



Officers

President

Sandi Gabe
SMGabe@sbhsi.com

Vice President

Secretary
Harriete Beman

Vice President

Treasurer
Christine
Roumbanis
croumban@hotmail.com

Webmaster

Gitanjali Kapur

Greetings,

As a public school program, the San Mateo Union High School District GATE program is funded through grants from the State of California. As you're aware, the funding for public schools in California has been reduced during this budget cycle. As in past years, GATE program funding has been impacted. This year the impact is a reduction of 32%. Thanks to fact that the district GATE officials anticipated this potential impact, no GATE programs for the 2004 - 2005 school year will be impacted. However, this trend of reduced funds impacts the ability of the district to support events and means that our participation as a partner in providing enriching programs for our students becomes even more important.

As a response to the budget reduction we may be asked to help with activities by sharing the cost of programs more directly by increased student participation fees.

The GATE parents group works with the District to provide programs such as the SAT Prep Class and Dr. Wrubel's *Road to College Series*. This year the GATE Parents group has also extended a grant to each school GATE coordinator to fund an activity to benefit GATE students.

Parent participation is key to providing interesting and fulfilling programs and volunteers are needed. See below for volunteer opportunities.
Sandi Gabe

Help reduce our administrative costs and get updated information sooner!!

We prefer to send information out via email or posted on our website at www.gateparents.com
You receive information more timely and we reduce our postage costs which are approximately 80 cents per issue. Our email distribution list is confidential and not shared or sold.
Send your email address to: gateparents@mail.smuhsd.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Study Skills Course

Feb 26, Mar 7, 12 2005

Mills High School (Portable room #26)

9:00 am - 1 pm

This three session course taught by Tony Vasques introduces students to study skills such as

- How to Listen and Take Notes
- How to Read and Take Notes
- How to Manage Time and Set Goals
- How to Study from a Textbook
- How to Take Tests

Parents will be invited to attend a follow-up session on the Monday evening following the last class.

Tony Vasques is a former Mills H.S. Counselor and current Teacher of "Study Skills" at De Anza and San Mateo Colleges.

Registration Fee: \$75.00. Registration Deadline February 22, 2005. See enclosed registration form

SAT Preparation Course

June 13-17 2-5pm

Location Capuchino High School, Portable B5

Get prepared for the SAT Test by taking the popular five session SAT Test Preparation Review Course. The course will provide comprehensive classroom study in verbal and math skills and test-taking strategies and will cover the new PSAT & SAT tests. Student study materials are included in the course fee. Additional information on improving your SAT scores can be found at <http://www.percentilepress.com>.

Application registration and payment due: May 28, 2005 (Registration form included)

Check us out
on the web!!!!

www.gateparents.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Road to College Series with Dr. Paul Wrubel

April 27, 2005 9:00AM

Titled, *College Selection and Admission*, this is a fun and informative evening for both parents and students especially sophomores and juniors. Dr. Wrubel discusses the ultimate question, "Where do I want to go to college?" and give insights on how to make this most important decision.

He will also cover college visits, Internet resources, and helpful books that offer the information needed to make this decision. The application, SAT/ACT, recommendations and the college interview are all part of this informative evening.

A more detailed description is found at www.paulwrubel.com

R.S.V.P. to Harriete Estel Berman Shelander@att.net (650) 345-4078

Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently looking for parents to assist with the following activities:

- Parent Site Liaisons for Aragon, Capuchino, Hillsdale, Mills, and San Mateo High Schools.
- Coordinate for Dr. Wrubel Road to College Series
- Newsletter Coordinator
- Provide an industry contact
- Coordinate an event

If you're interested, please contact Sandi Gabe at SMGabe@sbhsi.com or 650-589-1836

The **GATE Parent Site Liaison** plays an integral role in the GATE program. As a parent representative of the school and member of the GATE Parents Group Board of Directors they provide input to the Board in helping to frame the GATE Parents Group activities.

Responsibilities of the GATE Parent Site Liaison

- Liaison to school GATE on-site coordinator
- Arrange room reservations at your high school (once a year) for the GATE Board meetings. Guidelines are available to assist you in making these arrangements
- Participate in GATE Parents Group Steering Committee monthly meetings
- Establish communication with students (GATE and non-GATE) and parents at school site (i.e. PTO meetings and PTO communications)

GATE PRESENTS
Study Skills

**Learning How to Learn:
Introduces Students to Study Skill Techniques**

Students will focus upon five basic Study Skills:

- how to listen and take notes
- how to read and take notes
- how to manage time and set goals
- how to study from a text book
- how to take tests

Course Consists of Three Sessions

- Saturday, February 26 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 5 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 12 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Parents will be invited to attend a follow-up session on the Monday evening following the last class.

Classes Held at: Mills High School, Portable room 26
Registration Fee: \$ 75.00 (MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE 28)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE, FEBRUARY 22, 2005

Instructor: Tony Basques - B.S., M.A., Former Mills H.S. Counselor and Current Teacher of "Study Skills" at College of San Mateo and De Anza Community College.

For additional information contact: Tony Basques at 343-1243 (after 7:00 p.m.)

Make Check Payable to: SMUHSD GATE PROGRAM

Mail to: Jeanie Kwong
SMUHSD 650 No. Delaware St.
San Mateo, CA 94401

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Current School _____ Grade _____ Email _____