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BC COUNSELOR QUARTERLY

Winter Counseling Information

2018-2019 School-year registration timeline

Throughout the fall, Counselors met with 10th-11th grade students to select their courses for the 2018-2019 school year. Juniors met individually with their Counselor to discuss senior year courses. Sophomores met in small groups with their Counselor for registration through their English classes in October. Counselors will be visiting freshman Biology classes in the month of January to complete the electronic course registration with students. In the late spring there will be a system in place where students and parents can review the course choices and have the opportunity to make changes.

Deer Valley Online Learning Program Information

Students wishing to register for a DVOLP class should communicate with their Counselor during December and the first weeks of January. If the course is deemed an appropriate choice, the student is responsible for registering online at: dvusd.org/onlinelearning. The phone number for the DVOLP office is: 623-445-4926. Spring 2018 registration is open from December 11th-January 16th. Classes begin January 22nd. In-person finals will take place May 1st, 2nd or 3rd. **Tuition is $150 per 0.5 credit course.**
Information for Class of 2018
SENIORS

Financial Aid (FAFSA) - The FAFSA for the 2018-2019 school year opened on October 1st. Students and families can apply for financial aid online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA is a free application. If there are questions regarding the application, students and families are encouraged to contact the college(s) to which they are applying to receive assistance.

Basic Steps To Completing The FAFSA
1. Go to fafsa.gov
2. Log in using your FSA ID (student and parent need a FSA ID)
3. Choose which FAFSA you’d like to complete (2018-2019)
4. Enter your personal information*
5. Enter your financial information* (Use IRS data retrieval for fastest processing)
6. Choose up to 10 schools to send your FAFSA to
7. Sign the document with your FSA ID*

Bring in your college acceptance letters!
We are asking that seniors bring their college acceptance letters to Counseling so that we can celebrate their wonderful accomplishment!

Recommended Scholarship Sites:
- Deer Valley Unified scholarship search: http://www.dvusd.org/Page/14817
- Raise Me: www.raise.me
- Earn to Learn: www.earntolearn.org
- Scholar Snapp: www.scholarsnapp.org

Information for Class of 2019
JUNIORS

College Workshop Series
The Counselors will be offering a series of college workshops geared toward preparing students for the college admissions process. Workshops are available to all juniors. Additional information will be sent out via Remind 101 in March.

- March 1st—“The Perfect Fit”
- March 8th—“Applications 101”
- March 15th—“The College Essay”
- March 22nd—“Financial Aid and Scholarships”

ACT February—on February 27th all juniors will be given the opportunity to take the ACT on campus, free of charge. Please encourage your student to study by going to www.act.org.

West-Mec—11th grade students have the opportunity to apply for limited one-year programs. Students should apply online at: www.west-mec.org.

PSAT Score release: scores are now available to students electronically through Collegeboard. Score reports will be distributed to students before winter break in class.
**Information for Class of 2020**

**SOPHOMORES**

**West-Mec**

Current sophomores are eligible to apply for two-year West-Mec Programs and Deer Valley CTE Signature Programs. Priority applications are currently being accepted through the end of the fall semester. More information on the available programs can be found online at www.west-mec.org and www.dvusd.org/cte.

**Sophomore College Planning Workshop**

All sophomores are invited to attend College Planning Workshop Part 2 on March 20th at 2:20 in the Main Auditorium. Topics covered will be: junior year testing timeline and academic planning and how to make the most of your summer.

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**Information for Class of 2021**

**FRESHMEN**

Counselors will be visiting with 9th grade students through their Biology classes in the month of January to complete the electronic course registration for sophomore year. In addition to registration, the following topics will be covered: Graduation requirements and credit explanation, AP vs. General Education, credit recovery options, university entrance requirements, and AZCIS.

To best prepare for this meeting, students and parents should watch the Counseling Video that can be found at on the BCHS Counseling Website at: https://www.dvusd.org/Page/48668

**Freshmen College Workshop Part 1**

All 9th grade students are invited to attend the Freshmen College Workshop that will be offered January 31st at 2:20 in the Main Auditorium. We will be covering what students can do as early as 9th grade to begin preparing for college admissions.
Important Dates

January 19th—West-Mec Applications are due to Counseling.

January 31st—9th grade College Planning Workshop. 2:20pm in the Main Auditorium.

February 27th—ACT test date for all juniors on campus (late-start)

March 1st—Junior college workshop #1 before school

March 8th—Junior college workshop #2 before school

March 15th—Junior college workshop #3 before school

March 20th—Sophomore college workshop after school

March 22nd—Junior college workshop #4 before school

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SAT & ACT Information for JUNIORS AND SENIORS

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How to stay informed while your student is at Boulder Creek High School

Sign up for our newsletter:
Go to BCHS website, click on our school, then newsletter

Sign up for REMIND101!
Go to BCHS website, click on counseling, then remind101. Be sure you sign up for your students graduating year. You will receive updates on upcoming testing, college visits, registration and much more.

Log on to Power Schools:
Be sure you have your power school user name and password. If you still need it, please come into Counseling to pick it up. Once you have your account you can check your student’s grades, assignments, attendance and e-mail teachers.

Sign up to receive daily announcements:
Log on to power schools click on e-mail notifications and choose what you would like to receive for information and how often.

Canvas “BC Counselor Corner Course”