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Guidance Newsletter



What Can Guidance Do For Me?

We encourage all students to meet with their Guidance Coordinator when they enter our high school. At these meetings, your Guidance Coordinator will get to know you and help you to have the most positive and productive high school experience possible. We help you:

- Explore your interests and possible careers
- Turn interests into goals
- Guide class choices
- Tell you about exciting and new classes that match your interests
- Explain how transfer transcripts will be counted
- Make sure your classes match your goals
- Help with a timeline of courses, tests, and applications to reach your goals
- Help you to understand financial aid
- Help you choose community college classes that will earn you a career technical education certificate if you don't plan to transfer to a university
- Help you choose community college classes that will help you transfer to the university of your choice ready to earn a degree in your major.

Guidance Appointments

Your Guidance Coordinator is happy to help you chart your future!



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[SM Guidance Meeting Sign-Up](#)

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Upcoming College Admissions Tests

SAT

The deadline for the **October 7 SAT is 9/8/17 (Late registration 9/19)**

Deadline for the November 4 SAT is 10/5/17 (Late reg. 10/17) (This is the only time to take the language listening test)

Deadline for the December 2 SAT is 11/2/17

Click [HERE](#) to register.

SAT Subject Tests

SAT Subject Tests are not required, but some colleges recommend that freshman applicants interested in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject matter proficiency.

Deadlines For The Tests

Most colleges accept the December test dates as the last dates to use for fall admissions 2017, but check with colleges that interest you.

ACT

The deadline for the **October 28 ACT is 9/22/17 (Late registration 10/6)**

The deadline for the **December 9 ACT is 11/3/17 (Late registration 11/17)**

Click [HERE](#) to register.



WEBINARS

Upcoming Guidance Parent Webinars

Steps to College Senior Year

September 27, 7:00 PM

Click [HERE](#) to register

College Week Live All Access Day

October 4: 7:00 AM- 7:00 PM

This is of the biggest online college fairs ever! You can live chat with current students and admissions reps at 100+ colleges for first-hand advice on applications, financial aid, and more. Sign up at:

[All Access Day](#)

All Things Financial Aid

Learn about financial aid, the FAFSA, California scholarships, loans and more!

Two Date Choices:

October 5, 7:00 PM click [HERE](#) to register

October 11, 10:00 AM Click [HERE](#) to register

Steps to College Grades 9-11

Plan what to do each year of high school to be prepared to apply in your senior year.

Two Date Choices:

October 25 @ 6:00 PM Click [HERE](#) to register

October 26 @ 9:00 AM Click [HERE](#) to register

College Week Live All Access Day 2

November 1 From 7:00 AM- 7:00 PM

Sign up at: [All Access Day](#) (See description above)

Check for scholarships on our:

[Fall 2017 Scholarship List](#)

There are several online search engines for scholarships

[Scholarships.com](#) ♦ [www.fastweb.com](#) ♦ [CollegeXpress.com](#) ♦

♦ [College Board Scholarships](#) ♦ [www.findtuition.com](#)

[Cappex Scholarships](#) ♦ [www.unigo.com/scholarships](#)

[Good Call Scholarship Search](#)

FAFSA: All Financial Aid Starts Here

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the beginning for all financial aid. It determines federal and California state financial aid. It is what the financial aid officers at colleges use at all colleges to determine the amount of aid a student can receive. All students should fill out the FAFSA regardless of financial status. File in October at:

[www.fafsa.gov](#). **Deadline March 2**



College Dates & Deadlines

September

UC and CSU Applications open

October

FAFSA Opens

November 30

CSU and UC Applications Due

Community Colleges

You can apply at any time and all are accepted.

Apply at <http://home.cccapply.org/>

Students who want to take classes for next semester should start that process in November. Talk to your ES about how to apply.

