



College Admissions & Career Counseling Office

COUNSELOR'S SCOOP

September-October 2009



General Information

Please visit Naviance—Family Connection (NFC) for valuable information and resources. New scholarship information is updated monthly.

I will continue to work closely with 12th grade students. One-on-one appointments for seniors have begun. These students have taken the following actions:

- Student has activated *NFC* account.
- My Profile*—completed
- My Resume*—completed
- My Game Plan*—completed
- Sr. Year Survey*—completed
- Who Are You?*—completed
- Where Are You Now?*—completed

Family appointments for seniors may be scheduled after the following actions have been taken:

- Sr. has scheduled and completed first one-on-one meeting.
- Parent has activated *NFC* account.
- Sr. Parent Questionnaire*—completed

Counselor's Mini-School

We are hosting a series of classes on Fridays for grades 7-12 during their respective lunch periods in room 210. Please come listen and learn valuable information as you embark on your quest for college knowledge. A variety of topics are being offered.

There is a sign-up sheet in the school office. Classes are subject to cancellation without prior registration. All students are welcome regardless of recommended grade level.

- Friday, Sep 11 - (NFC) Grades 7-12*
- Friday, Sep 18 - (Essay Writing for College Applications) Grade 12*
- Friday, Oct 2 - (Scholarships—Get Real...I Don't Qualify) Grades 9-12*
- Friday, Oct 9 - (Setting the Stage—Everything Counts) Grades 9 - 11*

- Friday, Oct 23 (Community Service—Does It Really Matter) Grades 9-12*
- Friday, Oct 30 (Demystifying the College Selection Process) Grades 11-12*

Community Service Project Information

Check out the September–October Community Service Opportunities Newsletter at the Counselor's Corner on Midway's homepage.

Scholarship Information

- Sponsored by Wendy's- High School Heisman (scholarship-athletics-citizenship)*

Entries: online applications must be completed by **October 1**. Visit

www.wendysheisman.com

- National Association of Secondary School PRINCIPALS.*

Application deadline: **November 2, 2009**.

Criteria: community service

Visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.principals.org/prudential (access key: *spirit*).

- Better Business Bureau – SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES**

Theme: The Importance of Ethics and Integrity in our Community

Application deadline: **October 26 @ 5:00pm**. Interested applicants log onto www.bbb.org.

For a list of scholarships and deadlines (Sep-Dec) log onto Naviance-Family Connection.

College Planner

Please keep in mind the following college planning suggestions:

- **Most universities require a score on one or more college entrance exams.** Students in the 11th grade should start taking the ACT or SAT I, and SAT II subject tests in the spring semester. This will allow students time to retest if desired. Students may register now online: www.actstudent.org
www.collegeboard.com

Pepperdine University

Parent/student information session
San Diego

Thursday, September 10, 2009
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Sheraton San Diego Mission Valley
8757 Rio San Diego Drive
San Diego, CA 92108
(800) 842-5329
RSVP online at

www.seaver.pepperdine.edu/admission/rsvp/

University of Pennsylvania

Parent/Students Introduction to Penn
Sunday, September 13, 2009
3:00 pm

San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina
333 West Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

California State University – East Bay

Preview Day at Cal State East Bay
Saturday, October 24, 2009

8:00 am-12:30 pm

Register (free) at

www.csueastbay.edu/previewday or
[call 510.885.2612](tel:510.885.2612)

Interested in attending a (Midway) group tour, stop by and tell your counselor.

University of La Verne

Communications Department

Communications Day 2009

Friday, October 23, 2009

9:00 am – 2 pm

For more information call 900.392.2712

Duke University

Parent/student information session

Saturday, September 26, 2009

3:00 pm

To register visit, www.admissions.duke.edu

- **The 2009 National Christian College Fair** will be at Horizon Christian Fellowship, 5331 Mount Alifan Drive, San Diego, CA 92111
Thursday, October 15th
6:00 – 8:00 pm

For more information on the colleges participating and other college planning information visit:

<http://fairs.naccap.org/fairs>.

