

College Center Highlights – October/November 2011

For the latest college information, please visit the CHS College Center Website at www.chscollegecenter.org! Look for Chatsworth H.S. College Center on Facebook and become a Fan!

Seniors! It's College Application Time! Got Questions? Visit the College Center. PCC's will be calling in all seniors to review the application process, assist with signing up for the SAT or ACT, and answer any questions you have. In Homeroom, you should have received instructions on how to apply to college and a senior year college checklist. If you did not get these handouts, please visit the College Center (A4).

CSU Applications: Seniors applying to any CSU school must apply online at www.csumentor.edu October 1st – November 30th.

UC Applications: Seniors applying to any UC school must apply online at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply November 1st - November 30th.

College Recommendation Letters: Many private and out of state schools require Secondary School Reports, which include recommendation letters. If you are in need of a recommendation letter from your counselor and/or teacher, please request at least two weeks prior to the application deadline. Many colleges have deadlines as early as December 1st. **Please Plan Ahead!!**

You may access, fill-out, and print a **Brag Sheet** on the CHS College Center website. Also, please have 2 teachers complete 2 **Student Information Sheets** on your behalf.

SAT & ACT: Seniors who still need to take the SAT and/or ACT need to take the tests **no later than December 2011**. UC's and CSU's will not accept any SAT/ACT tests taken any later than December 2011. *Students planning to apply to UC schools and some competitive private/out-of-state colleges may be required (or recommended) to take SAT Subject Exams. Seniors who need to take the SAT Reasoning and the SAT Subject Exams will require 2 separate testing dates, so please plan accordingly.*

***Note:** For those students who are planning on taking a *language with listening SAT subject test*, including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Spanish, plan to sign up beginning October 7 for the November 5 test date.

SAT Dates & Deadlines 2011: Go to www.collegeboard.com to apply online.

- October 1 Exam: Late Registration – September 21
- November 5 Exam: Regular Registration—October 7; Late—October 21
- December 3 Exam: Regular Registration—November 8; Late—November 20

ACT Dates & Deadlines 2011: Go to www.actstudent.org to apply online.

- October 22 Exam: Regular Registration—September 16; Late—September 30
- December 10 Exam: Regular Registration—November 4; Late—November 18

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

Important Note: The SAT and ACT form gives students the option to send their score directly to a university/college. Students may send scores to **CSU Mentor** using code **3594** on their SAT and/or ACT test allowing all CSU's to view their scores. In addition, student's applying to **UC** schools may send scores to one UC allowing the other 8 UC's access to students' scores.

PSAT: 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will have the opportunity to take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 12. It is important to take this test seriously, as it is great practice for taking the actual SAT. All 10th graders will take the exam in Homeroom that day; 9th and 11th must register at the Student Store during lunch by Friday, September 23. Cost is \$16/free for 11th grade students on free/reduced lunch.

Scholarships: The College Center continuously receives scholarship information. All students are welcome to come in to get information or visit the www.chatsworthhs.org website for updates. *All CHS students are encouraged to create an account on www.fastweb.com or www.scholarshipexperts.com to receive scholarship information daily.*

College Representative Visits: College representatives visit Chatsworth High School periodically. Since it is not always easy to visit campuses, this provides students the opportunity to acquire information and ask questions about different colleges and universities. Visits will be held in the Library or Oral Arts unless noted at a later time. For information, and to **sign up** to see any of these reps, please visit the College Center, A4. See an updated list of college reps coming to CHS on the CHS College Center Website.

Weekly College Reps:

- Pierce College—Tuesdays, 9am-1pm
- CSU Northridge (CSUN)—Fridays, 9am-2pm

Students and parents who would like to meet with the CSUN or Pierce College rep may sign up in the College Center, A4.

Colleges and Universities across the nation also visit the Los Angeles and other southern California areas and hold informational meetings. Visit the College Center or www.chscollegecenter.org for a list of colleges that will be in our area. This is a great way to meet reps from far away colleges without having to travel!

Visit www.CollegeWeekLive.com for virtual tours of colleges around the world.

Questions? Stop by the College Center (A4); or, you can reach Mrs. Koch at 818.678.6409 or tkoch@chatsworthhs.org. Students are welcome to visit the College Center for questions about college admissions, signing up for the SAT/ACT and PSAT (including Fee Waivers), and scholarship/financial aid information.