

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

SPRING 2012

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.

CAREER INTEREST PROFILER

Freshmen & Sophomores:

During 9th and 10th Grade Night we directed you to complete the Career Interest Profiler in Family Connection. This 180 question should take you about 15 minutes to complete. Tip: Respond to each phrase with the first answer that comes to your mind; do not spend a lot of time considering the question. For more effective results answer "unsure" as few times as possible. Only choose "unsure" if it is impossible to say that you would "like" or "dislike" participating in that activity.

COLLEGE 4 U

How do I choose my major? What's the point of community service? Why should I meet college representatives when they visit?

College4U workshops begin Wednesday March 14th and run for 3 consecutive weeks. These 30 minute interactive workshops are designed to provide continued preparation and guidance for the college research and application process.

Our first 3 sessions will be offered: Wednesday afternoons March 14, 21, and 28th from 3:10-3:40 p.m. and Thursdays mornings March 15, 22, 29th at 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the Computer Lab (room #604). (The morning session will be a duplicate of the topic from the previous afternoon.)

Topics include: Finding your Passion; What's the big deal with Community Service?; and Making a Fantastic 1st Impression.

After Spring Break we will offer 2 workshops specifically for the College Application Essay. The dates for those workshops are Wednesday afternoons April 11th and 18th and Thursday mornings April 12th and 19th.

College4U is open to students in all grade levels. Each session a light snack will be provided to help keep you fueled and stay focused.

COLLEGE ADMISSION NEWS

Last month the Los Angeles Times published an article with facts about the overall applicant pool to the UC campuses last fall (when this year's seniors applied). Here are a few excerpts that you may find valuable.

Upcoming Events

COUNSELING EVENTS

8th Grade High School Planning
March 15, 7pm, LCC

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: May 5

Regular Deadline: April 6

Late Registration: April 20

Test Date: June 2

Regular Deadline: May 8

Late Registration: May 22

ACT:

Fees: \$49.50 incl. writing

Test Date: April 14

Registration Deadline: March 9

Late Registration: By March 23

Test Date: June 9

Registration Deadline: May 4

Late Registration: By May 18

COLLEGE REP VISITS

Pt. Loma Nazarene

Wednesday, April 18th

Counseling Center at Lunch

Purdue University

Wednesday, April 25th

Counseling Center, 9:45 am

Contact your counselor for a pass

OVER FOR MORE....

January 13, 2012 | By Larry Gordon, Los Angeles Times

- Overall, freshman applications (including out of state and out of country) rose 19%, to 126,300. More Californians than ever to applied for freshman entrance to at least one of UC's nine undergraduate campuses, about 93,300, up 9.8%. The number of students graduating from California high schools remained level.
- More students than before will be rejected at their first-choice campuses and instead will be offered a spot at UC Merced, the newest and smallest UC campus.
- For the current freshman class, UC boosted enrollment of non-Californians to about 12%, with big clusters at UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC San Diego. Out-of-staters now comprise about 7% of undergraduates system-wide, and the UC regents want to cap that figure at 10%.
- The most popular UC campus again was UCLA, with 72,626 freshman applicants, up 18.1% from last year. UC Berkeley was next with 61,661, up 16.5%, and UC San Diego had 60,819, up 13.8%.
- In an opposite trend, the number of Californians seeking to transfer to UC declined about 6% this year. Administrators attributed the drop to the budget-related difficulties community college students face in registering for classes they need.

These facts complement our recommendation to apply broadly to a range of schools. The local public California colleges and universities receive high numbers of applications which increases the selectivity of the applicant pool. Although the college admission process is competitive we believe that each CHS student can find a school that is a good match for them.

ACT/SAT

Applying to college in the future? Most schools require that you take either the ACT or SAT standardized tests in order to be evaluated for admission. The best way to earn your strongest score is familiarity with the test. Juniors, you should plan to take an SAT and ACT test this spring and then one of them again next fall.

We recommend taking advantage of both test companies new services where you can pay an additional fee to receive both your test booklet and answer sheet after the exam. Look for the option for the Test Information Release (TIR) with the ACT or the Question and Answer Review for the SAT. Both companies are offering this option on 2 specific test dates each semester. The ACT TIR (Test Information Release) is available for the April and June test dates only and the SAT offered it in January and for the upcoming May test date. To order these services, select the option when you register for your test date. We believe that the additional fees of \$19 (ACT) and \$18 (SAT) are a great value.

GREAT COLLEGE VALUE

Bob Jones University a medium size (3,400 students) Christian school in South Carolina has 27 majors including strong Pre-Med, Fine Arts, Ministry, and Education majors. The cost for **1 year is \$18,520** for a full-time student (including tuition room and board).

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