

# News From Our Counselor, Marvie Paulson

## Davis School for Independent Study

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Welcome back to all returning students and welcome to all new students! It has been wonderful seeing old faces and new faces at DSIS. I hope you have all had a renewing summer and are ready to begin the new school year. There is always a lot happening at the beginning of the school year. Following, are some of the things to be aware of. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 757-5333, ext 170, or you can sign up for an appointment with me (there is a sign up sheet outside my door).

For students who are split site, it is important to get on the mailing list or listserv for your other school site, to receive their daily bulletin and newsletter. This is the best way to keep informed!

### SPLIT SITE STUDENTS

If you are a split site student and wish to make a schedule change at your other school site, please be sure to contact me first. I will coordinate with the counselors at the other schools to see if this is possible. The last day to add classes at DSHS is Monday, September 10th. The last day to drop classes without penalty is Friday, October 26..

### JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Following is the SAT/ACT schedule for the fall. For seniors applying to four-year colleges, the tests must be taken by December but preferably by November.

<u>Test</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
SAT 1 & 2	October 6, 2007	September 10, 2007	September 14, 2007
SAT 1 & 2	November 3, 2007	October 2, 2007	October 11, 2007
SAT 1 & 2	December 1, 2007	October 30, 2007	November 8, 2007
ACT	October 27, 2007	September 21, 2007	September 22 – Oct. 5, 2007
ACT	December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007	November 3 -15, 2007

**SAT/ACT** brochures are available in the entry of DSIS or you may go on-line at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (for SAT materials), or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (for ACT materials). The SAT and ACT are accepted by most colleges (UC and CSU will take either one). Students applying to a UC must take the SAT 2 (Subject tests) in addition to the SAT 1 or ACT.

**Fee Waivers:** Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch also qualify for fee waivers for the SAT and ACT. Please let me know if you need this.

### CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY EXAM (CHSPE)

The CHSPE is an examination, which assesses a student's proficiency in the basic reading, writing and mathematics skills taught in the public high schools. If a student passes the examination, the California State Board of Education will award a Certificate of Proficiency, which by state law is equivalent to a high school diploma (although not equivalent to completing all coursework required for regular graduation from high school. The test is being offered this fall, on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The regular registration deadline is September 21<sup>st</sup> (postmark date). The cost is \$92. The late Registration deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup> (receipt date) and costs \$120. The Emergency Registration Date is October 16<sup>th</sup> (receipt date) and costs \$145. For more information or to register on line, visit the website at <http://www.chspe.net>. Registration materials are also available in the entry at DSIS.

### **SENIORS APPLYING TO COLLEGE**

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 26th and 27th, there will be meetings during lunchtime at DHS (check at the DSHS counseling office for the Room #) regarding applying for college. A lot of useful information is distributed. It's a quick overview – 30 minutes - but worthwhile. I encourage all seniors to attend.

### **SENIORS APPLYING TO A UC CAMPUS**

There will be a workshop on Tuesday, October 2nd, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Instructional Performing Arts Building (IPAB) at DSHS, regarding completing the application for the University of California. This workshop is for students and parents. It is recommended that students apply online at <http://www.ucop.edu/pathways/>. The online application will be available beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. The applications may be submitted November 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. It is best to apply early. The system can get overloaded at the end of the month. For completing the UC personal statement, there is an online UC personal statement writing tutorial, available at [www.ucgateways.org](http://www.ucgateways.org).

### **SENIORS APPLYING TO A CSU CAMPUS**

There will be a workshop on Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Instructional Performing Arts Building (IPAB) at DSHS, regarding completing the application for the California State University. The time to apply is October 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>. Students can apply on the web at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

The Career Center at DHS publishes a Scholarship Bulletin every two weeks. It is available in the Career Center, the DHS library, the counseling office at DSIS, and online at <http://dhs.djUSD.k12.ca.us>: click on bulletins, and then click on the scholarship line. The Scholarship Bulletin lists a broad range of scholarships at the national, regional and local levels. Scholarship information can also be requested from colleges and universities, organizations you belong to, the Internet at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), businesses, foundations, or other sources. It is not recommended that you send money to scholarship search services that advertise or send information to you. The same information is available for free at the Career Center or online. Descriptions in the Scholarship Bulletin are brief. The Career Center will provide more details on any scholarships that interest you.