

CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR CONNECTION

For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not calamity, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

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As Counselors, we see students and parents intermittently; however, we want you to have up-to-date college and career information. The Counselor Connection assists us in sharing reminders, Counseling Events, college highlights, college representative visits, college admission testing information and much more.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES DISTRIBUTED

Wednesday October 12th was National Test Day. All the 9th graders took the EXPLORE test, 10th graders took the PLAN and juniors took the PSAT. These tests provide valuable information about your student, not the least of which is predicting how he/she will score on the ACT or SAT. The ACT and the SAT are the tests used by college admissions offices for offers of admission and financial aid packages.

The results of the PSAT will be distributed to juniors on Junior Night on January 26. Please mark your calendars now so you can join us for this valuable evening. The results of the EXPLORE and the PLAN will be given out on 9th/10th Grade Night in February, stay tuned for the date.

For any 9th grade student who did not have time to complete the "Do What You Are" inventory on testing day, please return to Family Connection and resume where you left off.

COLLEGES ARE COMING NEXT WEEK!

October is a busy month with college and university admission representatives paying visits to schools across the nation. So far we have had 8 schools visit CHS and next week we will host four more. Be sure to have your Family Connection up to date with your "Colleges I Am Thinking About" so you will receive automatic emails when those schools come to CHS or the San Diego area. Listen to the Daily Bulletin and check out the marquee by the Oasis for the same information. Next week's guests include: Whittier College, Azusa Pacific University, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandise and Concordia University. Bring your lunch and join us in the Counseling Center to learn more about what these institutions have to offer.

SENIORS: NEED A TRANSCRIPT FOR YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION?

Family Connection is where you start. When requesting your transcripts, please use the following steps.

Once you have completed an application, click the Colleges tab, then click Colleges I'm Thinking About. Select the empty box on the left side of the schools you wish to request transcripts for, and then click the "Move to Application List" box at the bottom. *You should only request your transcript after you have completed & submitted an application to a school.*

Upcoming Events

COUNSELING EVENTS

Financial Aid Night:

January 12, 2012 in the LCC, 7pm

Junior Night:

January 26, 2012 in the LCC, 7pm

SAT/ACT TEST DATES

SAT/Subject Tests:

Fees: \$49.00 for SAT

SAT Subject Tests:

Registration Fee: \$22.00

Each test: \$11.00

Language w/Listening: \$22.00

Test Date: November 5

Int'l Registration Deadline: Sept. 15

Regular Deadline: Oct. 8

Late Registration: Oct. 22

Test Date: December 4

Int'l Registration Deadline: Oct. 13

Regular Deadline: Nov. 5

Late Registration: Nov. 19

ACT:

Fees: \$49.50 incl. writing

Test Date: December 10

Registration Deadline: Nov. 4

Late Registration: By Nov. 18

OVER FOR MORE....

After you move your school(s) you will arrive to a screen called “Add Colleges to Which I am Applying”. Use the drop down box to indicate what type of application you are submitting (Regular Decision, etc), then select “I have Submitted my Application and Request Transcript”. The final step is to click “Add Applications in the yellow box at the bottom”.

That is all that you need to do at this point. If after you have submitted your application a school asks for your mid-year transcript (a transcript that includes your 1st semester grades from this year), then you will return to this screen and select “Send Mid-year Transcript”. In the spring when you decide what school you will attend, then you will return to this screen to request that your final transcript be sent to that one school.

Remember, that in order to send your transcripts, you must complete the waiver that appears in a blue highlighted box in the “Colleges I’m applying to” section. Click the box next to **Yes** and the circle that says “**By completing...**” If you are using the Common Application be sure to input your Common Application user name and password EXACTLY AS YOU ARE USING for the Common Application in the fields indicated.

LOOKING FOR MONEY?

Scholarships are a great way to help supplement your college fund. Freshman through Seniors should make a habit of regularly checking Family Connection for scholarships. To find those scholarships login to your Family Connection account, then go to the Colleges tab. Scroll down to the Scholarship List for a complete list. The scholarships posted here change regularly. Don’t forget that the scholarships posted here are a great starting point for brainstorming what other organizations you could research to see if they might also offer free money.

WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE?

Christian High includes as part of its graduation requirements a minimum number of Community Service hours to be completed each year of attendance. As you plan to participate in local events or commit to serving one group on a regular basis be sure that you bring the Patriot Servant form with you to be signed by the supervising adult. This form is located on the Christian Unified home page under Community Service. Simply print the Hours Served form, then turn it in at the front office for Mr. Meadows to officiate.

You will receive many benefits from contributing to the community around you, not the least of which is potentially finding your passion. Employers and colleges alike look favorably upon driven students who have consistently invested their time outside of school to worthy causes.

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