

## College & Career Center News – Nov/Dec 2019

### Seniors

- **Seniors' college application submission deadlines**

The University of California (UC) application submission period is Nov 1-Nov 30.

The California State University (CSU) application submission period is Oct 1–Nov 30.

Students are encouraged to submit applications prior to Thanksgiving break. *UC's & CSU's are closed* during that time should you have any questions or concerns.

Private college application submission deadlines vary; be sure to check each college's website for specific information regarding deadlines. Jan 1-15 Many Regular Decision Deadlines fall in this window, with the most popular date being Jan 1. Apply on-line via the Common Application for "Common App schools" or apply on-line directly to the college for "non-Common App schools."

Send transcripts to Private/Out of State Colleges through the Common Application via your Parchment account. Send transcripts to *Non-Common Application* schools directly to the Non-Common App schools via your Parchment account. You may go directly to the Send Transcripts tab in the upper right portion of the page (you may skip all the requested info about colleges, etc.). **Questions about transcripts may be directed to Mrs. Faust.** *Transcripts from community colleges* you've attended need to be sent directly to the colleges to which you are applying from that community college (i.e.: Ohlone). Community college classes are not recorded on the MSJHS transcript unless they are needed for high school graduation. Contact the community college directly to have them send your transcripts.

Do not send transcripts to UC's or CSU's. You will do so after the end of your Senior year.

Keep checking the **College Application Process** tab on the MSJHS Counselors' webpage.

Look for information about applying to community colleges early in the spring of 2020.

- **Seniors may need to send SAT and ACT scores** to the colleges to which they apply by going online to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). December is the final month to take the SAT and ACT for the UC's & CSU's. The impacted CSU campuses, which include Fullerton, San Diego, San Jose and San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly), prefer that you send your August/October scores now. You can list CSUMentor as an SAT score recipient by using the institution code 3594 for CSUMentor. CSUMentor will then store your scores for ALL CSU campuses to utilize. If you have listed a CSU campus as an ACT score report recipient, you can use the [ACT Scores Manager](#) to release your scores to additional campuses. Before you can use the ACT Scores Manager, you must first have arranged for your scores to be sent to at least one CSU campus. If you have your official score report sent to one UC campus, it will be available to all campuses to which you applied. Our school code is **050970**.

Tip: Check to see which scores you may have already sent when you registered for these exams by going to [collegboard.com](http://collegboard.com) or [act.org](http://act.org).

**File your FAFSA now.** This is especially important if you think you are eligible for Cal Grant &/or if you are applying early decision/action to any private or out-of-state colleges.

Some private colleges require students file the CSS Profile prior to filing the FAFSA. For CSS, go to: <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile> to sign in to College Board and apply. CSS opened October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Many scholarships are available to our students. Please check the College & Career Center website at: [https://mission-fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/pf4/cms2/view\\_page?d=x&group\\_id=1548491376212&vdid=ix32f23b8mas4j](https://mission-fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=1548491376212&vdid=ix32f23b8mas4j)  
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## **Juniors**

**Junior Career Units - Nov-Dec.** Juniors will spend 2 periods in the College & Career Center with their English class in Nov & Dec. Students will focus on careers and finding majors and colleges that match their particular abilities and needs. Students will use resources at the College & Career Center to become aware of various educational opportunities available to them after high school. In February, our counselors will cover requirements of the different types of colleges and discuss college application timelines.

• **Visit Colleges** to help compile a list of possible colleges, Juniors should begin visiting college campuses, college preview days and attending college fairs. **Oct/Nov are the months for college preview days. Check college websites to find dates for your campus choices.**

### **Looking Ahead, Dates to Know...**

**Dec 7 – SAT Test Day**

**Dec 14 – ACT Test Day**

**Dec – PSAT scores will start to be available online for California students**

• **Juniors use the PSAT results in preparation for taking the SAT.** The SAT Reasoning (critical reading, math and writing) or the ACT plus ACT Writing Test is required of students who apply to UC's, CSU's and to many Private Colleges. Students generally score highest on the SAT or ACT when taken *toward the end of their Junior year*. SAT Subject Tests (i.e.: history/social science, English literature, math, lab science or language other than English) may be required by Private Schools or desired by specific majors within the UC's or CSU's. (Check each college website for specifics). These should be taken in June of the year the student completes that subject. CSU applicants are required to take the SAT Reasoning or the ACT, but not the ACT Writing Test. Only the Math & Verbal SAT scores will be used for admissions.

Always check each college website for its specific entrance exam requirements for "Freshmen.Applicants."

Tip: Save "score transmission fees" by requesting SAT scores be sent to four colleges at time of registration. Example: one might be a UC, one the CSU Mentor site (code 3594) and the other two private or out-of-state colleges. All scores from all sittings will be sent. For ACT, one score may be sent to one college chosen at the time of test sitting.

- **Students interested in the Armed Services Academies (US Military Academy in West Point, NY; US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; US Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn; US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY; or US Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colorado)** should contact a representative now. Contacts and information for each branch of the service are available at the College & Career Center.

### **Sophomores & Freshmen**

- **Sophomores will be receiving the results of the PSAT in December.**

- **Many college admission representatives visit MSJ during the fall.** All interested students are encouraged to attend. Check the student bulletin to see upcoming visits. Or stop by the College & Career Center.

- **All Freshmen** recently completed orientation in the College & Career Center and met the counselors at the Flex Room. While at the College & Career Center, they took a self-assessment to identify their learning style and to start thinking about the correlation between their results and careers they may want to consider. Schoolloop usage was reinforced as Loopmail is the primary method used by teachers, administrators and counselors to communicate with students. Be sure to register and check often. Counselors informed students about graduation and college requirements as well as important information to facilitate their time at MSJHS.

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