

PHS Senior Newsletter

Class of 2017



Upcoming Dates for 2016	
File FAFSA online	Oct 1-Mar 2
College Reps in College & Career Center	Oct-Nov
California State University Admission Applications	Oct 1 - Nov 30
November 5th SAT Test regular registration deadline	Oct 7
Financial Aid Night @ 6:30 in the PHS Theater	Oct 13
University Nevada Reno admissions rep in the CCC during lunch	Oct 17
Mini Out-of-State College Fair in the quad during 7th period & after school	Oct 25
University of California Application Submission	Nov 1-30
December 10th SAT Test regular registration deadline	Nov 4
ASVAB in the College & Career Center 1-4pm	Nov 7
Military Academies Night @ 6:30pm in the PHS Theater	Nov 16

IMPORTANT!!!! College Board/ SAT Registration—CSUMentor Code 3594

If you have registered for the SAT tests and are applying to any California State University, under the schools you want scores sent to, mark CSUMentor Code 3594 and your scores will be sent to **ALL 23 CSU campuses**. Best of all, you are only "charged" for ONE school and can still have three more scores sent to the UCs or private colleges.

California State University Fall Admission Applications

CSUMentor

- For ALL CSU Applications!

Admission applications for the California State Universities are available online at www.csumentor.edu beginning **October 1**. California State University applications should be filed between **October 1 and November 30**. The application fee is \$55.

Several recommendations for Fall 2017 applicants:

First, apply early—campuses will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday and will not be available for questions.

Second, have backup plans and apply broadly to several campuses, especially if they are impacted.

Third, test early and send scores by the school deadline.

Fourth, meet deadlines—for applying, testing, housing and accepting the offer of admission.

Finally, check your email frequently (make sure to use an appropriate email address) to guarantee you meet the deadlines!

CSU Conference Highlights:

- Check your school "Portal" frequently for emails and updates to your college application.
- Campuses are admitting students from their **Local Admissions Area** schools first, then remaining students will be admitted based upon their eligibility index (GPA and SAT/ACT scores). Be competitive and don't let your grades slip! **PHS is in Sac State's Local Admissions Area.**
- **Impaction:** 15 of the 23 campuses are impacted. Those schools currently not impacted are: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Maritime Academy and Stanislaus. Meet deadlines or be bumped from eligibility.
- If you are applying to San Francisco State, their **online housing application opens November 1**. First come, first served. Also, double check housing for any other campuses you apply to! Some require fees paid NOW.

University of California Admissions

1. Application is online NOW. You cannot submit until November 1. Last day to submit is November 30. To access the application log online at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/> and begin working on it today. The application fee is \$70 per campus.
2. Apply broadly.
3. December 2016 is the last date to take admissions tests for Fall 2017. Send all scores ASAP.
4. If applying to multiple campuses, send official College Board SAT scores to one campus and

scores will be shared between ALL campuses.

5. An admissions counselor from UC Santa Cruz will be in the CCC during 4th period on November 4th to speak with students and answer questions.
6. There are eight Personal Insight Question prompts built in the UC application. You must choose four prompts to answer. There is a word limit of 350 words per Personal Insight question.
7. Take time to complete the Scholarship section completely. Open and review each category of

scholarships. Select scholarships that match your interests or characteristics.

AVOID MISTAKES!

Let me review your application before you submit it! Come to the College & Career Center and I will be happy to check them for you!

FINANCIAL AID

CalGrant GPA Verification will be automatically submitted for all PHS 12th graders unless you notify our registrar, Mrs. Burghardt, in writing by October 30th that you would like to opt out of being automatically considered for CalGrant awards. Both FAFSA and CalGrant are required to be considered for Federal and State financial aid.

ALL students should apply ON-LINE for Federal financial aid (FAFSA) October 1–March 2, 2017!

1. Apply for a FSA ID online at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>
2. **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid. REMEMBER FREE!!! Don't pay to have this done!! www.fafsa.ed.gov—online starting October 1.
3. FAFSA is based on the family income and computed from 2015 income tax returns.
4. Start the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by logging onto www.fafsa.ed.gov.
5. If FAFSA needs to be filed by mail, paper applications may be downloaded from various Federal Student Aid web sites, such as www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov. Students may use the computers in the College & Career Center to download the necessary forms.
6. All students should complete the FAFSA application regardless of family income. All students planning to attend college in CA (2-year colleges, 4-year Colleges/Universities, and Vocational schools) should not opt out of the automatic submission of their GPA.



Money for College



COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

A College Readiness Partnership Program Designed for High School Students

CONNECT WITH FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE 2016-2017
for Ponderosa High School Seniors and Parents

**Application Workshop (For Students)-
February 2nd**

Ponderosa High School Room N4 12:30-3:15pm

**FLC Registration Information Night
for Parents & Students—
February 6th**

Oak Ridge High School Theatre 6:30-8pm



If you are still researching colleges to go to, try the following websites:

Naviance:

<https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=ponderosahigh>

For California Colleges:

www.californiacolleges.edu

For a search of UC & CSU majors:

www.assist.org

For California Community Colleges:

www.cccco.edu

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

Career Exploration Program will be administered at PHS on **November 7 from 1-4 p.m.** Sign up in the College & Career Center now. This program is

designed to help students learn more about themselves and the world of work, identify and explore potentially satisfying occupations, and develop an effective strategy to realize their goals. For more info see Mrs. Escobar.

Financial Aid Night
in the Ponderosa Theater on
Thursday, October 13, 2016
from 6:30-8 p.m.

There will also be a Financial Aid Night Breakout Session at the Oct. 3rd College Fair



Scholarships:

The El Dorado County scholarship website is up and running. Now is the time to begin working on your User Profile on that site. Check it out at www.CALocalScholarships.org. Remember, most of these scholarships will require a 'scholarship packet' that will include some of the following:

- Application
- Essay
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcript

For non-local scholarships, come into the College & Career Center and check out the "Other" scholarship drawer or log online to the school website and click on "College & Career Center" for the "Scholarships for the week of . . ."

Advanced Education Info: Folsom Lake Spring Schedules will be online late October. If you are interested in taking Advanced Ed courses this spring, complete an online application now, then pick up an Advanced Ed. Packet in the PHS Counseling Office. Select appropriate class(es) and meet with your counselor to get approval.

Help is here!

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS & SCHOLASHIPS

I am available in the College & Career Center to help you with your applications and scholarships. You do not need to make an appointment, just drop in!

Don't hesitate to ask for help!