

## College Center Highlights

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Go to [www.collegecenter.org](http://www.collegecenter.org) for up to date college information! Get information on college entrance requirements, applying to college, scholarship opportunities, financial aid information, SAT & ACT information, and more.

### Upcoming College Center Events:

AP Exams: May 3-14, C-Hall (Oral Arts & Library). **AP Exam students!** If you have not completed your AP Exam Pre-Administration, please see Mrs. Koch or Mrs. Ignon in college center A10 as soon as possible.

Senior Awards Night: **Senior Awards Night: Wednesday, June 9th, at 5:30pm in the Main Gym.** Invitations to be mailed home in May 2010.

For more events, go to the CHS College Center Website, [www.chscollegecenter.org](http://www.chscollegecenter.org)

### Be a College Star!

Congratulations to all CHS Seniors who have been accepted to colleges or universities! Please turn in a copy of your acceptance letter(s) to the College Center so that we can put a Star with your name and college on the College Star Board in the A-Building.

Thousands of dollars are available in scholarship money! Go to the College Center website, [www.chscollegecenter.org](http://www.chscollegecenter.org) and click on *Financial Aid/Scholarships* to see a list of scholarships. Scholarships are available for all grade levels. Now is the time to begin to bank those bucks for college!

### AP Exams:

AP Exams begin May 3, 2010. Exam times are 7:45am for the morning session and 12:00pm for the afternoon session. Please be prompt and prepared for your test with *2 No. 2 pencils, erasers, 2 blue/black pens, and appropriate calculators* for math exams. It's also a good idea to bring a snack or meal with you as some will take 2 exams in one day, and the morning exam goes into our lunch time.

**All AP Exam participants will be required to attend a pre-administration session.** All AP Participants are responsible for attending one of these sessions. *Students who do not attend this pre-administration session will not be allowed to take any AP Exams. No refunds will be given to students who do not attend! Please Plan Ahead!!* If you have not completed your AP Exam Pre-Administration, please see Mrs. Koch or Mrs. Ignon in college center A10 as soon as possible.

**Juniors:** Now is the time to begin thinking about taking the SAT and ACT tests during the Spring 2010 semester. There are many preparation options, including the SAT Prep class here at Chatsworth, online test prep options, weekend & evening classes. The Los Angeles Public Library now has FREE SAT/ACT Online Prep courses available to students with a library card. See the CHS College Center Website, [www.chscollegecenter.org](http://www.chscollegecenter.org), for information.

Students are encouraged to take both the ACT and SAT tests as colleges accept both, and you will want to submit your best scores.

**When to take the SAT Subject Tests:** All UC Schools (and some private/out-of-state colleges) require 2 SAT Subject Tests. Students choosing Math, should take the **SAT Math Level 2 Subject Test** in June of the semester they complete Trig/Math Analysis. Students should take other SAT Subject Tests in June of the semester they complete the applied subject: U.S. History, World History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and the third level of a foreign language. Students are not required to take Honors or AP level courses in these subjects

to be encouraged to take the SAT Subject Tests. Students who are fluent in another language should take the SAT Subject Test in that language if it is offered.

### **College Tips for Juniors:**

- ***Plan a challenging senior schedule.*** Colleges like to see that you are continuing with academic classes – honors and AP classes if applicable – during your senior year.
- ***Keep your grades up!*** The Junior year is very important for college admissions as many colleges and universities use the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades when calculating your Grade Point Average (GPA).
- ***Obtain and review materials on colleges, careers, and majors.*** Create an account on [www.myroad.com](http://www.myroad.com) and use the school code: **050528**. Go to the CHS College Center website, [www.chscollegecenter.org](http://www.chscollegecenter.org), for more tips.
- ***Create a user account on [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).*** This is a convenient way to keep track of the A-G requirements that you have already completed. Students who plan to attend a UC will still find this useful as well, as the A-G requirements are the same for both UC and CSU.
- ***Apply for scholarships.*** Ask about scholarships from your parent's employer. Create an account on [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com). Check the CHS College Center website weekly for current scholarship information.
- ***Register for the SAT Reasoning or ACT, and the SAT Subject Exams.*** Students eligible for a fee waiver, please come to the College Center.
- ***Participate in the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP):*** There are optional questions on the CST's (Language Arts & Math). All Juniors are encouraged to answer these questions as those who do well on them will be EXEMPT from the English Placement Test and/or the Entry Level Math Test given by all the CSU schools. For more information about the EAP program, go to [www.calstate.edu/eap](http://www.calstate.edu/eap).
- ***Meet with your PCC.*** Each Junior is assigned a PCC. The PCC's have been calling in students to discuss their plans for after high school as well as reviewing what has been completed so far (credits, classes, a-g requirements). If you would like to meet with your PCC again, or if you haven't been called in yet, please come to the College Center.
- ***Plan an exciting summer of college visits and programs!*** Now is the time to explore different college options. There are several summer programs held at colleges and universities nationwide. Some are 1 week, while others are for 6 weeks. Costs vary, and some are free! Visit the College Center or [www.chscollegecenter.org](http://www.chscollegecenter.org) for information about these programs. You can also visit [www.enrichmentalley.com](http://www.enrichmentalley.com) for more enrichment opportunities.

**Freshmen and Sophomores:** It is never too early to begin thinking about going to college! Be sure to begin your college and career search. A useful website is [www.myroad.com](http://www.myroad.com). Use the CHS school code of **050528** to create a new user account. "Myroad" is free for all CHS students, and there is a FREE Interest Inventory available on this site. Another valuable website is [www.myplan.com](http://www.myplan.com). This is also free for college and career searches; however, there is a fee for the interest inventories.

**Save the Date!** *LAUSD District 1 Presents the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual College Fair Extraordinaire!* Tentative date is Saturday, September 11, 2010, at Los Angeles Pierce College, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Meet college representatives from all over the country and attend informative workshops on financial aid, college applications, college essay writing, and more!

***It is not too early to apply for scholarships!*** There are many scholarships available for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. Go to the CHS College Center Website for a list of scholarships. Also, it is useful to create user accounts on websites such as [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com) as they are scholarship databases, and students will begin to receive scholarship information via e-mail daily.

***Go to the [www.chscollegecenter.org](http://www.chscollegecenter.org) website for more information on college planning and scholarship information.***