

News From Our Counselor, Marvie Paulson

Davis School for Independent Study

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We are entering a season of holidays. It will be important to keep focused on school work as well as enjoying the many activities that are available. Following is some important information.

SENIORS

This is the month for completing college applications to most four-year colleges and universities. If you will need a letter of recommendation, please let me know ASAP. I have forms that should be completed to assist with this process. The UC application is available at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply. The CSU application can be found at www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/. If you have questions or are interested in meeting together, please contact me at mpaulson.djuds.k12.ca.us or 757-5333, ext. 170.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

I have received some information recently on a number of scholarship opportunities. These scholarship opportunities are for students planning to attend 2 year and 4 year colleges. These are posted in the front office. Please check this area on a regular basis. DSHS also has a scholarship bulletin which is updated every couple weeks. DSIS students are eligible for many of the scholarships described. This is available online at <http://dhs.djuds.k12.ca.us>: click on DHS PTA (on the left hand side), and then click on Scholarship Bulletins. 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, 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.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Following is the remaining SAT/ACT schedule for the fall.

<u>Test</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
SAT 1 & 2	December 4, 2010	past	November 6 -19, 2010
ACT	December 11, 2010	past	November 6 – 19, 2010

SAT/ACT brochures are available in the DSIS front 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.

FEE WAIVERS

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch also qualify for many other scholarships and fee waivers. I can distribute fee waivers/scholarships for SAT and ACT tests, college application, Grad Night, Senior Ball and more. Please contact me if you have any questions.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

It takes six weeks or longer to be approved for extended time or other accommodations on the SAT and ACT. Contact me for information on the College Board services for students with disabilities form and regarding ACT accommodations. Sophomores may apply now even if they are not taking the SAT until next year.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE AFTER GRADUATION OR WHILE ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL

Tanya Anderson, Outreach Specialist from Sacramento City College, will be at DSIS on Tuesday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. She will provide information about the transfer process to a 4 year college, taking classes as a high school student and vocational programs available through the community college. This is an excellent opportunity. Seniors planning to attend community college after graduation should especially plan to attend.

CAREER WORKSHOPS UPDATE

The Career Exploration Workshops will be repeated in December at two different times: Mondays at noon or Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. It will be the same topic for both of these meeting times. The two different meeting times are to accommodate the different schedules of students). Following are the specific topics:

Mon. Nov. 29 at noon or Tues, Nov. 30 at 4:00 p.m.: Learning about and using a variety of resources to discover/discern career interests/goals.

Tues. Dec 7 at 4:00 p.m.: Guest speaker from Sacramento City College (see description above). The workshop on Monday, Dec. 6 at noon will be a continuation of the previous weeks topic.

Monday, Dec. 13 at noon or Tues. Dec. 14 at 4:00 p.m.: Using websites to connect career interests/goals to colleges and vocational programs.

Happy Holidays!!