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/JANUARY

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.

12/14   PSAT SCORES are available online; login here. When your PSAT/NMSQT scores are ready online, you'll receive an email with instructions on creating your College Board account, going to your online score report, and using your access code to view your scores. For help, call 866-433-7728.

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.

1/15 &   **11th Grade Student Presentation**: Counselors will meet with ALL JUNIORS during the school day in the
1/16   Proscenium Theater to review high school graduation requirements, post-high school options, 4-year college entrance requirements, and provide preliminary guidance for the upcoming college application process.

1/15   **11th Grade Parent Presentation**: A presentation for PARENTS of 11th grade students will be offered on **Tuesday, January 15th at 5:00 pm in the Proscenium Theater**. Counselors will review high school graduation requirements, post-high school options, 4-year college entrance requirements, and provide preliminary guidance for the upcoming college application process.

1/21   Holiday (Martin Luther King Day): No School

1/22–   Spring Term Course Change Request: Established advance window for students to request necessary spring
1/23   term course changes. The process and required form will be posted on the Counseling website on 1/18/2019. Counselors are not able to address spring term schedule change requests by phone or email.

1/24   Minimum day for Final Exams. School dismisses at 1:50 pm.
1/25   Minimum day for Final Exams. School dismisses at 1:50 pm. End of First Semester.

1/28   No School for Students
1/29   No School for Students
1/30   Start of Spring Semester

COLLEGE VISITS IN THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

JUNIORS & 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 now open to Juniors unless otherwise noted.**

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

- ✓ **Pay careful attention to all emails and instructions from each college. They may request additional materials or note that they have not received required items.**

- ✓ **UC Berkeley may request Letters of Recommendation from some students, but not all students. Berkeley indicates:** 1) the letter is optional, 2) students may only submit two letters each, and 3) while the student can choose the letter writer, Berkeley faculty policy prefers that one letter come from a teacher or academic contact. **The deadline for letter submission is January 15, 2019.** Add UC Berkeley to the FERPA of your recommender.

- ✓ 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.

- ✓ 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.

- ✓ **Withdrawing Apps After ED Admission:** When students apply under an Early Decision plan, they agree to withdraw their applications to other colleges if admitted. To do this, students must contact these other colleges directly. **To withdraw or cancel a UC application, contact each school per instructions here.** The Common Application does not have a mechanism for withdrawing submitted applications. (Students seeking financial aid do not need to withdraw other applications until they have received notification about financial aid from the admitting Early Decision institution.)

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.