

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWS – August/September 2019

Welcome to the Mission San Jose High School College & Career Center, located across from the Bell Tower. Mrs. Castillou, our Career/College Specialist, is at the College & Career Center daily from 7:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Students may visit to begin planning for life after high school. Resources are available on a multitude of occupations. Information for researching colleges, majors, and careers are continually updated. Students may meet with college admission representatives during lunch or after school; obtain SAT/ACT registration info and scholarship or financial aid information. Part-time jobs and volunteer opportunities are posted regularly on the Jobs Board. Students spend two to three periods each year at the College & Career Center with their English class where they have the opportunity to take interest surveys, focus on occupational choices and understand the requirements needed to pursue their career choices.

Important Dates and Events for All Students

Sept 17 **College Night College Fair) at Ohlone College Gym** hosted by FUSD/NHUSD/Newark Career/College Specialists & Ohlone College: For all grades. Meet with admissions officers and gather information from over 80 colleges. Colleges represented include UC's, CSU's, private and out-of-state colleges. Advisors from the University of California, California State University & Community Colleges will hold an informational session and a financial aid presentation during the evening from 6:30 to 8 PM at Ohlone College Epler Gymnasium. Parking in the multi-tier structure: \$4

Seniors

Sept 6 **Private Colleges w/in CA & all Out-of-State Colleges Info Session:** For all Seniors applying to private colleges in California and *all* out-of-state colleges at C-120 during Lunch. **The Common Application** (a portal for over 700 private/out-of-state colleges) **opens August 1st**

Sept 11 **Senior Transcript Day, seniors will receive a copy of their transcript** for graduation & college planning purposes. Save it to facilitate filling out college & financial aid applications. Check to see that your legal name is on your transcript. Use this name on your Financial Aid & College applications

Sept 12 **Senior Parent Night:** Graduation & college application orientation for **12th grade parents** at C-120 from 6:30 – 8 PM.

Sept 16 & 17 Senior Meet & Greet. Seniors applying to Private & Out of State Colleges: **Deadlines Dec 1st or earlier.** Flex Room (A-Wing) during Lunch. Bring your completed Senior Profile to facilitate the Common App process. See counselor's flyer for your assigned time.

Sept 17 **College Night (College Fair) at Ohlone College Gym 6:30** (see above)

Sept (TBD) **UC Personal Insight Questions Presentation:** Learn more about the prompts from a UC Admissions Representative at C-120 during Lunch.

Oct 2 **UC/CSU Workshop:** University of California & Cal State University. Learn procedures & tips for applying to the UCs/CSUs at C-120 during Lunch. **The UC Application opens August 1st.** The CSU application opens Oct 1st

Oct 1 **FAFSA** (Free Application for Student Aid) opens

Oct (TBD) **Cash for College/FAFSA Workshop** Come learn how to file the FAFSA and apply for Cal/Grant at the Library at 6 PM

Oct 18 Senior Meet & Greet. Seniors applying to Private & Out of State Colleges: **Deadlines Dec 2 and later.** Flex Room (A-Wing) during Lunch. Bring your completed Senior Profile to facilitate the Common App process. See counselor's flyer for your assigned time.

Juniors & Sophomores

Oct 19 **PSAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test:** This test is excellent preparation & practice for the SAT Reasoning Test. It is useful to estimate your scores on the SAT and to compare with other sophomores/juniors across the country. Recommended for Sophomores in honors English and/or Math and for all Juniors wanting to take the SAT. The PSAT must be taken as a JUNIOR to qualify for National Merit Scholarship competitions. Watch for online registration information closer to the test date.

Freshmen

Oct 14 - 22 **Freshmen Career Units/Orientation** - All Freshmen will visit the College & Career Center to discover the resources available to them, following small group meetings with the Counselors the prior week.