



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 [Naviance](#) 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 APRIL/MAY

- 4/24 **SDUHSD College Night & Fair** - The 6th Annual [SDUHSD College Night and Fair](#) will be held on Monday, April 24th, 2017 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds from 6:30pm-9:00pm. This annual event is sponsored by the San Dieguito Union High School District, serving the students of Canyon Crest Academy, La Costa Canyon High School, San Dieguito Academy, Sunset High School and Torrey Pines High School. Admission is free.
- Over 200 Colleges and Universities from across the nation will participate in this event, as well as test prep, interviewing strategy, summer program, and financial aid companies. A hybrid forum of college-led information sessions running concurrently with the college fair will allow students and parents a unique opportunity to learn more about college admissions. For more information visit www.sduhsdcollegefair.blogspot.com.
- 4/26 **SENIORS! Mandatory Senior Exit Meeting** Wednesday, April 26, 8:00 – 9:30 am in the Proscenium Theater; check-in will begin at 7:45 am. See details in "Reminders For Seniors" below.
- 5/01 **Last Day to Drop a 4th Quarter Class without a "W"**: As per Board Policy 5121/AR-1, a student may drop classes anytime during the first two weeks of a semester for the 4 x 4 schedule without a grading penalty on the student transcript, if approved by the parent/guardian and school counselor.
- 5/25 **Last Day to Drop a 4th Quarter Class With a "W"**: As per Board Policy 5121/AR-1, a student who withdraws from a class after the second week for the 4 x 4 schedule will receive a "W" (withdraw/no credit) on the student transcript.

NEWS FOR JUNIORS

UC Essay Prompts: UC's personal insight questions will remain the same for fall 2018 applicants with some slightly modified wording for questions 6 & 8 for freshman applicants and question 7 for transfer applicants. **These changes are effective June 2017.** Each question aligns to one or more of the 14 comprehensive review criteria that campuses consider in their admissions decisions. The UC Application for fall 2018 will open August 1, 2017, but personal insight questions, with guidance, can be viewed in advance [here](#).

NOTE: While the UC Application will open August 1, the UC Application submission period for fall 2018 is still November 1-30. CCA will host UC/CSU Workshops in October 2017.

Common App Essay Prompts: The 2017-2018 Common Application essay prompts have changed. The word limit on the essay will remain at 650. You may view the new prompts [here](#) but the 2017-2018 **application** is not yet available. **CCA will host Common App Workshops in October 2016.**

Important NCAA Eligibility information: Students who plan to play a Division I or Division II sport in college must register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) by the end of 11th grade. Review NCAA core course requirements and additional information on the NCAA Eligibility Center site. **NOTE:** At the end of 11th grade student athletes must ALSO send a high school transcript, including final grades, to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

MANDATORY SENIOR EXIT MEETING: Wednesday, April 26, 8:00 – 9:30 am in the Proscenium Theater; check-in will begin at 7:45 am. Assistant Principals will present essential information including the final exam schedule for seniors, required check-out procedures and forms, expectations for Senior Week, Graduation Rehearsal and the Graduation Ceremony.

MAY 1 – Deadline for most students to submit a Statement/Letter of Intent to Register/Enroll and, if applicable, to pay the required deposit at the four-year college you plan to attend in Fall 2016.

WAITLIST: Notice of acceptance from the waitlist will likely come in the form a phone call, text or email in which you are informed of the opportunity and given a very short period of time (often 24 hours or less) to accept it or not. Ideally, such calls would come before May 1 so you can factor the opportunity among the other offers of admission you have received. TIP: If you are waitlisted at a top choice school you would be wise to submit an enrollment deposit to a college that has admitted you so you are “covered” in the event the WL doesn’t come through. If you subsequently accept an offer from one college’s WL, you forfeit the initial enrollment deposit at the other college.

Update Your Admission Results In Naviance: Please keep your Naviance account updated. Selecting the edit icon for any of the colleges in your “applying to” list will open the edit applications page displaying all of the schools to which you applied. Update the “Result” and, if applicable, the “App Type.” If you did not apply to a school in your list, select “Withdrawn” under “Result.”

UC Applicants: UC campuses may offer a waitlist option for freshman applicants. An offer to be on the list is not an admission decision. Click [here](#) for frequently asked questions about the waitlist process. If you were waitlisted, check your specific UC portal for instructions.

UC will administer the Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) on Saturday, May 13 to students who have been admitted to a UC campus for fall 2017 and have not yet satisfied the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) by other means. Students selected to take the exam will receive a letter in early April regarding the exam requirements and their AWPE testing location. For more information and to view the requirements for fulfilling the ELWR, click [here](#).

CSU APPLICANTS: If you applied to a California State University it is time to verify your ELM (Entry Level Math) and EPT (English Proficiency Test) standing. For detailed information on the tests, who needs to take the tests and how to find out if you are exempt, visit: <http://www.ets.org/csu/about> or login to your CSU student portal.

Cal State San Marcos will be hosting an ELM workshop for seniors who need to take the Entry Level Math (ELM) exam. Workshops are free to attend and students do not need to register. Workshops will be held on Saturdays, April 22, April 29, 2017 from 10am-1:00pm. Location: CSUSM-Math Lab in the Kellogg Library 1109.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

SAT May 6 is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. **Regular registration is closed. Late registration closes April 25; late fee applies.**

ACT June 10 is the next available ACT test date. Regular registration closes May 5. Late registration closes May 19; late 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.

NOTE: For scholarships that require letters of recommendation: Respectfully ask a staff member in person, (not by email) whether s/he will write a letter of recommendation at least 3 weeks in advance of a deadline, and provide him/her required documents, including a FERPA.

Upcoming Deadlines: James Beard Foundation (for culinary majors); Oz Foundation; BIA CARES; Triple-Impact Competitor; Golden Osas y Osos; UC Berkeley – Balanced Man; AMN/HCC (students planning to enter the field of health care).

ENRICHMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

ALL STUDENTS: For programs that require letters of recommendation: Respectfully ask a staff member in person, (not by email) whether he/she will write a letter of recommendation at least 3 weeks in advance of a deadline, and provide him/her required documents, including a FERPA.

Upcoming Deadlines: Bucknell Academy Summer Experience; Summer Scholars Program at Miami University (Ohio); UC Berkeley Business Academy for Youth – Haas School of Business; Middlebury Summer Language Immersion Program; The Bridge – College Prep & Leadership Academy. **Ongoing:** Helen Woodward; UC San Diego Health Center; Palomar Pathmaker Internship;

REMINDERS

ALL STUDENTS: 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 [CCA Foundation](#) website.