

# 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/OCTOBER

- 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 (*any dates in October and/or November*) to complete Brag Packet and turn in a completed FERPA to their counselor and teacher(s).
- 10/01 <u>CSU</u> application becomes available online. (The <u>UC</u> 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.

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

- 10/10 **Last Day to Drop Class with a "W":** As per Board Policy, 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.
- 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.
- 10/30 Finals Day School Dismisses at 1:50 pm
- 10/31 **Finals Day** School dismisses at 1:50 pm; End of 1<sup>st</sup> grading quarter.
- 10/31 **SENIORS:** Deadline for seniors requiring a letter of recommendation for **Regular Decision** deadlines to complete Brag Packet and turn in a completed FERPA to their counselor and teacher(s).

#### 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 "<u>College Visits</u>." 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**

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It is important that you check the **dates and deadlines** for each school to which you are applying. Some universities have early deadlines for scholarship consideration or for certain programs, notably:

11/01 University of Indiana (Bloomington) for scholarship consideration
11/01 University of Notre Dame for scholarship consideration
11/01 Ohio State University for Engineering Majors
11/30 Penn State for Priority Admission (best to apply by this date for merit scholarships)
12/01 USC for Scholarship Consideration

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

You should have submitted your <u>Name Verification for Diploma</u> 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**

**<u>REMINDER TO SENIORS</u>**: 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.

- SATOctober 6, 2018 is the next test date for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Regular registration is closed.<br/>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.

**<u>FREE TEST PREP</u>**: **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 <u>CollegeBoard</u> and <u>ACT</u> websites for many *Free* Test Prep resources.

#### CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION – MIRA COSTA NEWS

<u>Technology Career Institute:</u> MiraCosta College's Technology Career Institute (TCI) is part of MiraCosta College's Community Education & Workforce Development department. Offered are low cost workshops and programs from enrichment classes to job training programs. All programs and classes are fee based and not-for-credit.

New career education programs in remotely operated vehicle/drone operations and biomedical equipment maintenance and repair will be offered at MiraCosta's Technology Career Institute in Carlsbad.

- Biomedical Equipment Technician Program
- ROV/Drone Operator Technician Program

# **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: <a href="http://cc.sduhsd.net/Counseling/Enrichment-Volunteer-Internship-Opportunities-/index.html">http://cc.sduhsd.net/Counseling/Enrichment-Volunteer-Internship-Opportunities-/index.html</a>.

# REMINDERS

<u>ALL STUDENTS:</u> 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 <u>CCA Foundation</u> website.