Azusa Pacific University • Bethel University • Biola University • California Baptist University • Calvin College • Colorado Christian University • Concordia University-CA • Corban College & Graduate School • Dordt College • Eastern University • George Fox University • Gordon College • Hope International University • Indiana Wesleyan University • La Sierra University • LeTourneau University • Messiah College • Moody Bible Institute • North Park University • Northwest University • Northwestern College-IA • Oklahoma Baptist University • Oral Roberts University • Pacific Union College • Palm Beach Atlantic University • Point Loma Nazarene University • San Diego Christian College • Seattle Pacific University • Simpson University • Southeastern University • Southwestern College • The Master's College • Trinity Christian College • Vanguard University • Warner Pacific College • Westmont College • Whitworth University • William Jessup University

- **The San Diego Cal-SOAP Annual College Fair 2009**

Scottish Rite Center

1895 Camino Del Rio South San Diego

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

For High School Students and Parents

Over 100 Colleges Represented and 7 Workshops Offered:

- Secrets of Selective Colleges
- CA Public Colleges
- CA Community Colleges and Transfer Process
- Private / Independent Colleges
- Financing Your College Dream
- Top 10 Future Careers in America
- The College Athlete

College Brochures and Information Just in!

- ❑ **New Mexico State University** brochure is packed full of information. NMSU is well known for the first completely computer generated film Toy Story. Stop by the Counseling Office to find out more!
- ❑ **Pensacola Christian College** brochure highlights fraud in academia from the Ivy Leagues inflation to the misinformation that better grades mean better students. Stop by and read the latest from Pensacola.
- ❑ **The Art Institute** – *America's Leader in Creative Education*. Helping students understand the educational opportunities available in the creative and applied arts:
 - Interior design
 - fashion design
 - media arts
 - culinary

For more information about their degree programs or official rules for the Best Teen Chef Competition visit www.ArtInstitutes.edu/BTC .

College Visits

Cal Baptist will be visiting Midway on **October 9**. For further information, please stop by the counseling office.

Parent(s) Information

- ❑ Education Corp. Brings Drivers Ed. to Midway. **AllGoodDrivers** is an Internet driver education program accepted by the Department of Motor Vehicles in the state of California and fulfills the driver education requirement for students to receive their learner's permits. If you are 15 years old or older and want to start driving contact Mrs. Andrews for further information.

- ❑ **National PSAT Day**
The PSAT will be here shortly – and if you have concerned students, encourage them to come take a free full-length practice PSAT before the real thing! Taking a full-length practice test is one of the best ways to prepare for any standardized test.

Practice PSAT

Location: **UCSD – Basic Science Bldg.**
Date: **September 26th, 2009**
Time: **9:00 am – 11:30 am**

This practice test is recommended for sophomores and juniors. This is a free event, but you must register. Please call (858) 558-0500 to register or go online to www.PrincetonReview.com/Events.

- ❑ **SAT Subject Tests – FREE EVENTS!**
Practice SAT Subject Tests
Location: UCSD – Basic Science Bldg.
Date: September 26th, 2009
Time: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Note: Each Subject Test lasts 1 hour. You can register for up to three SAT Practice Tests.

Subject Tests available:

Math Level 2	Physics
Chemistry	Biology
English Literature	US History
World History	Spanish

This event is free, but you must register. Please call (858) 558-0500 to register or go online to www.PrincetonReview.com/Events.

- ❑ **Free Princeton Review Classes**
Getting In: The Best 371 Colleges

Location: UCSD – Basic Science Bldg.
Date: October 3rd, 2009
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Your quest for admission to your top-choice schools begins here! We'll reveal the secrets of the admissions process and show you what it takes to land a spot at your dream school.

- Get answers to your burning questions
- Uncover admissions myths
- Learn how to crack the SAT and ACT
- Maximize your admissions potential

The event is free, but you must register. Call (858) 558-0500 or go online to www.PrincetonReview.com/GettingIn.

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