Local College Fairs

- 9/25/17 Antelope Valley College 10 AM-1 PM
- 9/25/17 Orange Coast College 10 AM-1 PM
- 9/26/17 Norco College 10AM-1:30 PM
- 9/26/17 El Camino College 10 AM-1 PM
- 9/27/17 Pasadena City College 10 AM-1 PM
- 9/28/17 Chaffey College 10 AM-1 PM
- 9/28/17 Arroyo Valley High School 6:00PM- 8:00 PM
- 10/3/17 Irvine Valley College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/4/17 Golden West College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/5/17 El Camino College Compton Center 10AM-1PM
- 10/9/17 Los Angeles Mission College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/10/17 Santa Monica City College 10:30 AM – 1PM
- 10/11/17 College of the Desert 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/11/17 Pasadena Convention Center College and Career Expo 4:00 PM -7:00 PM
- 10/11/17 San Bernardino Valley College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/12/17 Copper Mountain College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/12/17 Citrus College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/16/17 Riverside College 9AM-12 PM
- 10/16/17 Victor Valley College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/17/17 East Los Angeles College 8:30 AM-1 PM
- 10/17/17 Cerro Coso 10 AM-12 PM
- 10/18/17 Fullerton College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/19/17 Santa Ana College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/23/17 Los Angeles Trade Tech College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/24/17 Mt. San Jacinto College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/24/17 Los Angeles Valley College 9AM-2 PM
- 10/25/17 Mt. San Antonio College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/26/17 Los Angeles Southwest College 10 AM-1 PM
- 10/29 [NACAC Performing & Visual Arts College Fair](#) UCLA
- 10/31/17 Long Beach City College 10 AM-1 PM
- 11/01/17 Santiago Canyon College 10 AM-1 PM
- 11/02/17 Cypress College 10 AM-1 PM



We added over 75 brand new classes to our UC Approved course list. We also added many new vendor options to the standard courses. Check it out at our [Sky Mountain UCOP List](#).



Our New Community College Handbook

We have created a community college handbook for all the community colleges within the counties of our school. It gives information about applications, assessment and unique aspects of each college. See new [Sky Mountain Community College Guidebook](#).



California Colleges continues to be our college and career exploration website. You can explore careers, majors and colleges across the nation. This year California Colleges as changed their website completely and all existing accounts must be registered. If you already have an account, you will be asked to register it. If you do not have one, you can create an account on your own. First you will go to www.CaliforniaColleges.edu. At the first screen you will click on the lock at the top right. This will open a screen to create or register your account. Once you click that, you will be taken to a screen and asked for your school district and school. Fill it out according to the image on the right. Guidance Coordinators will no longer be creating your accounts but can assist you during your guidance meetings.

New Vendors

We have a few new vendors this year. Comprehend is one of our new vendors that is becoming very popular! **COMPREHEND** combines rigorous content, rich multimedia, and the Internet to generate academic discovery, so students receive a real-world, online educational experience. The multi-media lessons include several visuals and short video clips to help keep the student engaged. Comprehend costs only \$200 a course or you can get an unlimited 12-month seat license for \$250. Check our UCOP list to see their a-g classes!



Another brand new vendor is Shmoop University. You can get a seat license with them as well for unlimited courses plus test prep for ACT, SAT and AP tests.



How to Get a Work Permit

If a teenager desires to get a job, he or she must obtain a work permit. To start the process, the parent/student prints out the [B1-1 Intent to Employ a Minor \(Rev. 02-14\)](#). The parent, student and employer will fill out their respective portions of the B1-1 Intent to Employ a Minor. All sections of information are required and will be considered incomplete if left blank. You will then give the form to your ES who will send it on to guidance. You will receive an email from Guidance Assistant Heather Bolen to let you know if the permit is approved. If it is approved, the signed document will be attached to the email and the original will be mailed to the employer. Please allow at least 5 school days for the process. For more information see [Work Permits](#) on our website.

Our New Concurrent Enrollment Process

When a student decides to take a community college class they must fill out a Concurrent Enrollment Form granting permission from their high school. If you are interested in taking a community college class, discuss class options with your ES and/or Guidance Coordinator. Then you will fill out the [Concurrent Enrollment Form](#) and give it to your ES. Your ES will then take over and get it approved for you. Meanwhile you will apply to the college (with automatic acceptance) and take any necessary assessments. Once you have the signed concurrent enrollment form you may go to the college and register for classes on the appropriate day. Allow at least two weeks for this process. For complete instructions see our new [Sky Mountain Community College Guidebook](#).

