

# Senior Quick Reference Guide / Class of 2009

## September/October/November/December

- Complete Testing (SATs & ACT)
- Write College Essay/Personal Statement for UCs and private colleges
- Attend College Application workshops
- UC & CSU Applications Due Nov. 30th
- Contact colleges RE: Housing & Financial Aid (before you are accepted)
- Attend Regional College Fair @ UMHS on Monday, October 6th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Develop Scholarship Tools: Resume, Letters of Recommendation, & Goal Statement
- CSS Profile Financial Aid Form - Private Schools (check if required and when due)
- Request a FAFSA Pin Number ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov))

## January/February

- Joint ORHS/PHS Financial Aid Night  
Wed., January 7th @ 7 PM @ Ponderosa HS
- File Financial Forms (Jan. 1st - Mar. 2nd)  
"It Takes 2" (FAFSA & GPA Verification)
- Private College Applications Due (ck w/ college)

## March/April

- GPA Verification form due (by Mar. 2nd)
- Take the ASVAB on March 3rd  
(Military Entrance/Career Test)
- Community College Assessment Testing (Mar. 2-5)
- College Information Day (Mar. 6th)
- Community College Orientation @ ORHS (TBA)

## May/June

- May 1st Letter of Intent to Register
- CA State University Placement Exams  
EPT (English Placement Exam)  
ELM (Entry Level Math)
- University of CA Writing Placement Exam (May)
- Scholarship Award Night (May 14th)
- Request a final transcript @ Senior Checkout
- Graduation: Friday, May 22nd

## College Athletics (NCAA Clearinghouse)

Students who will be playing Division I or Division II athletics will need to file with the NCAA Clearinghouse.

**Scholarships (Free Money)** Stop by the Career Center to pick up scholarship applications in the scholarship box. Applications are organized by due dates. Students attending 2 yr, 4 yr, and career colleges are eligible. Check for available scholarships :

[orhscareercenter.com](http://orhscareercenter.com) > Available Scholarships & [www.edc-scholarships.org](http://www.edc-scholarships.org)

## [orhscareercenter.com](http://orhscareercenter.com)

Career Center News and Updates  
Speakers, opportunities, scholarships

## [csumentor.edu](http://csumentor.edu)

California State University System (23 CSUs)  
Online application  
Financial Aid calculator

## [universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions)

University of California (9 UCs)  
Online application

## [bridges.com](http://bridges.com)

Choices Planner (College Exploration)  
Choices Explorer (Career Exploration)  
College search & post-secondary planning and Career Exploration (Self paced)  
Login: **1008573**  
Password: **ridge**

## [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)

Register for the SAT  
College profiles  
AP Testing information  
CSS Profile (financial aid)

## [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

Online FAFSA (financial aid form)  
Request a PIN number this fall

## [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

Best scholarship search site

## [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org)

NCAA Clearinghouse eligibility for Div. 1 & 2 Athletics

## Financial Aid

**Financial Aid Night** — Wednesday, January 7th at 7 PM in the Ponderosa High School cafeteria  
Lynn Fox, UOP Financial Aid Director

## "It Takes 2" Financial Aid Forms:

- 1) FAFSA
- 2) GPA Verification (for Cal Grants)

Institution Type	Deadline	Testing	Essay	Letters of Recommendation	Other Criteria Used in Admission Decisions
<b>University of California</b> <a href="http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions">www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions</a>	Nov. 30th Opens: (10/1) May Submit: (11/1–11/30)	SAT Reasoning or ACT & (2) SAT Subject Tests in separate disciplines	Yes	No	Honors & Awards Activities Community Service Employment
<b>California State University</b> <a href="http://csumentor.edu">csumentor.edu</a>	Nov. 30th Opens: (10/1) Submit: (10/1–11/30)	SAT Reasoning or ACT	No	No	No  *Cal Poly, SLO uses supplemental information
<b>Private Colleges &amp; Out of State</b>	Deadlines Vary	SAT Reasoning or ACT  Check for SAT Subject Test Requirements	Yes  Check	Yes, Usually  Check	Activities Community Service Honors & Awards Other
<b>Community Colleges</b>	Spring 2009	Community College Assessment Testing (English & math placement tests)	No	No	No
<b>Vocational Schools</b>	Spring 2009	Check with program	No	No	Varies

**SAT Reasoning : Critical Reading, Math, & Writing** (Total Possible = 2400)

**SAT Subject Tests : 2 Subject Tests**

(Total Possible per subject test = 800)

The University of California and other competitive colleges also require 2 SAT Subject Tests in different disciplines. The SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Tests must be taken on separate test days.

Registration forms are available in the Career Center or students may register online @ [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)

**Cost: SAT Reasoning \$45 /SAT Subject Tests Vary**

**SAT Test Dates**

October 4th @ Oak Ridge

November 1st @ Oak Ridge

December 6th @ Oak Ridge

**ACT Testing** (Total Possible = 36 / 12 total for writing)

**ACT:** (Reading, Math, English, Science) or

**ACT with Writing Option**

**ACT Test Dates**

September 13th

October 25th

December 13th

Forms in Career Center or register Online @ [act.org](http://act.org)

**Cost: \$31 Without Writing / \$46 Plus Writing**

**Which colleges need SAT with the Writing Option?**

<http://actrs19act.org/app3/writPrefRM>

**Regional College Fair @ Union Mine HS**

**Monday, October 6th**

**6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Approximately 75 representatives from: the University of California, California State Universities, private colleges, out-of-state colleges, US Military Academies, community colleges, college testing and post-secondary options. Parents Welcome!

**College Admission Breakout Sessions**

**College Representatives Visiting ORHS**

**(Sign-up to Attend)**

Westmont College - Sept. 16 @ break

Point Loma Nazarene - Sept. 17 @ lunch

University of Washington - Sept. 19 @ lunch

St. Mary's College - Sept. 24 @ break

University of the Pacific - Oct. 6 @ 8 AM

Azusa Pacific - Oct. 13 @ 9 PM

Gonzaga University - Oct. 13 @ 8:30 AM

Cogswell College - Oct. 16 @ lunch

University of San Francisco - Oct. 17 @ 10 AM

University of Oregon - Oct. 22 @ 9:45 AM

**Subject to change**

**- Sign-up to Attend -**

5 AM **College Application Workshops**