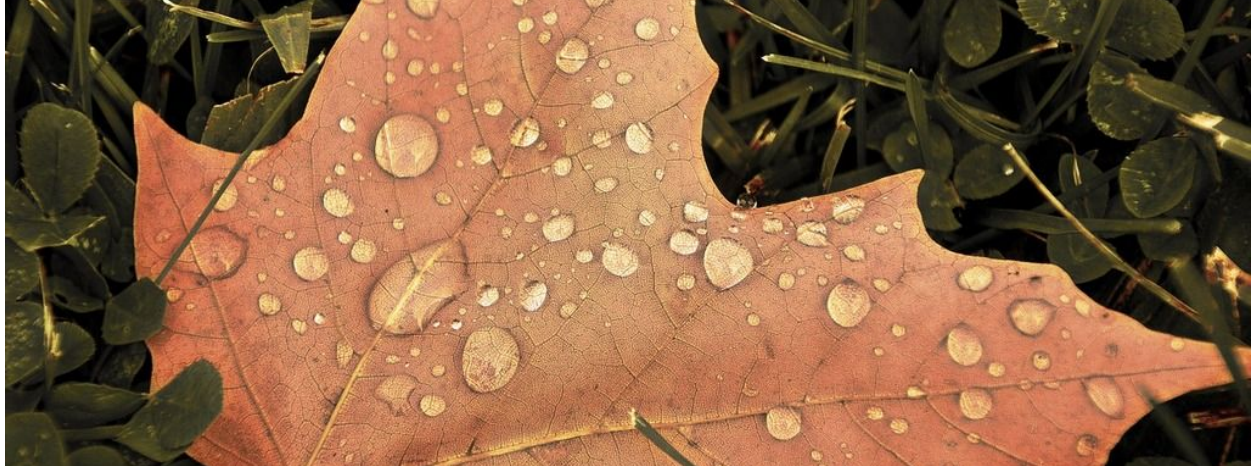


Fall 2019



Welcome Back to a New School Year Pirates!

The counseling department welcome's ALL students and their families to the 2019-20 school year. Whether you are an incoming freshman, foreign exchange student, "new" to the area, or a returning "Pirate," we are glad to open the school year with you. We have enjoyed meeting many of you and trust you are getting settled into your fall class schedules.

The Counselors, Mrs. Smith (A-Lan), Ms. Sheridan (Lau-Z) and College and Career Specialist, Ms. Ayotte are busy preparing for the fall classroom presentations, where we will give guidance on:

- ★ High school and college planning, and career development
- ★ College Applications and A-G subject requirements,
- ★ Career exploration and Career Technical Education (CTE)
- ★ Scholarships and community service opportunities.

Our conversation will guide placement of high school classes and activities that will best support your student's post high school plans. We breakdown and highlight what students and families will need to focus on at each grade level. Each student will receive a copy of their personal transcript and we will go over high school graduation requirements, GPA, and A-G requirements for college.

This presentation is given to all students in their English classes, in the following schedule.

Counselor's Classroom Presentations

Senior English classes~September 18th-20th

Junior English classes~October 2nd-4th

Soph English classes~October 9th & 10th

Frosh English classes~October 16th & 17th

College Testing and Free Test Prep Services:

Knowing your future plans beyond high school is important because you may or may not have to take the college admissions tests. If you are planning to attend a community college from high school one does not need to take the college admissions tests. But, if you are unsure and want to keep the door open to apply to a four year, then it is advised to take the SAT or ACT. If you are planning to apply to a four university post graduation then one must take the SAT or ACT spring of junior year or early fall of senior year. **Prepare and plan your future testing by referring to this [link](#).** If you have further questions please see your counselor.

- The **KHAN Academy** has partnered with College Board to offer FREE test Prep. [Connect here.](#)
- **MajorTests.com [link](#)** offers a free self-study SAT preparation program complete with vocabulary word lists, practice questions for math, writing and critical reading along with an eight-week guided study plan.
- **Number2.com [link](#)** , a popular free web test prep resource provides students with ACT or SAT questions and tracks their progress. The site includes a feature that allows parents to monitor their student's efforts and improvement.
- **Kaplan:** PSAT Prep Live from Kaplan starts **October 12** -Let Kaplan experts help your child get the edge on the PSAT. Each session is free and taught live online. [Sign your child up here](#) . If you are having a hard time deciding whether to use your child's SAT or ACT results in college applications or wondering how the ACT and SAT score ranges compare to each other, this downloadable resource can help: Downloadable ACT & SAT Concordance Table - [get it right here](#).
- **INeedAPencil.com [link](#)**, a free comprehensive online SAT/ACT prep program provides dozens of lessons, hundreds of practice questions, and practice exams.

Helpful Advice for Seniors applying to College:

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/4-tactics-get-dream-college-183755583.html>



College Planning...eliminate surprises:

Applications have begun for seniors. Start your application process now.

[College Applications and Planning](#)

[College Application Checklist](#)

[Tips For Preparing Your College Application](#)

Seniors! Need Help with Your Fall College Applications and Financial Aid?

Attend the Morning College Cafe Workshops

WHEN: October 14 and November 4 @ 8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

WHERE: MBHS Library

College Representatives Are Coming To MBHS

[Sample questions](#) to ask college representatives.

Whittier College - October 7 at 10:15 am

Grand Canyon University - October 23 at 11:45 am

UC Berkeley - October 24 at 9:00 am

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo - October 24 at 11:30 am

Cal Lutheran - October 25 at 2:00 pm

University of Oregon - October 28 at 1:30 pm

College Night at Cuesta - October 28 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Over 50 colleges represented

UC Santa Barbara - October 29 at 2:15 pm

University of the Pacific - October 30 at 1:15 pm

Contact Ms. Ayotte in the College and Career Office to sign up.

California Scholarship Federation

The California Scholarship Federation (CSF) is a statewide scholarship society founded in 1921 to recognize academic achievement. Membership is not automatic. All eligible students must apply during the enrollment period. The application deadline for this semester is September 6th.

The goal of every CSF member is to be designated a seal bearer/ life member. A seal bearer can receive a gold seal on their diploma. In order to earn this honor, a student must be eligible and apply for membership four out of the last six semesters. One of the last four semesters must be from the senior year (the grades from the 9th grade do not count).

Contact Ms. Ayotte in the College and Career Office for applications and any questions.

Helpful Advice for Seniors Applying for Scholarships

https://cash4college.csac.ca.gov/Content/Documents/scholarships_page_for_C4C.PDF.pdf

Start the School Year Off Towards Success

10 Study Tips:

1. Ask for Help
2. Time Management
3. Peer Study Groups
4. Organization
5. Get Sleep
6. Eliminate Distractions
7. Maintain Your Health
8. Track Your Habits
9. Eliminate Procrastination
10. Work On Soft Skills

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

October 14: COLLEGE CAFE TOPIC Financial Aid in the Library 8:45 a.m.

October 18: Senior Cuesta Promise Day Field-trip 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

October 28: [College Night at Cuesta](#) - over 50 colleges represented

October 29: Seniors apply for Cuesta in English classes (bring your social security number)

November 4: COLLEGE CAFE TOPIC College Application Workshop in the Library 8:45 a.m.

November 5: [Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship](#) deadline for seniors

November 14: Cash for College Night at Cuesta College - 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Get help completing the FAFSA

UC Santa Cruz College Trip

December 3: The Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County Scholarships website opens at <https://www.cfsloco.org/>

December 20: End of First Semester

January 10: Local Scholarship application opens for 2020 graduates on the MBHS website