

## Dear Seniors and Parents,

Welcome to SENIOR year! This is a busy, exciting time with many senior activities at Santa Clara as well as finishing SAT or ACT tests, writing essays for college, narrowing down your college list and submitting applications. Below I have highlighted a few topics, events, and dates to keep you up to date on college planning.

### Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4-5pm and 6-7pm – College Information Night for Seniors and Parents (Library)

Find out what happens during senior year. The same information will be presented at both sessions.

What, When, How all things related to college: College Entrance Testing, College Applications and Deadlines, Individual Senior Meetings (ideally with parents), Naviance and why it is so important.

### Senior College Counseling Meetings – Meetings start Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

These one-on-one meetings are time to review where each student is in the post-high school planning. We review college lists and ideas, review student's resume's and junior/senior questionnaire, student's interest in particular fields of interest, SAT/ACT/Subject test results and plans for further testing, application types and deadlines, and more.

Meetings occur during the school day, before school, and immediately after school. If you are interested in attending the meeting with your son or daughter, please contact me as soon as possible so we can coordinate a meeting time.

### College Entrance Testing

**ACT/SAT/Subject Tests:** Most four-year colleges require that students complete either the ACT or SAT as part of admission criteria. Many students have already taken these as a junior and more are registered for the upcoming August SAT test date. The tests are offered at local high schools (not at Santa Clara) and registration is completed on-line directly with the test company. If you have not taken one of these tests or plan to retake, here are the fall 2017 dates and registration deadlines:

#### ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration deadline	Late Registration Deadline <i>additional fee for late registration</i>
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	August 18 <sup>th</sup>
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	October 6 <sup>th</sup>
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	November 17 <sup>th</sup>

#### SAT [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register)

Test Date	Registration deadline	Late Registration Deadline <i>additional fee for late registration</i>
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	July 28 <sup>th</sup>	August 15 <sup>th</sup>
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup>	September 27 <sup>th</sup>
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	October 25 <sup>th</sup>
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 21 <sup>st</sup>

**Fee Waivers** Both ACT and the College Board offer fee waivers for students whose family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition service. Mrs. Huber has a form that students can pick up to have parents review and sign if they fall within these guidelines. All information is verified with Mrs. Luna in the business office before a fee waiver is issued.

### Naviance

This on-line program is essential to all things we do in the college counseling office. Each student has their own account where they develop their resume, review test scores, make their college list and can complete short surveys to discover their strengths and more. Students will request letters of recommendation from teachers (after speaking with the teacher in person first) and teachers will be able to upload confidential letters that are sent directly to the colleges. Transcripts, school reports and counselor letters of recommendation are also sent through the Naviance system, but can only be sent if the student has updated their active college list. Parents also have access to view their student's Naviance account. If you do not have your access code, contact me. More information will be covered on Naviance at the senior and parent meeting.

Financial Aid for College, Colleges Admission Officers Visiting at Santa Clara High, Application Workshops and more. I have much more to share with you and will pass on more information at the Senior and College Information Night. I look forward to seeing you on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm or 6pm.

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