COMMUNITY COLLEGE*Connection***Concurrent Enrollment and the Cost of College**

One of the advantages our students have over those who attend brick and mortar schools is the flexibility and freedom to take college courses, either towards a college degree or towards a career technical education certificate. Our graduation requirements also make it possible to graduate early but that may not be the best route.

Different community colleges have different minimum age requirements, but all allow at least 11th and 12th graders to attend. These courses typically do double duty because a semester college class is worth the same amount of credits as a yearlong high school class. Plus the students are creating a college transcript with college units.

Our students may typically take up to two college courses per semester and may also attend summer college classes. If they take two classes each semester of 11th and 12th grades they graduate with eight college courses. That is a year of college! Most of the community colleges allow high school students to attend without having to pay tuition. Instructional funds from our school can be used to buy the textbooks. So when these students graduate, they may only need three years to complete a four-year degree. It is a good idea to meet with your Guidance Coordinator to plan out which classes will work for a transfer or certificate so all of your classes will count towards your goals.

**Saddleback College**

[Saddleback College](#) is located in Mission Viejo in South Orange County. Saddleback ranks 8th in transfers to the University of California and 17th in transfers to the California State University. They have an active students government and more than 50 clubs and teams on campus.

Saddleback offers over 300 associate degrees, certificates, and occupational skills awards in 190 program areas. See Saddleback [Academic Programs](#).

Transfer Guarantees with the CSU System

Like most California community colleges, Saddleback participates in “A Degree With a Guarantee” meaning that if you complete the program, you are guaranteed admission to a CSU and a guarantee that you can finish your major in 2 years at the university.

UC System Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG)

Saddleback College has Transfer Agreement Guarantees (TAG) with the following UC campuses:

UC Davis ♦ UC Irvine ♦ UC Merced ♦ UC Riverside
UC Santa Cruz ♦ UC Santa Barbara

Honors Program

While many universities have Transfer Guarantees and TAG agreements, few have an established Honors Program. The [SaddleBack Honors Program](#) gives enhanced transfer opportunities to participating universities including UCLA. You receive honors designation on your transcript as well.

Saddleback CTE

Saddleback College offers a wide variety of CTE, Career and Technical Education courses. With over 100 certificates and awards in 45 program areas, Saddleback is a leader among community colleges. Visit [Saddleback’s CTE homepage](#) to learn more about this unique opportunity. Or use [SaddleBack Search for Career Programs](#) to find specific careers within interests and abilities.

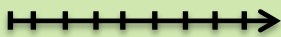
AVID for Higher Education

Saddleback College is the first to incorporate Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) in a college setting and one in only 8 California colleges using this enhanced learning program. The mission of AVID for Higher Education is to empower individuals to take control of their own success through Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading. See [AVID for Higher Education at Saddleback](#).

For The University Bound

High School Courses for the University Bound

Senior Timeline



September:

- Make sure you have the correct classes to graduate and apply to college
- Sign up for a guidance meeting
- Choose colleges you wish to apply to.
- Sign up to take the SAT and/or ACT if you don't have scores you are happy with.
- Start working on essays for colleges that require them
- Ask for letters of recommendation if you will need them.

October:

Start [CSU Applications](#) and [UC Applications](#) see [Tips for UC Application](#)
Fill out the FAFSA

Junior Timeline

August - October:

- Sign up for a guidance meeting to make sure you have the classes you need.
- Call your local brick and mortar school to see if they will let you take the PSAT with them. Or look for schools on the [Schools That Take Students for the PSAT](#)
- Work very hard to get a good start on your courses. Most colleges do not count GPA from the freshman year and you submit applications before you have senior grades. Therefore you get accepted or rejected based on your sophomore and junior year GPA. **THIS SEMESTER IS 25% OF YOUR GPA FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.**
- Visit Colleges. See the fall college preview days on the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

If you plan to attend a public university in California right after high school graduation you need to be taking our a-g approved courses. Students must complete the [A-G Pattern](#) that includes at least 15 courses in specific fields. When students fill out applications of the public California Universities, they choose classes from a drop-down menu that only includes the A-G approved courses from their high school. If they have not earned a C or better on the required course pattern using approved courses, they are not eligible.

