

# Winter 2018-19 Newsletter

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## Happy Holidays from the Counseling Office!

As we begin Winter, we can give thanks and say goodbye to 2018. We also **complete semester 1, on December 21st**. This is a great time to focus on finishing strong academically. Planning out the next six weeks, which includes study time, will help you earn your best grades and curb stress, during the holiday season, so you can enjoy time with family and friends.

**Semester 2 schedules** will be **available** through PowerSchool on **December 17th**. Schedules will also be available in the counseling office, and library, if you are unable to access at home. Once you receive your semester 2 schedules, the counselors are available to discuss concerns and make changes, when appropriate.

Semester 2 courses are assigned based on student's initial requests, teacher recommendations, college & career goals, and class availability. Contact the counseling office to sign up to see your counselor, if needed.

### COUNSELOR APPOINTMENT DATES:

**Tues. Dec. 18 through Thurs. Dec. 20 from 12:30 - 3:30** (*minimum days due to finals*)

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## Welcome 2019~Semester 2 begins!

- Monitor progress between home and school through PowerSchool and Google Classroom etc.
- Get help at the first sign of challenge or struggle through your teachers, counselors, and tutors
- Earn C's or better in your courses to stay a-g eligible for college applications
- Sleep, eat and exercise well to build resistance to germs and stress
- Make time for family, friends and down time to unwind, between obligations

## Registration for Fall 2020 Begins in February 2019:

### Classroom visits for each grade level:

**11th** grade English classes—week of February 19th

**10th** grade English classes—week of February 25th

**9th** grade English classes-----week of March 4th

**Incoming 9th grade Orientation Nights**----April 10th and 11th

## MBHS Counselor visits to Los Osos and Cayucos middle schools begin in April

We look forward to visiting the middle schools. In our presentations, we cover grade level information on high school graduation, college planning, and career development. We expand the conversation to include college a-g subject requirements, career exploration, and scholarships & community service opportunities. This will guide you in choosing your courses, for next year, that best support your future goals.

## Am I Taking the Right Classes to Attend College?



[High school courses](#) that should be taken to be eligible for college beyond high school.



## How to Find a College that Fits You

Our current seniors have submitted their college applications for both CSU, UC and some private universities and their journey post graduation is right around the corner. For those who are non-seniors, it is time to start planning your future educational goals. Researching a college should be fun and exciting. Here is a link that can help you find the college of your future.

[Click here](#)

## A Message to Seniors Who Applied to Colleges for Fall 2019:

- **UC Applicants:** Reminders regarding test scores and transcripts once you have submitted your college application. [Click here](#)
- **CSU Applicants:** Test scores and Transcript deadlines [click here](#)
- **Private School Applicants:** Your counselor submits your secondary report and mid-year report with transcript attached. Please check with your individual college regarding deadlines. [click here](#)

Remember to check your college email for further instructions regarding your application process.

If you need an Official Transcript please see Mrs. Paris, the Registrar in the main office.

## Enrichment Students and Cuesta College Transcripts:

**Seniors,** remember to request a Cuesta College transcript once you have completed your classes this past fall. In order for you to be on track for graduation this coming June 2019 it is your responsibility to have a transcript sent to MBHS to receive credit.

- Go to your [MyCuesta](#) account and then to your student tab to start the process.

## Cuesta College Bound:

There are a number of requirements to receive priority registration and the Cuesta Promise (free tuition for the first year). For deadlines and information on the process [click here](#)



## Scholarships:

Starting December 3, The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County scholarship website [csfsloco](http://csfsloco) opens and the majority of their scholarship are due in February.

## 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. 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.](#)

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- **INeedAPencil.com** [link](#), a free comprehensive online SAT/ACT prep program provides dozens of lessons, hundreds of practice questions, and practice ex

## Upcoming Events

**December 13:** Students will receive a blue slip to attend a meeting and receive their PSAT scores

**December 17:** Second Semester Schedule will be available

**December 18 and Ending December 20:** Finals for all students

**January 8:** Second Semester begins

**January 10:** Local MBHS Scholarship application will be available on our website for 2019 graduates

**January 28:** Scholarship Workshop in the MBHS Library from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

**January 31:** Cash for College Financial Aid Workshop for help completing the FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid will be held at Cuesta from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**February:** Registration for fall 2019 begins

**March 2:** Deadline for completion of FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Assistance for seniors graduating in 2019 at [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

**March 2:** Deadline for the Cuesta College Scholarship Application (includes the Cuesta Promise Scholarship) at: [https://cuesta.academicworks.com/users/sign\\_in](https://cuesta.academicworks.com/users/sign_in)

**March 8:** Local MBHS Scholarship applications are due