinking skills. To date, there are 436 secondary schools worldwide accredited to offer Pre-AP and four of these are in Asia. We are pleased to inform you that JCA is the 1st Pre-AP school in the Philippines.

1. Pre-AP courses are beneficial to students because of the following:

- 1.1. It provides a robust, focused, and grade-level appropriate instruction to cultivate mastery of content and skills that matter for higher levels.
- 1.2. It utilizes high-quality and engaging course framework, materials, and assessments for deep engagement of students across varying levels of abilities.
- 1.3. It prepares students for success in Advanced Placement (AP) as courses are aligned to AP course standards and university readiness indicators.

2. Pre-AP English 1 Final Exam

The Grade 10 English subject has been mapped out from Pre-AP English 1. As an integral program component, Pre-AP provides the Pre-AP Final Exam for the course. It is a summative assessment used to measure student success in learning and applying knowledge and skills articulated in the Pre-AP course. The assessment will be used, likewise, to improve the future administration of Pre-AP English 1.

In line with this, the Grade 10 students will take the *Pre-AP Final Exam in English 1* which will be credited as the *4th Quarter Exam (QE) in the English subject*.

The Pre-AP Final Exam which is aligned to the learning checkpoints and performance tasks taken throughout the course of studying Pre-AP consists of two parts: the multiple-choice questions and the open-response question.



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The final exam requires the use of *LockDown Browser*, a secure browser which may open on tablets, laptops, or desktop computers only. It enhances the security of exam administration and has built in system to detect and deter students from resorting to questionable practices when taking the test. Prior to the exam date, the Pre-AP Teachers will assist students to ensure that their Pre-AP Classroom accounts are working properly. Administration of the final exam may not be accessed via a mobile phone.

3. Pre-AP English 1 Final Exam Schedule

- 3.1. Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021
- 3.2. Time: 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM
- 3.3. The G10 students will not take an English QE during the G10 4th QE on May 11-12, 2021.

4. Pre-AP Review Facilitators and Schedule

As the Pre-AP final exam may be expected to be challenging, the Pre-AP English Teachers, Ms. Mara Denisse Diwa (10-Solomon) and Ms. Ma. Anna Louzell Manabat (10-Purity and 10-Service), will conduct review sessions with the students on the following dates.

DATE	TIME
Tuesday, April 27, 2021	2:40 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 28, 2021	2:40 - 4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 3, 2021	2:40 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, May 5, 2021	2:40 - 4:00 PM
Friday, May 7, 2021	2:00 - 4:00 PM
Friday, May 14, 2021	7:35 - 10:00 AM

5. Pre-AP Designation and Incentive

- 5.1. Students who take the Pre-AP English 1 Final Exam will receive the Pre-AP® designation which will appear in the student's report card and transcript.
- 5.2. Students who receive any of the following performance categories will receive incentive:
 - 5.2.1. ACHIEVING - 2 points incentive in English in the 4th Quarter
 - 5.2.2. APPROACHING - 1 point incentive in English in the 4th Quarter

We encourage parents / guardians to extend support to our students as they take the exams and strive to succeed in school and beyond. Thank you for your cooperation.