College Admissions Testing

Almost all universities require students to take either the SAT or the ACT. These test scores, combined with coursework and grades, determine eligibility. Other factors will be used to choose between eligible applicants. The SAT consists of a reading test, a writing and language test, a math test and an optional essay. Although the essay is optional, students should take it because many colleges require it. The ACT covers four areas: English, mathematics, reading and science. Each score is recorded and becomes part of a composite score. The writing test is optional and will not affect your composite score, but it should be taken, as many colleges require an essay test score. See page 1 for links to register.



Boosting Your GPA and Getting Ahead

AP Courses or Concurrent Enrollment?



Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college level courses taken in high school for high school credit. Every May, AP tests are given nationally and each student that passes the test may receive college credit. Because AP courses are more difficult, students get a grade boost. This means that an A is 5.0 rather than 4.0 and a B is 4.0 and a C is 3.0. D's do not get a grade boost. Our students may take AP courses from our online vendors but must ask a local brick and mortar school to take the AP test. Check [Registering for The Exam](#) in January when the list of schools is posted.

Our students may also take community college courses. These courses are also given a grade boost and the college credit is automatic as long as the student passes the class.



The state of California gives several types of financial aid. These are the Cal Grants A, B, and C, the Middle Class Scholarship, and the Dream Act. The application for Cal Grants and the Middle Class Scholarship are all done through the FAFSA. No separate application is needed, but the

FAFSA must be completed by March 2 to qualify for state aid. Previously, students also had to submit a GPA verification form. Now all public schools, including ours, submit the GPA verification of all seniors. Those who wish to opt out of California financial aid can complete the opt-out form. If you wish to do so now, please click [HERE](#).

The Dream Act is financial aid for students (including undocumented students) who, for various reasons, are classified as nonresidents.

For assistance in filling out your FAFSA, there are free Cash for College workshops throughout the



state where you can come with your 2016 tax information and volunteers can answer questions and assist with your FAFSA or Dream Act. Application. Click for [Workshops Near You](#).

California Student Aid

Free cash
for college

Cal
Grant
Where
will it
take you?



Career Technical Education (CTE) Center

Fashion Forward World History

IEM now offers an integrated a-g **and** CTE course in world history and fashion design. This year long course completes **both** the a-g world history credit and CTE credit. This fulfills the required elective for graduation and a G category college prep elective for the a-g pattern for college admissions. Students will gain an understanding of how fashion trends, demand for resources, marketing and search for larger consumer bases, etc. have influenced, and been influenced by, history. Students will complete traditional assignments and create hands-on projects. Students taking this course will receive 10 credits per semester for a total of 20 credits total for the entire year-long course.



Brighton College

We have partnered with Brighton College to allow our students to take coursework leading to certification in a variety of areas. Students can graduate from our high schools career ready and certified. Please ask your ES for more information, to enroll, and a list of possible certifications available upon pathway completion.



Los Angeles Trade/Technical College (LATTC) www.lattc.edu

Classes are free for our students, 3 college units each, and are transferable to Cal State schools. Students complete courses online with a certificate available upon pathway completion. In the spring we will offer the following course:

Business 32: Learn to write and communicate effectively including email, sentence context, resumes, cover letters, academic reports, persuasive messages, and presentations.

New Online CTE Classes

Whether you are planning to go straight into the workforce or planning to attend Stanford, CTE classes are a must! These classes are interesting and match your interests and help you learn about possible careers for your future. We have almost 200 online career education courses. Check them out on our [Life Skills And CTE Courses](#).

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Career Technical Education Classes

Who Should Take Them and Why

Students Planning to Go Directly Into The Workforce

For students who want to go directly into the workforce and not continue their education past their high school diploma can benefit from CTE classes. They will enter the workforce with the knowledge skills and career-specific vocabulary that will give them an edge above other high school graduates.

Students Planning To Earn Career Certificates

Some career certificates can be earned while still in high school. Others take longer but students can get ahead by taking CTE courses online and from their community college and this will shorten the amount of time after graduation that they need to complete the certificate.

