

Counseling & Career Center News ~ September 2010

- **Counseling & Career Center News** was created to help students and parents “stay in the loop” regarding Counseling and Career Center events and opportunities. Additional updates: www.orhscareercenter.com

Fall 2010

- **College Representatives Visit Oak Ridge**
 - Representatives from Westmont College, Point Loma Nazarene University, USC, Sac State, Gonzaga, St. Mary's College, Willamette University, Montana State, and Azusa Pacific will be visiting Oak Ridge this fall. (List subject to change). Students need to sign-up (in the Career Center) to attend these sessions.
- **2nd Annual Volunteer Fair** – Students will have an opportunity to meet with local community representatives to learn more about volunteer opportunities on **Thursday, Sept. 16th, during lunch in the quad.**
- **Grade specific Parent Meetings hosted by the ORHS Counselors in the Multi Purpose Room**
 - **Freshmen** – Sunday, October 3rd from 6:15 – 7:15 PM
 - **Sophomores** – Sunday, October 3rd from 7:30 – 8:30 PM
 - **Juniors** – Monday, October 4th from 6:15 – 7:15 PM
 - **Seniors** – Monday, October 4th from 7:30 – 8:30 PM
- **Grade specific Career Units** – Counselors will meet with students (September-November) in grade specific sessions to provide key information regarding academic priorities and student opportunities. Student handouts from these sessions will be posted on the Career Center website by mid-October.
- **College Fair (District-wide)** – The EDUHSD College Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 12th, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Union Mine High School. Over 70 college/vocational representatives will be participating. In addition to meeting with college admission representatives, students and parents will have an opportunity to attend break-out sessions in the theatre. (**Session 1: College 101** – an overview of the college admissions process and **Session 2: UC and CSU Panel Discussion** on admissions).
- **PSAT** – Wed., October 13th, 8:30 AM to 12 PM. (recommended for 10th and 11th graders). Students/parents may sign up at the finance window or online. The deadline for signing up is Friday, October 8th. (\$18.00 fee)

Senior Corner

Applying to Colleges

- **Meet with your counselor** This fall counselors will be meeting with seniors to help guide them through the college application process. We encourage students to make appointments in early fall.
- **College Application Workshops** In addition to holding one-on-one meetings with students, the counselors will be holding College Application Workshops in the school's computer lab to walk students through the online application process. Sign-up in the Career Center.
- **SAT & ACT Testing** Four year colleges typically require students to take SAT and/or ACT college entrance tests. It is important to review specific college requirements and to be aware of deadlines. Check www.collegeboard.com for details. Students need to request SAT/ACT scores be sent directly to colleges from the testing organizations.

Scholarships

The senior year is the students' “window of opportunity” for scholarship funding.

- Seniors may attend one of our Scholarship Workshops held in the Career Center during lunch.
- Check the www.orhscareercenter.com website for **Available Scholarships.**
- In mid-October students should complete a student profile on the www.edc-scholarships.org website in order to apply for local scholarships.
- Students should ask Mrs. Lasko and/or their counselor for scholarship assistance.

Financial Aid

- **Annual Financial Aid Night** – is scheduled on **Wed., December 8th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Ponderosa High School** – reserve the date now.
- **Private Colleges may require the CSS Profile (financial aid form)** – Go to www.collegeboard.com to review college-specific financial aid requirements.

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