



# 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 DECEMBER

- 12/07** **SPECIAL COUNSELING EVENT:** Parents, please join our school psychologist, Dorothy Guinter and School Counselor, April Maniscalco on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 8:00 AM-9:00 AM in the Cage for an interactive conversation on finding a healthy balance during high school.
- 12/10-12/12** **PSAT Scores:** Student scores from the PSAT/NMSQT will be available online to students December 10–12. Students ages 13 and older who provided their email address on their PSAT/NMSQT answer sheet will receive an email reminder from Collegeboard explaining where and how to view their scores. Students can set up a free College Board account at any time. If you have questions, email [k12reports@info.collegeboard.org](mailto:k12reports@info.collegeboard.org)
- 12/11 & 12/12** **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Counseling Presentation:** Counselors will present to all Sophomores during Period 2 in the Proscenium. Counselors will review the SDUHSD College & Career Scope and Sequence, review A-G requirements, and review the CCA career pathways.
- 12/11** **10 Grade Parent Presentation:** 6:00 pm in the Proscenium. Counselors will review the SDUHSD College and Career Scope and Sequence, review A-G graduation requirements, and review the CCA career pathways.
- 12/20** **Last Day to Drop a Class with a "W":** As per Board Policy 5121/AR-1, after the second week for the 4 x 4 schedule, a student who withdraws from a class will receive a "W" (withdraw/no credit) on the student transcript.

**ALL STUDENTS & FAMILIES:** Student Services–Counseling staff will not be available during the Winter Break, December 22 – January 6. Staff will begin checking e-mail, returning phone calls, and meeting with students upon return Monday, January 7, 2019.

### COLLEGE VISITS IN THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

**SENIORS:** College visits, with links to the passes to sign up for specific visits, are 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.)

### NEWS & REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

**REMINDERS:**

- ✓ UC & CSU applications are due Friday, November 30.

- ✓ **Standardized test scores:** Some colleges require you to send official scores as part of your application; others allow you to self-report test scores and send official scores only if you are admitted and choose to enroll. Some colleges are test optional; some are test optional but require a graded paper or additional essay. **It is your responsibility to verify how each of your colleges/universities handle standardized test scores.** (Examples: UC's require official test scores – send to one UC and your scores will be shared with all UC's to which you apply; Columbia University – allows students to self-report and send official scores only if admitted and you intend to enroll.)
- ✓ **If you decide to add a Common App or non-Common App college after you have submitted your FERPA and you need materials sent from your counselor or teacher, please see that teacher/counselor and add the college to your existing FERPA.**
- ✓ Use the many college application resources provided by the Counseling Dept. on the [12<sup>th</sup> Grade page](#) to make sure that you are completing all the necessary steps and entering the correct information for CCA and our courses and schedule.
- ✓ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student & Parent Presentations:** available to view in the [Presentation Index](#). You are encouraged to refer to the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade presentation as you work on your college applications.
- ✓ **If you need to make a correction to a submitted UC application:** You are encouraged to review AFTER YOU APPLY information at the following site: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/after-you-apply/index.html>
- ✓ **If you need to make a correction to a submitted CSU application:\*** Send an email to the admissions office at each individual campus to which you applied. Include your individual CSU campus Student ID# (if available-- for SDSU your Student ID# is your Red ID#), full name, date of birth and indicate that you are a first time freshmen for the Fall 2019 semester. List additional information/correction(s) you want to make to the application. Be very clear and specific in your updates.
  - **\*NOTE: If you submit a change after the deadline, SDSU cannot guarantee that they will use the updates for your admission. If you need to contact CCA's SDSU representative, you may obtain her email from your alpha-counselor.**
  - **For Cal Poly SLO, follow directions regarding application changes:**  
<https://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/appchanges.html>.
- ✓ If updating your academic record, please include the school name, department and title, semester the course was taken or being taken, and the grade earned or "in progress/planned." If updating SAT/ACT exam results, be sure to list the entire test scores and include the date on which you took the exam (month and year).
- ✓ If you are applying for financial aid, make note of the financial aid deadlines for each of your schools and which forms each require. All schools require the [FAFSA](#); most private schools also require the [CSS Profile](#). A Guide to Completing the 2019-2020 FAFSA is available on the [College & Career Center](#) web page under *Financial Aid*. A link to Kahn Academy's overview of the FAFSA & CSS Profile is also available on the College & Career Center page.
- ✓ On Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00 pm, the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office at UC Berkeley will be conducting a Q&A session covering a variety of financial aid topics, including how to fill out the FAFSA or DREAM Act Applications. This Facebook Live session will be hosted on the [UC Berkeley Admissions page](#). Invitations to applicants to UC Berkeley will be going out as early as this week via email and posted to the social media platforms. Students are encouraged to register in advance and submit a question.

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING INFORMATION

**SAT** March 9, 2019 is the next test date for the SAT. **SAT Subject Tests are not offered on this date.** Regular registration closes February 8. Late registration (online & phone) closes February 27; late fee applies.

**ACT** February 9, 2019 is the next test date for the ACT. Regular registration closes January 11. Late registration (online & phone) closes January 18; 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.**

## MIRA COSTA NEWS

**MIRACOSTA STUDENT AMBASSADOR:** Available in the College & Career Center Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. He is prepared to answer questions regarding Miracosta College and California Community Colleges in general. Students may drop by or make an appointment. Sign-up sheets for appointments are in the C&CC.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**ALL GRADES:** Scholarship Opportunities are posted on the counseling website:  
<http://cc.sduhsd.net/Counseling/Scholarships/index.html>

## ENRICHMENT, VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP 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.