

DPHS COUNSELING NEWS/TIMELINE SEPTEMBER 2006 – FIRST SEMESTER

This is our Fall Bulletin to announce events scheduled for the first half year for grades 10-12, although Freshmen are welcome to some events. This is meant as a pull-out from the bulletin, so please feel free to post it on the frig or make a copy for the student's notebook. Dates are subject to change and will be noted in future PTSA newsletters, as well as online. Please be sure we have your current phone number, as we often do "call-outs". The "last word" is always found in the **daily school bulletin – LOOK FOR IT DAILY ON THE WEBSITE AT www.dphs.org**. Also checkout the old PTSA newsletters and counseling section for updates, forms, etc.

- 9/11 – last day of student initiated class changes
- 9/12 – SAT & SAT II registration deadline for October 14 test (at DPHS)
- 9/20 – late deadline for Oct 14 SATs (last day for fee waivers; last date for Cal Poly SLO/SDSU applicants)
- 9/13 – **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**– counselors by library
- 9/14 – **Private College Application information night**; 6:00 Library
- 9/22 – registration deadline for October 28 ACT (last date for Cal Poly SLO & SDSU applicants)
- 9/26 – counselors start visits to math classes for PSAT info; juniors begin signing up
- 9/27 – **SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT**; 7:00 – 8:30 cafeteria (see Sept. newsletter) – Counselors discuss how to help your student be more successful, counselor roles, college timeline, career
- 9/30 – Free SAT/PSAT workshop (Cal-SOAP sponsored) sign up in counseling office; 8-3pm SBCC
- 9/29 – registration deadline for November 4 SATs
- 10/2 – UC/CSU college applications available in office and on-line – Get HINT HANDOUT in counseling or on counselor website; first day to apply online to CSU's
- 10/3 – **Christian College Faire**; 6-8:30 Montecito Covenant Church
- 10/4 – **COLLEGE NIGHT** for juniors/senior parents & students 6:30 – 8:00 Cafeteria - Brief information about what parents should know about college process; representatives from UC, CSU, SBCC, private college, Scholarship/Financial Aid and SAT/ACT prep
- 10/5 & 12 – **Free SAT/PSAT prep workshops** (PTSA sponsored) 7:00-9:00 H30 (sign up required)
- 10/7 – **RMAS Intensive SAT/PSAT) workshop** – 9:00 – 3:00 pm \$79.00. sign up online at www.rmass.com
- 10/7 – progress reports sent home
- 10/10 – **CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOP** 7:00-9:00 pm cafeteria (bring transcripts/parents welcome)
- 10/11 - late registration deadline for November 5 SATS
- 10/12 – **SBCC COLLEGE FAIR** – 6:00 – 8:00 Earl Warren Show Grounds (over 75 college reps)
- 10/14 – SAT I/II at DPHS, SMHS, SBHS (stand-bys must arrive early)
- 10/17 – Private College Application information – 3rd period Career Center
- 10/17, 19, 24, 26 **IVY WEST ACT PREP COURSE** ; 6-9:00 pm (6:9:30 first night) \$125 payable to Ivy West; give to Ms Cole
- 10/18 – PSAT given at DPHS from 8:00 – 12:00
- 10/21 – PSAT given at SMHS, SBHS, others?
- 10/24 – **UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP** – 7:00 – 9:00 cafeteria (bring transcript/parents welcome)
- 10/27 – end of first quarter – grades sent 11/4
- 10/28 – ACT test date
- 10/29 – **Princeton Review's TEST DRIVE** (full length practice SAT) \$20 in business office – 1:00 -5:00 H-30 (see 11/2)
- 10/30 – deadline for early admission to Cal Poly SLO
- 11/1 – registration deadline for December 2 SATs (last date for UC/CSUs)
- 11/1 – economics and health test challenge sign-up (approx date – see Mrs. Hammonds)
- 11/2 – **SAT TEST DRIVE results** – 7:00-8:30 H30
- 11/3 – registration deadline for December 10 ACT
- 11/4 – SATs
- 11/9 - late registration deadline for December 2 SAT
- 11/12 – Winter Sports practice starts
- 11/14 – Private College Application support – Period 4 Career Center
- 11/16 – **CSU/UC COMPUTER APPLICATION SUPPORT**– Library 7:00 – 9:00pm
- 11/28 – **CSU/UC Computer Application support** – library 7:00 – 9:00 (last before deadline)
- 11/30 – **Last day for UC applications and CSU priority consideration** (some CSUs will take later date applications if spaces available)
- 12/1 – possible first date for SBCC sign-ups – 2nd semester
- 12/2 – SAT (last date for UC/CSU applications)
- 12/4 – letters of recommendation request deadline for applications due by January 12

