

# PREPARING FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER – THINGS TO DO

## SENIOR YEAR

- Continue your extracurricular activities, sports, and/or volunteer work
- Continue doing well in your classes and getting good grades
- Update and continue to list school activities, community service, and work experiences you have been a part of for colleges, scholarships and future jobs
- Do you qualify for free and reduced lunch? If so you may be eligible for SAT and college fee waivers
- Listen to the bulletin for important senior information
- Monitor deadlines
- Plan to take the ACT or SAT for UC/CSU admittance ASAP
- Make sure REV has your social security number so we can submit your Cal Grant information
- Sign up for the ACT or SAT test, along with any SAT II test needed at [www.ACTstudent.org](http://www.ACTstudent.org) or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Listen to the bulletin and surf the internet for scholarships
- Attend college fairs and make last minute visits to campuses
- **September 10<sup>th</sup> - REV Open House**

## **August**

- Check credits and requirements for graduation. See your counselor ASAP if you are short
- Make sure your fall and spring schedules of classes include career/college/major admission requirements
- If you are planning on attending a 4 year college check that all entrance requirements are a “C” or higher; check GPA and class rank
- Counselors will begin senior conferences
- Remember to sign up for CSF (Mrs. Toth G-115) and NHS (Mr. Berman E-120) if applicable

## **September**

- Explore admission procedures for the colleges you wish to attend. Be sure to visit [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) for private colleges
- Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> College Admissions Tests workshop @ CVHS 6 p.m.

## **October**

- Apply for UC/ CSU admission (electronically preferred) [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu) [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- **October 7<sup>th</sup> Senior/Parent college application workshop @ REV 6-7**
- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Cal State wkshp for students
- Identify staff who can write strong recommendation letters for you
- Finish your essays for college admission
- Begin submitting forms for private sources of financial aid. Listen to the bulletin, and check in the counseling office for updated scholarship information.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> - Homecoming activities, rally and game
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming dance
- **October 14<sup>th</sup> – RUSD College/Career Fair @ RHS Gym 6 – 8 PM**

## **November**

- Submit college admission applications (electronically preferred) to UC and/or CSU systems, **deadline November 30<sup>th</sup>**
- Obtain recommendation letters if needed
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> UC Workshop for students
- Explore FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid ) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Have transcripts sent to colleges (requests made at the switchboard)
- Begin to send in private college/university applications as due

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- Listen for information regarding financial aid parent night in January
- Last month to take the ACT or SATs for UC/CSU (Some have a deadline of November. Be sure to check the schools you are interested in.)
- Review the FAFSA forms with your family and begin completing them. FAFSA may be submitted starting January 1<sup>st</sup> [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Make last visits to colleges during vacation
- If required by colleges, request transcripts to be sent at the end of the semester
- Final exams December 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>
- Last day of 1<sup>st</sup> semester Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

## January

- **January 21<sup>st</sup> Financial Aid Parent Night @ REV Blackstone Theater**
- Inquire about learning opportunities like ROP or community college
- Redlands Community Scholarship Foundation web-site will open for applications. Info. to be provided in English classes.
- Remember to sign up for CSF (Mrs. Toth G-115) and NHS (Mr. Berman E-120) if applicable
- Begin FAFSA application. Deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>

## February

- OPTIONS Career/College Fair (tbd)
- Check to see that REV sent your GPA Verification Form for Cal Grants
- Follow specific college campus guidelines regarding housing

## March

- **FAFSA DEADLINE: March 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- Begin to plan your summer work, school, or volunteer activities
- Decide which AP tests to take
- March 30<sup>th</sup> Community Colleges Wkshp. @ CVHS 6 p.m.

## April

- Register for summer classes at community colleges or ROP
- Return intent to register forms to your chosen college before May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Notify colleges you are not attending
- Apply to community college and arrange to take placement exams
- **Local Community colleges will be on campus to assist with this.** Listen for the dates
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Prom

## May

- Athletes: to play college athletics, you must be certified by the NCAA Register on line and send a copy of your transcript. [www.ncaaclearinghouse.com](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.com)
- Arrange for college placement exams
- Take AP tests
- Register for summer programs at college campuses
- Notify Mrs. O'Day of scholarships to be announced at the senior awards night
- Request that your final transcript be sent to your chosen college
- Return forms for college orientation programs
- Thank those who helped you succeed
- Plan for high school graduation

## June

- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Senior Awards Night
- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Baccalaureate
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Grad Night
- **June 8<sup>th</sup> - Graduation**

