

# News From Our Counselor, Marvie Paulson

## Davis School for Independent Study

October 2010

### NEW CAREER WORKSHOPS

Starting on Tuesday, October 19, there will be Career Workshops for students, grades 10 -12 to participate in. They will meet at noon in the Orange Room and Computer Lab at DSIS. The first 2 workshops (October 19 and 26), will focus on career exploration: learning about and using a variety of resources to discover/discern career interests/goals. A flyer with more details will be given to students by their DSIS teacher. The flyer will also be sent via the listserv. For more information, please contact me at 757-5333, ext. 170 or [mpaulson@djud.k12.ca.us](mailto:mpaulson@djud.k12.ca.us).

### PARENT CAREER QUESTIONNAIRE

At Back to School Night, a Parent Career Questionnaire was distributed and many parents completed it. This questionnaire is now available on the DSIS website. The questionnaire is an effort to help connect students with a specific career interest to an adult who is in the field. Completion of this questionnaire is voluntary. We hope to have more parents completing the questionnaire. If you have not had a chance to complete the questionnaire, please go to [www.djud.k12.ca.us/IndependentStudy](http://www.djud.k12.ca.us/IndependentStudy). You can return the completed questionnaire to DSIS.

### RACE TO NOWHERE DOCUMENTARY

The first Davis showing of *Race to Nowhere*, a documentary about the high-stakes demands facing American schoolchildren and their teachers, will be shown this Friday, October 8, 7 – 9:30 p.m. University Covenant Church has donated their facility, 315 Mace Blvd. This is a public event; all are welcome. Seating is limited. Purchase advance tickets at [www.racetonowhere.com](http://www.racetonowhere.com) for \$11.54, or at the door for \$15.00. Information about the film, including a trailer, is also available on the website. 100% of the proceeds further film production and research.

### SENIORS

October and November are the months for college applications to four-year colleges and universities. If you will need a letter of recommendation for a private college, please let me know by November 1<sup>st</sup> or 3 weeks before the due date. I have forms that should be completed to assist with this process. The UC on-line application is available at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply). The CSU on-line application can be found at [www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionsApp/](http://www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionsApp/). It is best to start early.

Seniors are reminded to take any required admissions examinations by the December test date. For UC, these exams include the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT with writing and two SAT Subject tests. 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.

### 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 6, 2010	October 8, 2010	Oct. 9 – 22, 2010
SAT 1 & 2	December 4, 2010	November 5, 2010	Nov. 6 - 19, 2010
ACT	December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 – 19, 2010

**SAT/ACT** brochures are available in the DSIS school office 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 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.

### **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](mailto:cbreitmeyer@djud.k12.ca.us) re. transcript requests.

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

The last day to drop classes, without academic penalty, is Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> (the end of the quarter). 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.

### **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES VISIT DSHS**

Colleges and universities send representatives to DSHS to describe their programs and admissions. These visits are very informative and often the speaker reads the applications from our region. DSIS students are able to attend these presentations. To see a current listing of scheduled visits, go to the DHS PTA website at [www.dhspta.org](http://www.dhspta.org). Click on College Visits, on the lower left hand side of the page.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the DSHS Multipurpose Room. This is a wonderful opportunity. Dr. Springer has spoken in the past on this topic and there has been very positive feedback. It is intended for parents of high school sophomores and juniors. Come to be informed about the college admissions process. Learn about some common misconceptions and calm your admissions nerves.