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December 2020

9th Grade 2nd Semester - What to Expect

- January 15th End of Term 2
- **End of February** All 9th graders will have started their Career Exploration with Mr. Barr & Mrs. Castelo. Students should also know their initial Career Personality as well.
- March 20th-28th Spring Break
- March & April Start planning your summer (Community Service, Job, College Exploration, etc.)
- May 3rd-14th AP Testing Weeks
- June 3 End of Term 4 and Summer Vacation!

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10th Grade 2nd Semester - What to Expect

- January 15th End of Term 2
- March 20th-28th Spring Break
- March & April Start planning your summer (Community Service, Job, College Exploration, etc.)
- May 3rd-14th AP Testing Weeks
- June Consider taking an SAT Subject Test if you have done well in Math or AP World History
- June 3 End of Term 4 and Summer Vacation!

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11th Grade 2nd Semester - What to Expect

- January 15th End of Term 2
- **January to June** Decide which, and prepare, to take SAT and/or ACT (if tests will be allowed to happen). Typically Juniors take their first test between February and April.
- March 20th-28th Spring Break
- March & April Start planning your summer (Community Service, Job, College Exploration, etc.)
- March to August Research and decide which 4-year colleges you want to apply
- May Ask your teachers for letters of recommendation before summer.
- May 3rd-14th AP Testing Weeks
- **June** Consider taking an SAT Subject Test if you have done well in Math or AP US History or any of your sciences.
- June 3 End of Term 4 and Summer Vacation!
- June & July Begin writing your college essays

12th Grade 2nd Semester - What to Expect

- **December to February** Finish any remaining 4-year applications
- **Before March 2** Complete FAFSA or Dream Act
- January 15th End of Term 2
- End of January Start Santa Barbara City College Process
- March 20th-28th Spring Break
- March 1st 30th Most 4-year college decisions arrive
- By May 1 Decide if, and which, 4-year college you will attend. Pay deposit.
- May 3rd-14th AP Testing Weeks
- **By end of May** Finish SBCC Process, including selection of your Fall semester classes
- June 3rd End of Term 4 and Graduation!

Local Scholarships - SENIORS! Consider applying!

Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara - APPLY HERE

- Regular deadline is January 15th (New Priority deadline of December 15)
- you need teacher or counselor recommendations for this!
- If you plan on going to SBCC after graduation, you are not eligible for this

SBHS Alumni Association Scholarship - APPLY HERE

- Due January 26th
- 2.5 unweighted GPA required to apply
- You are still eligible for this scholarship if planning on going to SBCC after graduation.

Santa Barbara P.E.O Memorial Scholarship - APPLY HERE

- Due February 9th
- only Girls may apply!

SoCal Edison - APPLY HERE

- December 14, 2020
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Plan to pursue studies in eligible STEM fields at a four-year accredited college or university
- Show financial need

Other Scholarships - Check website for applications

- Hispanic Scholarship Fund, multiple deadlines
- Caring.com Scholarships for Student caregivers Due December 31
- DAR Educational Programs, Due January 31
- Scottish Rite, Due March 1
- Sons of Italy Western Foundation Due March 1
- Italian Catholic Federation Due March 15
- Cox Scholars Due early February





Financial Aid Planning for 9th-11th

Step 1: Begin with a basic understanding of Financial Aid and where aid money comes from.

- Here is a good overview of Financial Aid created by our local Cal-SOAP organization (https://youtu.be/QtE3EyFkceQ)
- Also check out our own YouTube videos on the subject (<u>Costs of College</u>, <u>Overview</u> <u>of Financial Aid</u>)

Step 2: Get to know the Terminology

- Know what Sticker Price, Tuition, Cost of Attendance, Merit Aid, Need-based Aid, Student Loans, Grants, Scholarships, and Work Study mean. (Use this <u>Glossary for Reference</u>)

Step 3: Visit a College Financial Aid Website and try their Net Price Calculator.

- This will give you an estimate of how much that college will end up costing your family each year.
- With this step, please keep in mind that each college calculates their cost of attendance based on your income differently.

Step 4: Family Conversation Time

- Determine the amount of money you have saved for your student to attend college.
- Discuss what you (and your student) can and cannot afford

Step 5: Start looking for scholarships you want to apply to.

- Most will not let you apply until the summer before Senior year.

Step 6: Know the facts about Student Loans

- Even though we want you to avoid Student Loans as much as possible, make sure you understand the different types.

Community Organizations to Help with Financial Aid Planning

- Cal-SOAP of Santa Barbara
 - Available for 1-on-1 appointments
 - o Office: (805) 730-7373
 - Eddie Moreno: emoreno@communifysb.org



Want to play Sports in College?

- Make an appointment with Mr. Barr in the College & Career Center to explore your options.
- Also make sure your Counselor knows you are interested.
- Eligibility paperwork will need to be started before the end of your Junior Year if you are interested.
- During 10th and 11th, start reaching out to colleges to express your interest

Are you ready to play college sports?

• College-bound student-athletes preparing to enroll in a Division I or Division II school need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure they have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework.

Watch these two videos to learn more about <u>Preparing for Intercollegiate</u> <u>Athletics</u>, and the college recruiting process (<u>Collegiate Athletics</u>).





- Athletics Recruiting Timeline
- Complete <u>List of NCAA schools</u> (all Divisions)
- Complete <u>List of NAIA schools</u>



