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 MAY/JUNE

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.

5/29   **Memorial Day:** No school.

6/02   **Deadline for Off-Campus Coursework:** All off-campus courses must be completed and official transcripts provided to the CCA registrar in order to be posted on the CCA transcript by the end of the school year. All transcripts received after June 2, 2017 will be posted to student transcripts the following school year.

6/9-12   **Friday, June 9 and Monday, June 12: Senior Finals/Check-out for all seniors with outstanding fees/fines or who haven't completed Senior Exit Survey in Naviance.**

6/14   **Last day to complete Work Permit application with Ms. Moroney at CCA.** After June 14, work permit applications will be completed at the SDUHSD District Office, 710 Encinitas Blvd.

6/15-16   **Grades 9-11:** Final Exams/Minimum Days. School dismisses at 12:25 pm. Fourth quarter ends June 16.

6/16   **Graduation! Last day of school for all students. Enjoy the summer break!**
       In order to focus on graduation, the Counseling Office will close at 12:00 pm on Friday, June 16.

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 2017.**

NEW! **Coalition Application Essay Prompts:** A coalition of public and private schools has come together to create a new platform for applying to college. While most member colleges accept the Common Application *and* the Coalition Application, there are a few schools that are Coalition exclusive.   The Coalition application is scheduled to open in July, but essay prompts, and information about the Coalition, can be viewed here.
If a school to which you are applying accepts both the Common Application and the Coalition Application, it is recommended that you use the Common Application which is supported by Naviance.

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

AP Scores: Send official AP Scores to your attending college; UC's must receive scores by July 15.

Senior Check Out Information: (The Senior Exit Meeting PowerPoint is posted on the CCA Website Seniors page.)

- Senior finals are Friday, June 9 and Monday, June 12. These are regular school days and all seniors should plan to attend school on these days.

- **Senior Survey in Naviance is open - complete it now to save time and so you don't have to do the check-out form during final exams!** Survey is under the *About Me* tab, left-hand menu. **Indicate the college admission decision for each school to which you applied. If you did not apply to a school in your list, select "withdrawn." EVEN THOUGH THE SCREEN INDICATES "SEND FINAL TRANSCRIPT", THE FINAL TRANSCRIPT CANNOT BE SENT VIA NAVIANCE.**

- **Seniors with outstanding fees/fines and those who have not completed the Naviance Survey will be required to go through a check-out process in order to participate in Senior Week/Graduation. These seniors will be notified and can pick-up their forms from the Counseling Office on June 8 & 9.**
  - Only obtain signatures from the offices where fines are listed.
  - Completed check-out forms must be submitted to the registrar on Monday, June 12. This is also the deadline for final transcript requests.

- Submit official transcripts for any off campus class to the CCA Registrar by Friday, June 2, for it to appear on your high school transcript.

- Final transcript requests forms were passed out at the Senior Exit Seminar. Forms can be picked up at the Registrar's office. **Forms, along with your addressed envelope may be turned into the registrar during daily walk-in times, before or after school or at lunch beginning May 22. Deadline to submit your Final Transcript form is Monday, June 12.**

NCAA Eligibility Information for Seniors who plan on playing a Division I or Division II sport in college: You must login to your NCAA Eligibility Center account to update your academic and amateurism information and request final amateurism certification. You must also send in your ACT/SAT Test Scores, if you have not already done so, and, after graduation, send a final transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Please see CCA Registrar, Ms. Shephard, to request an official transcript.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

SAT   June 3 is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. **Regular registration is closed. Late registration closes May 24; late fee applies.**

NEW!   August 26 SAT & SAT Subject Tests date announced. Regular registration closes July 28. Late registration closes August 15; late fee applies.

ACT   June 10 is the next available ACT test date. **Regular registration is closed. Late registration closes May 19; late fee applies. The Standby Request Period is from May 20 – June 2.**

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.

Active: Oz Foundation; Filipino-American Cultural Organization; BIA CARES; Triple-Impact Competitor; California Young Playwrights Contest –all grades; Golden Osas y Osos; Grit & Grace Scholarship; UC Berkeley - Balanced Man; AMN/HCC (students planning to enter the field of health care); 2017 Wendy's High School Heisman.
NOTE: 2017 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology is now open.

ENRICHMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

UCSD Mentor Assistance Program (MAP) application is open. Application window is short (May 1 – June 4). MAP is a unique opportunity for students 16 years of age or older on or before June 19, 2017, to be mentored by UCSD faculty. Minimum GPA requirement: 3.0 and college bound. Academic interests are not limited to STEM, and include Athletics, Business & Marketing, Philosophy, Psychology and Psychiatry, Social Studies and more.

NEW! **MOTIV - Paid Summer Internship** ($250) for rising 10th – 12th grade students interested in learning about community service organizations. Applications accepted until 9:00 pm on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Details in Naviance.

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: GenCyber Camps (free!); Middlebury Sumer Language Immersion Program; The Bridge – College Prep & Leadership Academy; UCSD Mentor Assistance Program (MAP); Discover Swarthmore! Academic Connections at UCSD; Washington & Lee DIVE Program; Women of Distinction – Smith College; Talk Back to Socrates!; Macalester College – Fall Sampler Extended Program; Journey to Bucknell (overnight program); ThoughtSTEM; miRcore & Scripps Translational Science Institute; Rosetta Institute of Biomedical Research; UCSD – San Diego Supercomputer Center Summer Workshops; So You'd Like to Be An Entrepreneur? (UCSD Rady School of Management); Summer at Parker (Francis Parker School); Devil Pups (free).
Ongoing: Active Care @4S Ranch; Helen Woodward; UC San Diego Health Center; Moonlight Youth Theatre Internship Program; Palomar Pathmaker Internship; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center; SD Natural History Museum; UCSD Young Physicists Program.

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 grade-specific evening presentations. For more information on how to support the Counseling Department please visit the CCA Foundation website**.**