

## ***Counseling Corner October 2017:***

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### **First Semester Withdraw Deadline/Quarter Grades**

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

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- Freshman Audits: November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- CSU/UC Application Workshops: Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 7:45 am (Late Start)
- Winter athletic clearance packets are due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please turn them in to the Athletic Office as soon as possible. If you have not been cleared by November 1<sup>st</sup>, you will not be able to participate in any workouts or tryouts until you have been cleared.

### **Seniors-Important College Info**

- If you have a college application due by **Dec. 2 or later**, and need a letter of recommendation or transcripts sent, turn in FERPA Agreements and Complete Brag Packets by **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**. The deadline to request letters for early deadlines has passed (9/27).
- Make sure to request teachers in “Teacher Recommendations” under the “Colleges I’m Applying to” section.
- You can reference the Senior Audit Presentation in the “Grade Level Information” under “12<sup>th</sup> Grade” on the counseling website.
- Congratulations to the 21 seniors who qualified as National Merit Semi-Finalists this year! These top PSAT scorers represent less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors nationwide. From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 will advance to the Finalist level. Go Falcons!

### **Juniors**

- We have a number of colleges coming to TPHS to visit with our incredible students!
- Juniors and seniors can 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 teachers discretion as to whether or not a student is able to miss class to attend.

### **Sophomores**

- Counselors will be meeting with all 10<sup>th</sup> grade English classes in December to go over graduation requirements, college eligibility and career exploration.

### **Freshmen-Getting Connected**

- Counselors will be presenting to Freshmen English classes on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will discuss what to expect during high school, graduation requirements, staying connected, and most of all, enjoying the next four years!
- Connect with a PAL (more information under the PALS tab on [tp.sduhsd.net](http://tp.sduhsd.net))
- [Peer Tutoring](#) is available in the Media Center Monday-Thursday from 2:40-4:00 pm

### **Freshman Parents**

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

### **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, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will no longer have access to Naviance, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> 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, please use the [following links to access sites and resources](#) for career and college planning. More information and tools will be shared with each grade level this school year.

### **Tutoring Schedule**

Free tutoring is available after school for all students. The [tutoring schedule](#) is posted on the TPHS website for your convenience. Please encourage your student/s to attend.

### **AERIES Access**

If you do not have access to your AERIES account, please see the Counseling secretary Ms. Daher and she can give you your access code. Students can use Aeries to keep track of class assignments, homework, test scores, and overall academic performance

throughout the year. Your parents can also access AERIES and Ms. Daher can provide you with the parent access code as well.

**San Dieguito Union High School District College Night & Fair**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual district-wide college night and fair will be held on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds! Mark your calendars and do not miss this great event!