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# SENIOR NEWSLETTER

WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



**Graduation Date:**  
Wed. — June 3rd

**\*\*School Code\*\***  
053361

| <u>COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS</u> | <u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u> | <u>TEST DATE</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| SAT & Subject Tests            | December 26, 2008            | Jan. 24, 2009    |
| SAT only                       | February 10, 2009            | Mar. 14, 2009    |
| SAT & Subject Tests            | March 31, 2009               | May 2, 2009      |
| SAT & Subject Tests            | May 5, 2009                  | June 6, 2009     |

REGISTER ONLINE @ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### FINANCIAL AID

**December 18th ~**  
End of Semester.

**March 25th ~** Senior Meeting, Senior Picture, Rings; Jostens, COC Counselor

**May 28th ~** All work completed.

| <u>Financial Aid Provider</u> | <u>Website</u>   | <u>Telephone</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Educaid                       | <a href="http://www.educaid.com">www.educaid.com</a>           | 877-318-2368     |
| Edfund                        | <a href="http://www.edfund.org">www.edfund.org</a>             | 877-233-3863     |
| COC Financial Aid             | <a href="http://www.canyons.edu/">www.canyons.edu/</a>         | 661-362-3242     |
| Finaid                        | <a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a>             |                  |
| Cal Grant                     | <a href="http://www.calgrant.org">www.calgrant.org</a>         | 888-224-7268     |
| CSS/Financial Aid             | <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> | 800-239-5888     |
| FAFSA                         | <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>         | 800-433-3243     |
| U.S. Dept. of Ed. PIN         | <a href="http://www.pin.ed.gov">www.pin.ed.gov</a>             |                  |

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

| <u>Scholarship Provider</u>        | <u>Type of Scholarship</u> | <u>Website</u>   |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| R. McDonald House Charities        | Overall                    | <a href="http://www.rmhc.org/scholarships">www.rmhc.org/scholarships</a>               |
| Toyota Community Scholars          | Academic/Leader            | <a href="http://www.toyota.com/communityscholars">www.toyota.com/communityscholars</a> |
| AXA Achievement Scholarship        | Achievement                | <a href="http://www.axa-achievement.com">www.axa-achievement.com</a>                   |
| Johnson & Wales Fosters University | Leadership                 | <a href="http://www.jwu.edu/admiss/scholarships">www.jwu.edu/admiss/scholarships</a>   |
| Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.              | Community                  | <a href="http://www.walmartfoundation.org">www.walmartfoundation.org</a>               |
| DeVry University                   | Presidential               | <a href="http://www.devry.edu/scholarships">www.devry.edu/scholarships</a>             |
| DeVry University                   | Variety                    | <a href="http://www.devry.edu/scholarships">www.devry.edu/scholarships</a>             |
| Free Scholarship Search            |                            | <a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>                                   |

## **Concurrent Enrollment Policy**

Seniors who are taking independent study courses and/or concurrent enrollment classes (COC, BYU) to meet graduation requirements must have the course completed by **Feb. 7, 2009**. If the course has not been completed, the student will be enrolled in the course at LPHS for the spring semester. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you have completed a course outside of LPHS (i.e., COC, BYU) in order for you to get the credits, **you must request an official transcript to be sent to our registrar.**

### **COLLEGE WEBSITES**

College of the Canyons: [www.canyons.edu](http://www.canyons.edu)

UC President's Office: Admissions [www.ucop.edu/pathways](http://www.ucop.edu/pathways)—includes links to Pathways, the UC on-line undergraduate admissions and to campus catalog sites

California State University's CSU Mentor <http://www.csumentor.edu>

Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities: [www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu)

College Profiles—Custom College Search: <http://www.collegeprofiles.com>

California Colleges.EDU: <http://www.californiacolleges.edu/>

### **SENIOR PRE-COLLEGE TIMELINE**

#### **January:**

- **Submit Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on or after January 1st.**
- **Request that your high school official transcripts be sent to the colleges to which you are applying.**
- **Make sure your parents have completed their income tax forms in anticipation of the financial aid application. If they have not, estimated figures are acceptable.**
- **Contact the admissions office of the college(s) to which you have applied to make sure that your information has been received, and that they have everything they need from you.**

