
Counselors' Newsletter

by Brother Philip

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College Acceptances

Seniors will hear from the Cal-State and UC campuses during this month. Many of the private colleges will also be sending out their acceptances this month. Students do not have to decide which college they will attend until May 1. Wait to receive the financial package before making a decision.

Seniors: FAFSA

Although this form had to be sent by March 3 for State Financial Aid, you may still mail the FAFSA for Financial Aid from the federal government.

SAT's for Juniors

Juniors who plan to enter a four-year college or university are encouraged to take the SAT I in either May or June. The College Board also allows juniors to take the SAT II (Subject Tests) in May or June. SAT II are not required for the Cal-State campuses but two SAT II tests are required for the University of California campuses and several of the private universities. Juniors may obtain an application for the SAT tests from Bro. Philip or go to www.collegeboard.com. Sample SAT I and II tests are also available.

SAT Fee Waivers: Qualifications

Number in Household	Income
2	\$25,327
3	\$31,765
4	\$38,203

Call Bro. Philip for other figures.

SAT Scores and Cal-Stat Campuses:

To send you SAT scores to the Cal State campus use CSUMentor as an SAT score recipient. The SAT institution code for CSUMentor is 3594. Listing 3594 will send your score to all CSU campuses.

SAT Deadlines:

Testing date Deadline	Registration
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May 3	April 1
June 7	May 6

Scholarships

Many scholarships are now available to our seniors. Announcements are made daily at homeroom about these scholarships. Students should see Brother Philip for further details. Some of these scholarships will depend upon financial need; others are based on academic excellence and others on community service. It is very important to watch the deadlines with these scholarships. A deadline is a deadline and they make no exceptions. A summary of all available scholarships is posted on the bulletin board.

Community College Application Time

Registration for community college normally occurs during March. Most college prefer seniors to apply on-line at www.cccapply.org. Applications for some community colleges are available from Bro. Philip. Students need to listen to the announcements and obtain an application as soon as possible.

Glendale Community College

The representative from Glendale Community College will be on campus to speak to the seniors about the various programs that they offer and about registering for Glendale Community College on our own campus. She comes every other Thursday.

Other Community Colleges

Seniors: Seniors who plan to attend a community college next year may now apply online at www.cccapply.org. Those seniors who plan to attend Glendale Community College may apply with the college representative who comes here at lunch every other Monday. Those who plan to attend Santa Monica College next year may apply at this website online at www.smc.edu.

College Financial Package

Seniors are now receiving their SAR information, so contact the Financial Aid Office of the college(s) that you are thinking of attending. Colleges will put together a financial package for you. This will normally consist of grants, loans, and work-study. Read through their package carefully. This will help seniors to decide ultimately, which college is best for their circumstances.

Entry-Level Tests for Cal-State Campuses

Students attending any Cal-State will be told to take an Entry Level test for their campus unless they had high SAT Verbal scores. Watch carefully the information mailed to you.

No matter which Cal-State campus the student intends to attend, the test may be taken at Cal-State, Northridge and transfer the scores to the other campus. These exams must be taken by May.

Deficiency Notices

Deficiency Notices have been issued for the third quarter. Parents should contact the appropriate teacher and help to get the student back on track so that the third quarter grades will be acceptable. Set up times for tutoring, if necessary.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Congratulations to Phoebe Kunitomi, our 2008 Valedictorian and to Maria Hintog, our 2008 Salutatorian. They are the number one and two ranked seniors based on their cumulative GPA. They will have the privilege of speaking at their Graduation.