

News From Our Counselor, Marvie Paulson

Davis School for Independent Study

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SENIORS

October and November are the months for college applications to four-year colleges and universities. If you will need a letter of recommendation, please let me know by November 1st. I have forms that should be completed to assist with this process. Students are encouraged to complete all UC/CSU applications on-line. The UC application is available at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply. The CSU on-line application can be found at www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionsApp/. It is best to start early.

Seniors are reminded to take any required admissions examinations by the November 30 application deadline. For UC, these exams include the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT with writing and two SAT Subject test. Students who are applying to a CSU should take the SAT Reasoning test or the ACT with writing. See below for the specific schedule of exams and the websites for the SAT and ACT.

Seniors planning to attend a community college should plan to register early. Campuses have become more impacted. For attending classes in the spring, students should register at this time and meet with a community college counselor. For attending classes next fall, students should begin the registration process in February.

I am happy to meet with students and their parents on an individual basis, to discuss specific plans.

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST POLICY

Six copies of student transcripts will be sent as a free service. A processing fee of \$2.00 per transcript will be charged for additional copies. After graduation a \$3.00 fee will be charged for copies of transcripts, health records and other records. Please allow three to five days for these requests to be processed. Contact Cynthia Breitmeyer at 757-5333, ext. 154 or cbreitmeyer@djud.k12.ca.us re. transcript requests.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS

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

<u>Test</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
SAT 1 & 2	November 7, 2009	past	October 2-15, 2009
SAT 1 & 2	December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009	Oct. 31- Nov. 12, 2009
ACT	December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7 – 20, 2009

SAT/ACT brochures are available in the DSIS school office or you may go on-line at www.collegeboard.com (for SAT materials), or 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.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There is a Scholarship Bulletin Board in the reception area of DSIS. Please be sure to check it out. Scholarship information can also be requested from colleges and universities, organizations you belong to, the Internet at www.fastweb.com, 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 online.

FEE WAIVERS

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch also qualify for many other scholarships and fee waivers. Fee waivers/scholarships for SAT and ACT tests, college application, Grad Night, Senior Ball and more are available in my office. Please contact me if you have any questions.

SPLIT SITE STUDENTS AT DSHS – LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS

The last day to drop classes, without academic penalty, is Friday, October 30th. If you do not want a class to show up on your transcript, you must drop the course by this date. You must contact me with this request and I will be in communication with the other school site.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT – COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Dr. Sally Springer, co-author of Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting into College, will be speaking at DSHS, on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the library. This is a wonderful opportunity. Dr. Springer has spoken in the past on this topic and there has been very positive feedback.

SUTTER'S FORT

All grade levels, K -12, are invited and encouraged to participate in our Sutter's Fort fieldtrip/overnight. This is a very fun event. There is an information night scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 6:00 p.m., Rm 1, in North Wing of DSIS. The field trip will be on March 2-3. There is a lot of preparation that goes into the field trip.

DSIS CARWASH

Come to the parking lot at DSIS on Saturday, October 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon to get your car washed or to help with the carwash. Funds raised will go towards costs of the Sutter's Fort Field Trip. Seniors can earn community service hours through participating in this. Sign up at the front desk of DSIS if you would like to help with the carwash.

CAREER NIGHTS

I am interested in scheduling monthly career nights on different career choices. I would like to include parents in these presentations. If you are interested in sharing about your career and the preparation needed for it, please contact me at 757-5333, ext. 170 or mpaulson@djusd.k12.ca.us.