# PHS Senior Newsletter
## Class of 2016

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### 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.

### CSUMentor

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 2016 applicants:**

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

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

3. **Third**, test early—(some schools want SAT/ACT testing completed by November) and send scores by the school deadline.

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

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

### 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/](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/) and begin working on it today. The application fee is $70 per campus.

2. Apply broadly.

3. December 2015 is the last date to take admissions tests for fall 2016. Send all scores ASAP.

4. If applying to multiple campuses, send official College Board SAT scores to one campus and 23 campuses are impacted. Those schools currently not impacted are: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Humboldt, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay and Stanislaus. Meet deadlines or be bumped from eligibility.

5. **Impaction:** 15 of the 23 campuses are impacted. Those schools currently **not impacted** are: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Humboldt, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay and Stanislaus. Meet deadlines or be bumped from eligibility.

6. **If you are applying to San Francisco State, their online housing application opens October 1.** First come, first served. Also, double check housing for any other campuses you apply to! Some require fees paid NOW.

7. **Applications time out after 40 minutes of inactivity.**

8. Take time to complete the Scholarship section completely. Open and review each category of scholarships. Select scholarships that match your interests or characteristics.

9. **Avoid Mistakes!** Let me review your application before you submit it! Come to the College & Career Center and I will be happy.
**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) January 1—March 2, 2016!

1. **FREE Application for Federal Student Aid. REMEMBER FREE!!!** Don’t pay to have this done! www.fafsa.ed.gov—online starting January 1.
2. FAFSA is based on the family income for the current year and computed from income tax returns.
3. Start the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by logging onto www.fafsa.ed.gov. Follow the boxes numbered 1, 2 & 3.
4. 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.
5. 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 to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

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.caliiforniacolleges.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 9 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.

**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.

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