

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.djUSD.k12.ca.us or 757-5333, ext. 170.

PARENT OPPORTUNITY – SPEAKER – SALLY SPRINGER – WHAT PARENTS REALLY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING INTO COLLEGE

On November 9, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the DSHS library, the DSHS PTA will host a talk by UC Davis Associate Chancellor Emerita, Dr. Sally Springer, who will cover a number of important points about the college admissions process that parents need to know before they begin the college admissions journey. Having a good understanding of some of the basic principles will help families approach the process with greater confidence, reduce anxiety, and help ensure that the process will end with the student having choices that are a good fit – academically, socially and financially. Her talk will include information on how to build a college list, what colleges look for in applicants, financial aid and more. A standing room only crowd is expected. Dr. Sally Springer is a psychologist with over thirty years of experience in higher education as a professor and university administrator. She is co-author of the second edition of the best selling book, “Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting Into College”. She is also the co-author of “Left Brain, Right Brain” which was honored by the American Psychological Foundation for its contributions to the public’s understanding of psychology. She has also written “How to Succeed in College”, a guidebook for college freshmen.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Feast Potluck on Thursday, November 17, from 11:30 to 1:00. All parents and students are welcome to this event. Bring a dish to share and enjoy visiting with staff and teachers before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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 3, 2011	past	November 9 -20, 2011
ACT	December 11, 2011	past	November 5 – 18, 2011

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.

Happy Holidays!