- 12/6 – **NINTH GRADE PARENT NIGHT** – 7:00 – 8:30 cafeteria; review grad requirements, college entrance requirements, importance of seeking help/tutoring; some social aspects, changes in student
- 12/9 – progress reports mailed
- 12/9 – ACT (last date for UC/CSU)
- 12/12 – **IN-CLASS REGISTRATION FOR SECOND SEMESTER** – must be in class!
- 12/20 – deadline for Jan. 27 SATs
- 1/2 – First Date seniors can file for FAFSA (Federal Financial Aid)
- 1/4 – Cal-SOAP and SB Scholarship Foundation in senior government/econ classes about financial aid
- 1/9 - **PSAT Feedback night** – parents/students 7:00- 8:00 cafeteria
- 1/17 – Letters of Recommendation/forms for SB Scholarship deadline for teachers.
- 1/17-19 - Finals
- 1/20 – **Princeton Review SAT TEST DRIVE** 9:00 – 1:00 H-30 \$20 (pay in business office)
- 1/22 – Second Semester Starts
- 1/25 – **Cal-SOAP PARENT NIGHT FOR FINANCIAL AID**, 7:00 Cafeteria
- 1/25 – TEST DRIVE Results – 7:00-8:30
- 1/27 – SAT
- 1/31 – **Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation Application Due** by 5:00 pm

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. We endorse Princeton Review and Kaplan courses offered on our campus. Each has programs to prepare students for SATs; other programs will be endorsed by us as they become available, ie the one day intensive course offered for \$79.00. Please contact Kaplan or Princeton review’s local phones directly to sign up.
2. Please consider taking the “Test Drive”’s offered, a full length SAT I. This is a two part opportunity. Students take the test, keeping the booklet for study. The following week, they receive their scores, and strategies. Our free PSAT/SAT workshop is sponsored by DPHS PTSA and is taught by professionals.
3. All college bound students should sign up with the College Board at www.collegeboard.com to make a personal portfolio, register for SAT tests, help with college selection, SAT studying, financial aid, record keeping, etc.
4. Seniors should be getting a PIN number for the financial aid process at www.pin.ed.gov. Parents need to get their own pin number as well. All students are encouraged to use on-line applications for college and financial aid. There is a much faster turn around and mistakes are more easily caught.
5. Make sure college bound students and those planning on transferring to a 4 year college take four academics each year, as well as repeating courses for which they received lower than a “C” grade. Please consult with a counselor two or three times a year – especially if performance is a concern.
6. All students must pass the equivalent of six classes per year in order to graduate on time.
7. Seniors applying to private schools should secure applications early and fill out the CSS PROFILE for financial aid as soon as possible.
8. Although CSU and UC applications may be available on-line before October 1, we encourage you to wait for the “HINT list” given out in October and placed on our website, but ALSO attend the application workshops. Costly mistakes can be avoided by attending.
9. Be sure to get tutoring services if needed – free after school at Dos Pueblos. Counselors and teachers also have list of private tutors. Remember, all staff can be reached on-line or leave a message on their phone line. We want to help.

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