

CANYON CREST ACADEMY Counseling, College & Career Center

Our commitment is to provide students and parents with news and events. A link to this newsletter can be found on CCA's website. Additionally, a copy is delivered bi-monthly to your <u>Naviance</u> account inbox. We encourage you to sign into your Naviance account as it has information which may be helpful in your college and career planning.

Students who have not registered for Naviance can login by clicking *I need to register* and entering the student ID# for *New User*. Parents may login by entering the student's ID# followed by a letter *p* (ex: 123456p). For returning users who forget passwords, click the *forgot your password* link on the Naviance page. If you need assistance, please contact Darlene Burton.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- 1/03 AP Exam Registration is open. Regular registration runs through March 17, 2017. Regular registration cost is \$111 per exam (administrative costs included). Late registration runs through March 28, 2017. Cost per exam during late registration is \$145. No orders will be accepted after March 28. No student will be excluded from taking AP tests in SDUHSD due to financial concerns. AP Fee Reduction applications are available but must be applied BEFORE the deadline for registration. The deadline for AP Fee Reduction applications is March 14, 2017. Students who wish to request an AP Fee Reduction application should contact CCA AP Bernard Steinberger. Visit http://www.sduhsdapexams.com/ for detailed information.
- 1/26 Final Exams (Periods 1 & 2); School dismisses at 12:25 PM
- 1/27 Final Exams (Periods 3 & 4); School dismisses at 12:25 PM; 2nd Quarter Ends.
- 2/01 Start of Spring Term: After 3:00 pm on January 31, all students should check the Aeries portal under Student Info, Classes to confirm class schedule and room assignments. Note: Schedules will NOT be distributed, and all students should print their Spring schedule from Aeries. If you are unable to access Aeries, please visit the Learning Commons or Student Services before school on the first day of the term. Based on district guidelines, course change requests will be addressed during the two-week add/drop period starting 2/01/2017. The process and required form will be posted on the Counseling website. There will be no elective changes after the start of the term. Counselors are not able to address Spring schedule requests by phone or email.
- 2/06 **SDUHSD High School Selection** opens 2/06/17 at 8:00am and closes 3/06/17 at 4:00pm. Additional information is posted on the <u>SDUHSD</u> website. Students currently in grades 9-11 who wish to remain at the <u>same</u> high school for the 2017-2018 school year, **DO NOT** need to participate in the selection process.
- 2/13 **Senior Parent Information Night:** 6:30 8:00pm in the Proscenium Theater. Presentation by Principal Killeen, ASB, Grad Nite and Dollars for Scholars.
- 2/15 **Last day to drop a class without a "W":** Per Board Policy, a student may drop classes anytime during the first two weeks without a grading penalty on the student transcript, if approved by the parent/guardian and school counselor.

REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

Please use the 4-Year College Checklist and the College App (by type) Guide, both available in Naviance, to make sure that you don't miss any application steps. Reminders:

- Make sure to send official SAT or ACT scores to all colleges to which you are applying.
- Pay careful attention to all emails and instructions from each college. They may request additional materials or note that they have not received required items.
- Teachers and counselors are *not* notified of any changes to your Naviance or Common App college lists. If you need to make changes, you must see your teacher(s)/counselor in person to follow-up.

MID -YEAR REPORTS & TRANSCRIPTS:

IF YOU APPLIED TO COLLEGES VIA THE COMMON APPLICATION:

When final 2nd quarter grades are posted to your transcript, counselors will send Mid-Year Reports and Transcripts electronically via Naviance to the Common Application colleges on your FERPA and in both your Naviance and Common App lists only. The FERPA, Naviance and Common App lists must match for items to be sent. If you have made changes to your college list, please come by during Counseling walk-in periods (before or after school or at lunch) to update your FERPA.

IF YOU APPLIED TO NON-COMMON APPLICATION COLLEGE(S):

Please confirm whether the college requires a mid-year report. If so, you will need to request an official transcript from the CCA Registrar and, if there are any additional required forms, provide your counselor with a stamped, addressed envelope. Mid-Year Reports cannot be submitted electronically to non-Common App colleges.

Students who applied to UC & CSU schools DO NOT need Mid-Year Reports and will only need to send a transcript if one is requested/required by a specific UC or CSU campus.

If you intend to make any further change to your class schedule, have a pending off-campus course or would like your counselor NOT to submit your MYR at this time for another reason, please let your counselor know as soon as possible.

