



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 under the Counseling drop down menu. The newsletter is updated bi-weekly.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- 9/07 **Mini-College Fair during student lunch:** College admission representatives from schools outside California will hold a mini-college fair in the quad outside the Student Services Building. Open to all grade levels.
- NROTC/Naval Academy/Service Academy Info Session:** 1:30 – 2:15 in the College & Career Center. AE1 Dennis Hardison will review the process (application and nomination) for service academy admission. Parents welcome to attend (parents – please sign in as a visitor in Admin prior to coming up to the College & Career Center.)
- 9/12 **Last Day to Drop a Class Without a “W”:** SDUHSD Board Policy allows a student to drop a course without a mark on the transcript during the first two weeks of each quarter.
- 9/14 **Attn: Juniors - PSAT Registration Deadline:** CCA will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT exam on Saturday, October 13, 2018 for 11th grade students. **The deadline to sign up and pay is Friday, September 14.** Checks are to be made payable to SDUHSD for \$28.00. Please pay in the Finance Office or [ASB online](#).
(Freshmen & sophomores who are interested in taking the PSAT may take a free practice test through the College Board website: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice/>.)
- 9/18 & 9/20 **12th Grade Student Presentations:** Counselors will present to ALL SENIORS during period 2 in the Proscenium Theater to explain the college application process - including applying via the Common Application, applying to CSU, UC, private and out-of-state schools, and requesting letters of recommendation and transcripts. *Note: Students are encouraged to review and begin any application materials as soon as they are ready, but not to submit anything until they have attended the presentations to assure that they have accurate information.*
- 9/20 **12th Grade Parent Presentation:** 6:00 -7:00 pm; Counselors will present to 12th grade parents in the Proscenium to cover the college application process. Parents who are unable to attend will be able to view the PowerPoint on the [Presentation Index](#) on the *CCA Counseling* website.
- 9/25 **FAFSA Financial Aid Night:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Proscenium. CCA Counseling will host an informative FAFSA Financial Aid Night to assist senior students and their families planning to apply for financial aid assistance at public and private universities. Our presenter is a financial aid counselor from the University of San Diego. He will explain the financial aid process and walk you through the FAFSA application. There will be time for questions and answers. It is not necessary to RSVP. This presentation is not specific to USD as the FAFSA is required by the vast majority of private and public institutions. The FAFSA for the 2019-2020 school year opens October 1, 2018, at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.
- 9/28 **SENIORS:** 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).

Planning Ahead:

- 10/01 [CSU](#) application becomes available online. (The [UC](#) application opened August 1.)

10/03 **UC APPLICATION WORKSHOPS:** Two sessions: 8:00 – 8:40 & 8:40 – 9:20 in the Proscenium. CCA will host two UC Application Workshops to walk seniors through the application process. Students applying to UC & CSU schools should attend the UC 8:00 – 8:40 am session in order to attend the CSU Application Workshop at 8:40.

CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOP: 8:40- 9:20 AM in the Learning Commons. CCA will host a CSU Application workshop to walk seniors through the CSU application process.

10/17 **COMMON APPLICATION, OTHER PRIVATE & OUT OF STATE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS:** 8:00 – 9:20 in the Proscenium. CCA Counselors will be available to assist seniors with their Common Application and other private/out-of-state applications.

College Visits in the College & Career Center

SENIORS: A list of all college visits, with links to the passes to sign up for specific visits, may be found on the Counseling website under "[College Visits](#)." College visits are also posted on CCA's site calendar. **College visits are designed/reserved for 12th grade students unless noted otherwise.** College visits will open to Juniors in spring.

Most visits occur during class time, so you will need to print the College Visit pass at home, and have it signed by your parent and then by your teacher whose class 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.** 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. (Parents may attend college visits; please sign-in as a visitor in the Admin office.)

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.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

REMINDER TO SENIORS: The **November** test date is the last test date that San Diego State and San Jose State will accept. The **December** test date is the last test date you are able to take the ACT or SAT for most colleges. **Please verify this information with your specific colleges.**

SAT October 6, 2018 is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Regular registration closes September 7. Late registration (online & phone) closes September 26; late fee applies.

ACT October 27, 2018 is the next test date for the ACT. Regular registration closes September 28. Late registration (online & phone) closes October 14; late fee applies

CCA's school code is 050893. Students requiring an SAT/ACT *fee waiver* can obtain one from the Counseling Secretary, AP Secretary Ms. Burrows, 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 on the counseling website:
<http://cc.sduhsd.net/Counseling/Scholarships/index.html>

ENRICHMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ALL GRADES: Enrichment, volunteer and internship opportunities are posted on the Counseling website: <http://cc.sduhsd.net/Counseling/Enrichment-Volunteer--Internship-Opportunities-/index.html>.

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.