

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:

For students who are concurrently enrolled (have classes at another school 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@djUSD.k12.ca.us.

CONCURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

If wish to make a schedule change at your other school site, please be sure to do this through me. Changes may not be done through the counselors at the other school sites. This applies to adding and dropping classes. **THE LAST DAY TO DROP A FIRST SEMESTER CLASS WITHOUT A GRADE PENALTY IS THE END OF QUARTER ONE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH.**

PSAT – JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES

PSAT – The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test is a preview of the SAT 1 and helps forecast future performance. It is also used to qualify for scholarship competition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The PSAT will be given Saturday, October 16th in the N and P wings at Davis Senior High School from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. Registration will be the week of October 4th. More details will be in the October newsletter.

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 9 November 6, 2010 December 4, 2010	Sept. 10, 2010 October 8, 2010 November 5, 2010	Sept 11 – 24, 2010 Oct 9 - 22, 2010 Nov. 6 – Nov. 19, 2010
ACT	October 23, 2010 December 11, 2010	September 17, 2010 November 5, 2010	September 18 – Oct. 1, 2010 November 6 – 19, 2010

You may register 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 fee waivers for the SAT and ACT. Please let me know if you need this.

SAT PREPARATION WORKSHOP

A workshop stressing test-taking strategies and good use of time will be presented in October and November by Davis Adult School for high school students who are preparing to take the SAT college entrance exam. The SAT college entrance exam tests grammar and usage, reading comprehension of short passages, and content from third year high school math. Instruction will include review of vocabulary and math concepts, when to make an educated guess, and how to pace yourself. The class is offered Thursday evenings 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Register at the Davis Adult School, the corner of Oak Ave and 14th St. The cost is \$80. For more information, contact Roberta Grant, Secretary, 757-5380.

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 16th. The regular registration deadline is September 17th. The cost is \$92. The late Registration deadline is October 1st and costs \$120. The Emergency Registration Date is October 12th and costs \$145. For more information or to register on line, visit the website at <http://www.chspe.net>.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS

SENIOR INFORMATION NIGHT

On Monday, September 27th, at 7:00 p.m., there will be an important Senior Information Night here at DSIS. Seniors will receive a copy of their current transcript at this time. There will be information about applying to colleges, other post high school opportunities and graduation. I hope to have all of you here – parents and students. If you are unable to attend, please let me know. I would like to make sure you receive the information that is discussed.

SENIORS APPLYING TO COLLEGE

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 22nd and 23rd, there will be meetings during lunchtime in the Old Gym at DSHS 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 Thursday, October 7th, at 7:00 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 1st. The applications may be submitted November 1st – 30th. 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.

SENIORS APPLYING TO A CSU CAMPUS

There will be a workshop on Thursday, September 31st 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 1st – November 30th. Students can apply on the web at www.csumentor.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship information can 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.

GRAD NIGHT

Tickets for Grad Night purchased by December 31st are \$75. The price goes up to \$90 for Jan 1 to May 31. To purchase a ticket, send your payment to Grad Night Reservations, P.O. Box 2143, Davis, CA 95617. Beginning the week of September 20th, tickets can be purchased on line at ticket-sales@davisgradnight.org.