- <u>Students Should Check Submission Status</u>: For the Common Application, the application, supplement, and payment submissions are three distinct processes. Despite instructions and reminders, some students believe that the application automatically follows a supplement and/or payment. Please confirm the status of submissions under *My Colleges*.
- Pay careful attention to all emails and instructions from each college. They may request additional materials or note that they have not received required items.
- Withdrawing Apps After ED Admission: When students apply under an Early Decision plan, they agree to withdraw their applications to other colleges if admitted. To do this, students must contact these other colleges directly. To withdraw or cancel a UC application, contact each school per instructions here. The Common Application does not have a mechanism for withdrawing submitted applications. (Students seeking financial aid do not need to withdraw other applications until they have received notification about financial aid from the admitting Early Decision institution.) College applications cannot be deleted or canceled in Naviance, but students who commit to an ED school should notify their counselor and teachers, set their attending college and update results in Naviance.
- <u>Update your Naviance account as you receive admissions decisions.</u> To edit/update, click on the pencil icon next to any college under *Colleges I'm Applying to*, select the decision from the drop-down menu, and click *update* at the bottom of the page.

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE NEWS

MIRACOSTA STUDENT AMBASSADOR: Available in the College & Career Center. Spring semester hours TBD. Students may drop by or make an appointment. Sign-up sheets are located in the C&CC.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

- March 11, 2017 is the next test date for the SAT. **SAT Subject Tests are NOT offered on this date.** Regular registration closes February 10. Late registration closes February 21; late fee applies.
- <u>ACT</u> <u>February 11, 2017</u> is the next available ACT test date. Regular registration is closed. **Late registration** closes January 20; late fee applies. <u>Standby Request Period</u> closes February 3, 2017; Standby fee applies.

CCA's school code is 050893. Students requiring an SAT/ACT *fee waiver* can obtain one from the Counseling Secretary, or from Ms. Burton in the College & Career Center.

FREE TEST PREP: Test prep books for SAT/Subject Tests, ACT and AP exams are available for check out in the College & Career Center. Please also visit the CollegeBoard and ACT websites for many Free Test Prep resources.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ALL GRADES: While most scholarship opportunities are for seniors, several are open to other grade levels. Scholarship Opportunities are posted in your Naviance account under the COLLEGES tab, third section, SCHOLARSHIP LIST. Please log in to Naviance to view details and instructions. Naviance provides a *Browse by category* feature for sorting grade level opportunities.

SENIORS: The San Diego Foundation's Common Application Scholarship is now open. The Common Scholarship Application uses one online form to access more than 100 scholarships. Deadline to apply: 2/1/2017.

Jan/Feb Deadlines: US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Program; Bank of America 2017 Student Leader Program (juniors & seniors); 2017 APCA Scholarship Program; ACEC & City of San Diego Public Works Dept of Engineering; California Coastal Art & Poetry contest; Princeton Prize in Race Relations; Cox Cares 2017; P.E.O. Scholarships; San Diego Foundation Scholarships; Distinguished Young Women San Diego (juniors); AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness; Jackie Robinson Foundation; San Diego County Salute to Education; 2017 BBB Student Ambassador Program; Brad Fowler Memorial Scholarship; Scholarships for Military Children; Vegetarian Resource Group; Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund; Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir; Shui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship; Athena Pinnacle; Sejong Writing Competition.

ENRICHMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ALL GRADES: Details regarding enrichment/volunteer/summer opportunities are posted in Naviance under the COLLEGES tab, second section, ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS. Some programs have early deadlines!

GRADES 9 – 11: COSMOS (CA State Summer School for Mathematics & Science) – Application is now open. Deadline to apply is 2/19. Financial aid is available.

ALL GRADES: The California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) application is now open. Seven art categories: animation, creative writing, dance, film & video, music, theatre, visual arts. Program is subsidized by the state.

Jan-March Deadlines: Bank of America 2017 Student Leader Program (current Juniors & Seniors); Clark Scholars Program; USC Bovard Scholars; Garcia Research Scholar Program; COSMOS; MIT Launch; Stanford Institutes of Medicine; CSSSA (CA State Summer School for the Arts); SCA Student Conservation Association; SERA (Science & Engineering Research Academy) at UCSB; Carnegie Mellon Summer Academy for Mathematics & Science; Summer Science Program; Reynolds Young Writers Workshop; CURIE Academy at Cornell Univ.; UC Santa Barbara Research Mentorship Program;; PREFACE; International Summer School for Young Physicists; 2017 RYLA Conference (Current Juniors) – April 7 – 9, 2017 (no cost to selected participants). Ongoing: Helen Woodward; UC San Diego Health Center; Palomar Pathmaker Internship.

REMINDERS

<u>ALL STUDENTS:</u> CCA does not provide or sell student or family information. Beware of for-profit or scam programs for test prep and financial aid services, student leadership programs, etc.

TO STAY INFORMED, PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

Daily Bulletin
Aeries Portal
CCA Counseling Website

CCA Foundation: Many Counseling, College & Career services are funded by the CCA Foundation, including College Night and grade-specific evening presentations. For more information on how to support the Counseling Department please visit the <u>CCA Foundation</u> website.