Students Entering the Military

CTE courses are a great way to understand concepts and vocabulary in the field you want to enter. When you enlist, you will take the ASVAAB test that will determine the choices available to you once you enlist. If you prepare for this with CTE courses or the ACT Keytrain, your ASVAAB scores will likely increase in your chosen area.

Students Planning To Attend Community College and Transfer to a University

Many students have long-term goals in a profession that requires bachelors or masters degrees. Often you can earn a certificate in a field as an assistant professional such as a physical therapy assistant, speech therapy assistant or accounting assistant. With these certificates, students can earn valuable experience in the field, build a resume and be able to earn money during required internships for their advanced degree.

Students Planning to Go Directly To A University

When you apply to a university you apply to a department as well. Many programs are impacted and difficult to get into, but if your transcript shows you have been taking coursework in a specialized field, you are more likely to be accepted into the program.

Students Who Do Not Know What They Want To Do

CTE courses are a great way to explore possible career paths. You may explore a career that you didn't know existed and find one that suits you. Or you may find that the one you tried isn't what you expected and want to switch to another. This is much better discovered now than after many expensive college courses.

[SAT Registration](#)

[ACT Registration](#)

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Deadline for the October 28 ACT	23 Channel Island Preview Day CSU Fresno
24	25	26	27 Webinar Steps to College for Seniors	28 Azusa Pacific Preview Overnight	29 Azusa Pacific Preview Overnight Open House Simpson University Westmont (STEM) Overnight	30 Westmont (STEM) Overnight

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October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	2 San Diego National College Fair	4 College Week Live October All Access Virtual College Fair	5 Financial Aid Webinar Deadline for November 4 SAT	6	7 Fall Preview Day for: CSU Channel Island CSU Fresno UCLA Dominican University SAT
8 Loyola Marymount	9	10	11 Financial Aid Webinar	12 Azusa Pacific Preview Overnight	13 Agriculture Preview Day for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Azusa Pacific Preview Overnight College Week Live UC System College Fair	14 Fall Preview Day for CSU Sacramento CSU East Bay CSU Monterey Bay CSU Stanislaus Biola Saint Mary's College Fall Applicants Day CSU Dominguez Hills CA College of the Arts
15	16 Fall Preview Day for: Occidental College	17	18 Steps to College for Seniors	19 College Week Live National Honor Society College Fair	20 Westmont (overnight)	21 Fall Preview Day for CSU Channel Island CSU Chico CSU Fresno UC Merced UC San Diego Showcase Santa Clara University California Institute of the Arts Portfolio day
22	23 Los Angeles Performing and Visual Arts Fair	24 Late Registration Deadline Nov 5 SAT San Francisco Performing and Visual Arts Fair	25 Steps to College Webinar Grades 9-11	26 Steps to College Webinar Grades 9-11 Master's College Overnight	27 Fall Preview Day for: CSU Humboldt Pitzer College Master's College Overnight Open House Simpson University Fresno Pacific	28 Fall Preview Day for CSU Dominguez Hills Cal Maritime UC Irvine UC Riverside University of La Verne Visual Arts Fair at University of San Diego ACT
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November 2017

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			1 College Week Live October All Access Virtual College Fair San Francisco Visual Performing Arts Fair	2 Point Loma (overnight) Deadline for Dec 2 SAT Test (last test CA universities accept for Fall 2018)	3 Point Loma (overnight) ACT Deadline: for Dec 9 Test (last CA universities accept for Fall 2018)	4 Fall Preview Day for CSU Channel Island CSU Fresno SAT
5 WACAC College Fair Reno	6	7	8	9 Fresno Pacific (Overnight)	10 Occidental College Westmont (overnight) William Jessup Fresno Pacific (Overnight)	11 Fall Preview Day for University of the Pacific University of San Diego Westmont (overnight) CA College of the Arts Saint Mary's College Dominican University University of San Francisco Discover USC
12 Point Loma (overnight) Discover Chapman	13 Point Loma (overnight)	14	15	16	17	18 Fall Preview Day for CSU Channel Island CSU Fresno UC Riverside UC San Diego Showcase
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Finish UC and CSU Applications to avoid glitches on Nov 30
26	27	28	29	30 Application Deadline for: UC Campuses and CSU Campus		

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