

# 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 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 and CSU, these exams include 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 5, 2011	October 7, 2011	Oct. 8 – 21, 2011
SAT 1 & 2	December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011	Nov. 9 - 20, 2011
ACT	December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011

You may register on-line at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (for SAT materials), or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (for ACT materials).

### PSAT – JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) 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 15<sup>th</sup> at DSHS from 7:45 to approximately 11:30 a.m. Registration is this week at lunch at DSHS. The cost is \$24. Students must have their student ID with them. 10<sup>th</sup> graders may sign up on Friday only (for any available spots).

### FEE WAIVERS

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch also qualify for many other scholarships and fee waivers. Fee waivers/scholarships for SAT, ACT and PSAT tests, college applications, 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 \$5.00 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.

### 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) and click on "Get College Visit Schedule".