

COUNSELING CORNER

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IMPORTANT DATES:

First Semester Withdraw Deadline/Quarter Grades

- The deadline to withdraw from a course is Thursday, November 30th and a “W” (withdraw) will be recorded for the dropped course on the student’s transcript.
- No courses may be dropped after Friday, December 1st, per the SDUHSD Add/Drop Guidelines.
- 1st Quarter ends Wednesday, November 1st and Quarter Progress Report Grades will be posted by Thursday, November 9th, 2017.

Grades:

The [grade reporting calendar](#) is posted on the counseling website for your convenience. Wednesday, November 1st was the end of the first quarter. Make sure to log in to Aeries and check your student’s quarter grades. Grades for all classes will be reported under the “grades” tab. These grades do not get posted on the transcript.

Tutoring:

- Free tutoring is available after school for all students. The [tutoring schedule](#) is posted on the counseling website for your convenience. Students can also take advantage of TPHS [Peer Tutoring](#) in the Learning Commons Monday-Thursday from 2:40-4:00pm. Please encourage your student/s to take advantage of these valuable supports.

SENIORS:

Letter of Recommendation Season is here!

Our senior college application season is in full swing! Counselors are writing letters of recommendation for private and out of state colleges. Below are a few reminders to help your senior best prepare and plan to apply to colleges:

- UC/CSU applications are found online at [UC Application](#) and [CSU Application](#). *UC/CSU campuses do ***not*** accept letters of recommendation.* All UC/CSU applications for Fall 2018 admission are due Wednesday, November 30th.
- All seniors applying to college should be registered on NAVIANCE. Please go to [TPHS Counseling](#) and click on the [NAVIANCE](#) link. Students need to use their student ID number to register.
- The deadline to request a letter of recommendation from a counselor has passed. If you have already requested a letter of recommendation, please remember to update the colleges you want to apply to on [Naviance](#) and let your counselor know if you add any new colleges.

- When counselors send a letter of recommendation to a college or University, they will also send an official transcript, school profile, and secondary school report (if applicable).

Attention Senior Parents!

Financial Aid Night was held on October 5th and was very well attended by our TPHS families. Thank you!

The PowerPoint presentations are available on our [counseling website](#) for you to view.

College Visits

College visits are winding down. It's been great having such amazing colleges coming to TPHS to visit with our incredible students!

Juniors and seniors can still view the list of college visits on NAVIANCE and sign up to attend. Students must register on Naviance and print out the confirmation to show to their teacher to be dismissed from class. It is at the teacher's discretion as to whether or not a student is able to miss class to attend. All college visits are held in the college and career center or in the Lecture Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

The seventh annual **SDUHSD College Night and Fair** is on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 from 6:00pm-8:30pm at the Del Mar Fairgrounds! Don't miss this important evening where you are given the opportunity to meet with over 200 college representatives and attend college-led information sessions on relevant college-planning topics. Stay tuned for more information.

JUNIORS

We are looking forward to presenting to you in your US History classes in the lecture hall in January. We will be going over transcripts, graduation requirements, UC/CSU entrance requirements, college admission testing, the college application process and much more will be covered during these sessions. The Junior Audit presentation will also be posted on our [counseling website](#) in January.

Junior Parents:

Please continue to encourage your students to be involved in school and in extracurricular activities that they enjoy. Attendance in class is crucial to academic success. We highly recommend that 11th and 12th grade students use the NAVIANCE internet program to investigate careers, colleges and options for life after high school. To use the program from home, visit our counseling webpage and click on the NAVIANCE link. [College Board Big Future](#) and [CaliforniaColleges.edu](#) also have excellent career exploration tools and resources.

SOPHOMORES

Counselors will be meeting with all 10th grade World History classes in December to go over graduation requirements, college eligibility and career exploration. [College Board Big Future](#) and [CaliforniaColleges.edu](#) have excellent career exploration tools and resources.

Sophomore Parents:

Please continue to encourage your students to be involved in school and in extracurricular activities that they enjoy. Attendance in class is crucial to academic success.

FRESHMAN

Counselors enjoyed presenting to Freshman English classes on Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3rd. We discussed what to expect during high school, graduation requirements, resume building, college and career exploration, staying connected, and most of all, enjoying the next four years!

Freshman parents:

We hope our 9th graders are settling into classes and adjusting to high school. Our advice to freshmen is to work hard, always complete assignments and get involved with TP activities. Do you know that students must earn C's or better in all semesters of college preparatory classes in order to apply to four-year colleges? Ninth grade *really* counts and we encourage students to get a strong start in order to build a solid foundation for the rest of high school. [College Board Big Future](#) and [CaliforniaColleges.edu](#) have excellent career exploration tools and resources.

NAVIANCE UPDATE

SDUHSD is committed to providing all students with access to career and college planning resources. In order to connect students with diverse, free and up-to-date college & career resources, which are still accessible to students after graduation, SDUHSD schools will no longer subscribe to the Naviance program. During this transition, 9th and 10th grade students will no longer have access to Naviance, and 11th grade and 12th grade will continue to use Naviance this year only. This transition will also retain valuable resources for all students and allow students more flexibility and the ability to look beyond our district schools to include state and national averages and international colleges in their planning. If you would like to begin to any research [CaliforniaColleges.edu](#) have excellent career exploration tools and resources. More information and tools will be shared with each grade level this school year.

Get connected!

- Connect with a PAL (more information under the PALS tab on tp.sduhsd.net)
- Join a [club](#)! Clubs are listed on our ASB website [clubs](#)