

11th/12th grade parent orientation

1). 4 year vs. 2 year college option:

*Students can visit this site for information on high school preparation steps for college. www.khanacademy.org/college-admissions/making-high-school-count/introduction.

*11th grade students that elect to take the multiple choice section of the English and Math EAP Assessment at time of Smarter balanced testing determines whether or not they qualify to be exempt or not for college placement ELM and EPT testing. *Students can become familiar with placement testing by going to these links. Mdtp.uc.sd.edu-Math readiness assessment. www.csuenglishsuccess.org-English readiness assessment.

2). -Application timelines/Websites

*CSU-www.csumontor.edu

*UC-www.universityofcalifornia.edu

*Common Application-“Holistic” application. www.commonapp.org. Considers the entire student when considering admission. Access through Naviance, <https://connection.naviance.com/mt.everest>. www.aiccumentor.org-offers - financial assistance for students planning on attending a private university

3).Transfer process

*TAG-Early review of academic records

*Associates degree for transfer-Complete an associate’s degree in certain agreed upon majors and continue in that major at a CSU.

*SDSU TAG

*University of California TAG-6 eligible UC’s.

*UCSD University links program-First year SD Mesa students, veteran, and active military. 3.5 GPA. Income limit

4). Naviance family connection-<https://connection.naviance.com/mteverest>.

*Offers info. On colleges, majors, surveys, assists with organizing tasks associated with college admissions process, and post-secondary options

5). College entrance exams:

*SAT-Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 23,

*Re-designed SAT-March 5, May 7, June 4

*SAT Subject test- Separate self from other applicant, Highlight strengths, fulfilling college requirements/placement. Not available on March 5

* Preparation. Take the PSAT then use results to prep for the SAT through www.collegeboard.org/quickstart. Khan academy will provide SAT prep held following the administration of the re-designed PSAT. College board/ACT websites. Collegeboard.org/satprep and collegeboard.org/subjecttest

*Collegeboard.org/mysat- Personalized SAT portal. Offers performance results on all tests taken section by section. SAS-Difficulty of each question and if answered correctly

*Skills insight-Outlines level of knowledge necessary to score better on all sections

*www.collegeboard.org/satpractice- Practice questions and tests

*www.deliveringopportunities/sat/re-design- Information regarding the new SAT.

*www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org-Kinds of questions that will be on the new SAT.

*ACT-www.actstudent.org. Sept. 12, Oct. 24, December 12, February 6, April 9, June 11

Reminders

-Questionnaire-**Complete this at registration. Allows students to send information about their academic background, activities, and plans to colleges and scholarship programs. (Make sure to update the questionnaire each time you register)**

-Student search service-**Say “YES” to the student search service at time of registration. This service allows Universities, scholarship programs and non-profit organizations access to student names in order to provide supplemental info. To assist students in successfully completing the goal of entering and completing college. Purely demographic info. Is requested including intended college and major. Score range and family income may also be requested by organizations providing scholarship monies.**

6). Visit colleges:

*What to consider-Does the University have my major, and is it impacted. Admission requirements. Distance from home. Size.

*When-Go visit colleges in your junior year or earlier

*Go to college fairs. (handouts)

7). Paying for college: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Begin early. Review website for resources. Look at Q&A section.

*FAFSA- Use a worksheet. Get everything down on paper before going on line. Go to www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/myfsa to help with keeping track of college application process.

*Cal Grant. GPA Verification necessary to get Cal-grant. Must attend California University. Set up account at www.calgrant4student.org

*Scholarships- sdfoundation.org/scholarships. Fastweb. Finaid. Scholarships.org

*Loans. Public Subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans. Private institution loans. www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/repayingpub-Explains repayment options for student loans.

*Cal-Soap-www.sandiegocalsoap.com- Offers Cash for College workshops. Assists with financial aid and college application process. Conducts college fairs

*icanafford college.com-Community college financial aid information