

COUNSELING CORNER

A monthly newsletter brought to you by your Beckman Counseling Team



May is the last full month of school so students and parents will be busy with many year-end activities. Please check your student's Aeries portal regularly to keep up to date on their grades and if you have questions, please contact your child's teacher to get additional information about their progress. Looking ahead, students in grades 9,10 and 11 have finals June 4 - 7, so please plan your summer trips to begin June 8 as we are unable to accommodate early finals.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

Summer school will take place at Tustin High School June 11 to June 26 (1st session) and June 27 to July 13 (2nd session) from 7:30 a.m. to 1:05 p.m., Monday - Friday. Students that were registered by April 20 are now enrolled in summer school. Students can view their summer school courses in their Aeries student or parent portal. If you have questions please contact the counseling office.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

The Counseling Department has partnered with OC Health Care Agency and Western Youth Center to provide our parents and students with workshops on various topics. During the month of April we hosted seven workshops on academic and mental health topics and had a great student turnout. There are a few workshops left, and we hope parents and students will be able to join us! For parents: "Stress and Anxiety: How to help our Youth" on May 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for this workshop in room 319. For students: "Time Management & Organization" on May 2, 2018, 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for this workshop in the library.

CAREER CENTER

To prepare for the college planning process, help yourself get organized by scheduling an appointment with Ms. Rosas this summer. Each appointment is 30 minutes and will be held in the career center at Beckman High School. Appointment sign-ups will be available in May through SignUpGenius. Here's a sample of topics that will be discussed:

1. Ensure access to Naviance – the tool you will use for college tracking and applications
 - a. Student and parent login information and emails
 - b. What is sent via Naviance your senior year
2. FERPA Release (allows us to share your school records with the colleges you are applying to)
 - a. What it is and why you need to do it
3. Update Naviance college application lists – this is important for application tracking and letters of recommendation
4. Link Naviance to Common Application as needed based on school interest
5. UC/CSU/Community College sites
6. Assist in the identification of a college major – this is critical for the application process
 - a. Resources will be provided to assist in this research process
7. Review deadlines for each school that you will be applying to in order to 'flag' early action deadlines for letters of recommendation and counselors
 - a. Restricted, Early Action, Early Decision, Rolling and Priority
8. Submit requests to individual teachers for letters of recommendation
9. Review SAT/ACT scores, possible test dates and resources for preparation, how to send scores
10. Financial Aid – FAFSA/Cal Grant – use the data in Aeries, scholarships

SENIORS - CLASS OF 2018

Acceptance letters and financial aid offers are arriving. Review your acceptances, compare financial aid packages, and visit your final choices. Don't slack in the classroom. The college you decide to attend will want to see your second semester transcript; finish strong! May 1 is the date when the college you plan to attend requires a commitment and deposit. When you've made your college decision, notify your counselor. Send in your deposit by the postmark date of May 1. If you've been offered financial aid, accept the offer and follow the instructions given. Also notify schools you will not attend of your decision. Request that your final transcript be sent to the college you will be attending. If you are wait-listed by a college you really want to attend, visit, call, and write the admission office to make your interest clear. Ask how you can strengthen your application.

Senior Finals	May 30-31	Regular Bell Schedule
Night of the Stars (by invitation)	May 24	6:00 p.m. Gym
Senior Scholarship Event (by invitation)	May 31	5:30 p.m. PAC
Senior Reflections	May 31	7:30 p.m. Gym

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ROP INFO

Regional Occupational Program offers more than 75 classes in five school districts; find out how you can earn elective credit while getting "hands-on" experience in a career pathway. Internship classes are also available; discover what it is like to work in the medical field, hotel and tourism, animal healthcare, the automotive industry, EMT, Fire Technology and many other careers. Registration for summer classes will be in May. See Ms. Rosas in the Career Center to sign up.

JUNIORS - CLASS OF 2019

- ★ **College Testing** - Decide if you will take the SAT or ACT and what test and type of preparation is right for you. [CLICK HERE](#) for free resources to prepare for the SAT. [CLICK HERE](#) for free resources to prepare for the ACT. Check to see if the colleges you are interested in recommend/require SAT Subject Tests. Then [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for SAT and SAT Subject Tests. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for the ACT. Check the 11th Grade Counseling HAIKU page for information and links and [CLICK HERE](#) for the Junior Year Checklist.
- ★ **College Case Studies** - On May 16, a member of the BHS Counseling team will present in US History and US History AP classrooms and lead students in a mock admissions event known as Case Studies. Students will receive three sample college admissions and BHS Counselors will review the applications with them. Then in their US History class on May 18, students will meet with an experienced admissions officer/officers who will lead a discussion on what colleges look for in an applicant, as well as what every college values. Students learn first hand how they will be evaluated, which helps them begin thinking of the qualities and strengths they bring to the process and what they will need to do to prepare for the application process. They will also learn about the importance of doing their college research and the importance of finding the right college that fits them. Then at lunch there will be a College Fair where students will be able to meet with the College Admissions Representatives.
- ★ **College Research** - Continue to research colleges and universities. Go to College Fairs and Open Houses. Learn as much as you can about the colleges by visiting their websites. Plan college visits. Include a large, medium size and small campus. Continue to update your College I Am Thinking About List in Naviance and check the Compare Me Feature to see how competitive your GPA and SAT and/or ACT scores are. Check your CSU and UC GPA in Aeries and check the UC Admission Profiles [HERE](#). Take a look at some college applications. Make note of all of the pieces of information you will need to compile. Make a list of teachers, counselors, employers and other adults that could write letters of recommendation for you. Consider lining up a job, summer internship or volunteer work this summer. Check the 11th Grade Counseling HAIKU page for information and links regarding the information above. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the 11th Grade Counseling HAIKU Page.

SOPHOMORES - CLASS OF 2020

Consider visiting campuses this summer and into the fall. College visits for sophomores are a great way to expose them to the different types of schools (urban, rural, large research universities, small liberal arts, etc.) so be sure to visit each type. There is no such thing as a wasted visit. Hearing what your student doesn't like is just as helpful. Take notes when you see something that sparks their interest and listen to the questions they ask to gauge what's important to them. Debrief afterwards to get their first impressions. [HERE](#) is a great resource to get you and your student started on your visits.

FRESHMEN - CLASS OF 2021

Prepare and study for final exam week June 4 - 7. Look into internships, summer programs and community service to strengthen your academic resume. Check Aeries to see if you have any classes you need to enroll in for summer school. Create a list of colleges to visit over the summer.

REMINDERS

- ★ May 7 - 18, 2018 [ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS](#)
- ★ May 18, 2018 Deadline to Challenge into courses for 2018-2019
- ★ May 28, 2018 Memorial Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- ★ May 30 - 31, 2018 [FINAL EXAMS](#) - Seniors
- ★ June 4 - 7, 2018 [FINAL EXAMS](#) - Grades 9, 10 & 11

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