#### **February**

- **If you completed the FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within 4 weeks if you applied via paper, or within 3-5 days if you applied online. If corrections are needed, correct and return it to the FAFSA processor promptly.**
- **Complete your scholarship applications.**

#### **March/April**

- **If you have not received an acceptance letter from the college(s) to which you applied, contact the admissions office.**
- **Compare your acceptance letters, financial aid and scholarship offers.**
- **When you choose a college that has accepted you, you may be required to pay a nonrefundable deposit for freshman tuition (to ensure your place).**

#### **May**

- **You should make a decision by May 1st as to which college you will be attending and notify the school by mailing your commitment deposit check.**
- **If you were placed on a waiting list for a particular college, and have decided to wait for an opening, contact that college and let them know you are still interested.**

#### **June**

- **Have your school send your final transcripts to the college which you will be attending.**

# Find your Dream College!

## Top Ten Admission Tips

1. **Meet with your counselor!** Counselors have important information about colleges, admissions and financial aid. Many colleges also require a counselor recommendation.
2. **Take a strong course schedule.** Your class record is a big part of your college application. Don't take courses that simply pad your GPA. Challenge yourself. Take AP, IB, or honors courses, or a course at a community college.
3. **Ace the entrance exams.** Practice the test by taking sample versions beforehand. Get plenty of sleep and eat a well-balanced breakfast before your test. Be sure to read the directions and test questions carefully. Pace yourself so you have time to review your work.
4. **Find the school that's right for you.** Ask your guidance counselor for advice. Complete a FastWeb College Search ([www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)). Learn more about schools via their websites, campus visits and college fairs.
5. **Fill out the application accurately and neatly.** Approach each application as if it were the only one that you're filling out. Read the directions and follow them precisely. Make a draft copy first, then revise and proofread.
6. **Craft excellent application essays.** Start by brainstorming for an original topic and hone your unique point of view. When writing, be clear, concise and well-organized. Don't forget to check grammar and spelling.
7. **Submit applications early and watch for deadlines.** List deadlines and important dates in one place and refer to them often.
8. **Get great letters of recommendation.** Choose adults who know you well such as teachers, employers, coaches, and clergy. In advance, provide required forms, a stamped addressed envelope, a list of your activities and accomplishments, and the date your recommendations need to be mailed.
9. **Follow up on your applications.** If a college hasn't sent you something that they should have, contact the college. With thousands of applications being processed, mistakes do occasionally happen.
10. **Dazzle them at your college interview.** Stay calm. Prepare by practicing with friends and bring a few questions to ask. Dress for the occasion. Follow up with a thank-you note.

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# Need Money For College?

## Top Ten Scholarship Tips

- 1. Apply only if you're eligible!** Read all of the scholarship requirements and directions carefully to make sure you're eligible before you send in your application. Your application can't win if you're not eligible for the scholarship.
- 2. Complete the application in full.** If a question doesn't apply, note that on the application. Don't just leave it blank.
- 3. Follow directions.** Provide everything that is required, but don't supply things that aren't requested—you could be disqualified.
- 4. Neatness counts.** Make several photocopies of all the forms you receive. Use the copies as working drafts to develop your application packet. Always type your application. If you must print, do so neatly and legibly.
- 5. Make sure your essay makes an impression.** The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive: who, what, where and when.
- 6. Watch out for deadlines.** To help keep yourself on track, impose a deadline on yourself that is at least two weeks before the stated deadline. Use this time to proofread your application before you send it out.
- 7. Make copies before sending.** Before sending your application, make a copy of the entire packet and keep it on file in case your application goes astray. Make sure your name (and social security number, if applicable) appears on each page of your application to ensure that nothing is lost.
- 8. Give it a final "once-over."** Proofread the entire application carefully. Be on the lookout for misspelled words or grammatical errors. Ask a friend, teacher or parent to proofread it as well.
- 9. Ask for help if you need it.** If you have problems with the application, call the funding organization and ask questions.
- 10. Remember—your scholarship application represents you!** Your ability to submit a neat, timely, complete application reflects on you. It's your face to this organization. Take pride in yourself by submitting your best application.