

# News From Our Counselor, Marvie Paulson

## Davis School for Independent Study

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The new school year is in full swing. I hope that it is getting off to a good start for everyone. There is always a lot happening at the beginning of the school year. Following are some of the things to be aware of. Much of this newsletter focuses on information for seniors but there is some information for other grade levels also.

**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!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 757-5333, ext. 170, or you can sign up for an appointment. My email is [mpaulson@djuds.k12.ca.us](mailto:mpaulson@djuds.k12.ca.us). My webpage is being worked on. Check it out in about a week. There will be many helpful links on it.

### 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. At this time it is too late to add a new class for this semester. The last day to drop classes without penalty is Friday, October 31st. If you want to drop a course at another site, please contact me, and then I will be in contact with a counselor at your other school site.

### 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	November 1, 2008	September 26, 2008	October 10, 2008
SAT 1 & 2	December 6, 2008	November 5, 2008	November 18, 2008
ACT	October 25, 2008	September 19, 2008	September 20 – Oct. 3, 2008
ACT	December 13, 2008	November 7, 2008	November 8 - 20, 2008

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. The regular registration deadline is September 19<sup>th</sup> (postmark date). The cost is \$92. The late Registration deadline is October 3<sup>rd</sup> (receipt date) and costs \$120. The Emergency Registration Date is October 14<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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS

### SENIORS APPLYING TO COLLEGE

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be meetings during lunchtime in the Old Gym for current seniors 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Instructional Performing Arts Building (IPAB) at DSHS, regarding completing the application for the California State University. This workshop is for students and parents. 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.

### PLANNING FOR AFTER GRADUATION: A MEETING FOR SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

Come on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 7:30, to learn about different options for post graduation. A representative from Sacramento City College will be present, to highlight some of their vocational programs and to explain the transfer process (students who will do their first 2 years or 60 units at a community college and then transfer to a 4 year college). Information will also be available on some travel abroad options, AmeriCorps and some other programs. This can also be a follow up to some of the workshops mentioned above – a chance to get things clarified or to ask questions. **Although this meeting is not mandatory, I strongly encourage all seniors to attend.**

