



# 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 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- 9/30 Deadline for seniors requiring a letter of recommendation for Early Decision or Early Action applications to complete Brag Packet and turn in a completed FERPA to their counselor and teacher(s).
- 10/01 [CSU](#) application becomes available online. (The [UC](#) application opened August 1.)
- 10/11 [LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS WITH A 'W'](#) Per SDUHSD Board Policy students who drop a class will receive a withdraw/no credit on the transcript. This "W" does not factor into GPA calculation.
- 10/17 **FAFSA Financial Aid Night:** A FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) workshop will be held in the Proscenium Theater on Monday, October 17th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, to assist senior students and families planning to file for financial aid assistance from public and private universities. The FAFSA application for the 2017-2018 school year opens October 1 at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- 10/19 The [PSAT](#) will be offered school-wide to grades 9-11. If you would like to make a donation you may do so online at the [CCA Webstore](#) or at the Finance Office. The suggested donation for the PSAT is \$28.00. Please make checks payable to SDUHSD.
- SENIOR SESSIONS: MANDATORY ATTENDANCE FROM 8:00 – 11:15 AM: Seniors select two options**
- UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP: 8:00 – 9:30 AM in the Proscenium Theater, CCA will host a UC application workshop that will walk students through the UC application process.
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKSHOP: 8:00 – 9:30 in the College & Career Center. MiraCosta will host a community college info session and workshop. Transfer opportunities will be discussed. This workshop is appropriate for seniors intending to apply to any community college, not just to MiraCosta.
- CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOP: 9:45- 11:15 AM in the Learning Commons., CCA will host a CSU Application workshop that will walk seniors through the CSU application process.
- COMMON APPLICATION, OTHER PRIVATE & OUT OF STATE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS:
- Two sessions, 8:00 – 9:30 in the Learning Commons and 9:45 -11:15 AM in the Proscenium.** CCA Counselors will be available to assist seniors with their Common Application and other private/out-of-state applications.
- 10/31 Minimum day for Final Exams. School dismisses at 12:25 pm.
- 11/01 Minimum day for Final Exams. School dismisses at 12:25 pm. End of First Quarter.
- 10/31 The deadline to request a letter of recommendation for Regular Decision, and all other college application types, from a teacher or counselor is Monday, October 31, 2016. Students must have completed their Brag Packet, turned in a signed FERPA, and have a college list in Naviance that accurately reflects all the colleges to which they are applying to assure that all materials can be submitted accurately. Students applying using the Common Application must complete the "Common App FERPA Waiver & Authorization" within the Common App and then enter the Common App email address in Naviance to match accounts. If this step is not completed, recommenders cannot submit your materials via Naviance to Common Application Schools.

## College Visits in the College & Career Center

A list of all college visits can be found in Naviance under the Colleges tab, right-hand menu, *view all upcoming college visits*. College visits are also posted on CCA's site calendar. **College visits are reserved for 12th grade students.** (Parents may attend college visits; please sign-in as a visitor in the Admin office.)

### TO ATTEND A COLLEGE VISIT:

In the *view all upcoming college visits* section of your Naviance account, select the college visit you would like to attend and click *Sign Up*. You will be directed to a page to submit your request. Most visits occur during class time, so you will need to print a *CCA College Visit Pass* at home, to have signed by your parent and then by your teacher(s) whose class(es) you will miss. **If you are 18 years of age or older you do not need a parent signature; you do, however, still need a teacher(s) signature.** The pass can be found in the *Document Library* on your Naviance home page. Bring the pass with you to the visit. Allow yourself at least 2 days prior to the visit to obtain required signatures. If you have an unscheduled period during a college visit, you do not need a pass.

## REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

You should have submitted your [Name Verification for Diploma](#) form with Raven Readiness materials. If you did not, you may bring it to the Registrar's office. Diplomas are ordered in January.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student & Parent Presentations are available to view in the [CCA Presentation Index](#). You are encouraged to refer to the presentation as you work on your college applications.

## MIRACOSTA COLLEGE NEWS

**MIRACOSTA STUDENT AMBASSADOR:** Available in the College & Career Center on Fridays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM to answer questions students have regarding MiraCosta College and California community colleges. Students may drop by or make an appointment. Sign-up sheets are located in the C&CC.

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

**SAT** November 5, 2016 is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Regular Registration closes October 7. Late Registration Deadline (online & phone) closes October 25; late fee applies.

**ACT** October 22, 2016 is the next available ACT test date. **Regular Registration is closed.** Late registration closes September 30.

**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:** 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.

**Sept/Oct Deadlines:** Questbridge National Scholarship Match; 2016 Wendy's High School Heisman; 2016 ISEC (International Science Essay Competition - Dartmouth); CSEA Student Art Contest; YoungArts; 2016; BBB Torch Awards Essay; Spotlight Awards; Horatio Alger Assoc. Scholarship, Coca-Cola Scholars.

## ENRICHMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Sept. Deadlines:** [UCSD Mentor Assistance Program \(MAP\)](#); [Harvard Science Research Conference](#); [Yale Young Global Scholars – Beijing](#); [STAR Program at Rensselaer](#); [Harvey Mudd “FAST” 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 College Night and grade-specific evening presentations. For more information on how to support the Counseling Department please visit the [CCA Foundation](#) website.