January 9, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The staff of Tuscola High School is pleased that your child is considering registering for AP and/or *Advanced* classes next year. For the AP (Advanced Placement) courses, the college-level work is strenuous, but the rewards for making the commitment and seeing it through are great. You may already know that a passing grade on a College Board AP exam in high school can allow a student to enter college with credit earned ahead of time. In fact, each year Tuscola has a significant number of students who enter college with various amounts of credit already earned through AP courses. To compensate for the increased difficulty of the AP and *Advanced* courses, AP classes are weighted with two extra points awarded in computing a student's Grade Point Average, while *Advanced* courses are awarded one extra point.

Please understand Tuscola's policies concerning all AP courses:

- Once students have made their final class selections, changes will **NOT** be made except in cases of administrative decisions. Thus, both students and parents should be very certain of the commitment they are making.
- All students enrolled in AP courses will be required to take the AP exams, which are administered the second two weeks of May.
- AP students will pay an **$87** fee for each AP test in which they are enrolled. This fee should be paid on or before **December 20, 2012**.

Should you have questions concerning the AP or *Advanced* courses, please feel free to contact the Tuscola Counseling Center at 456 – 2408.

Cordially,

Mr. Dale McDonald

**I have reviewed the contents of this letter as well as criteria and modifications listed for each AP course to which my child is applying. I understand the AP courses require college level work, which is much more rigorous than normal high school courses. I also understand that participation in an AP course requires that my child take the National Advanced Placement Test in May of 2013 and pay the $87 fee by December 20, 2012.**

Student Name (**Print**) _____

Student Signature Name (**Sign**)_____

Parent/Guardian Name (**Print**) _____

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