



Dates to Remember:

SAT Test Dates (www.sat.org)

- **March 9** (register by February 8)
- **May 4** (register by April 5)
- **June 1** (register by May 3)

ACT Test Dates (www.act.org)

- **April 13** (register by March 8)
- **June 8** (register by May 3)

Opportunities and Updates:

- The Lions Club is having a student speech contest. A written copy of your speech is due to Mrs. Randazzo no later than Friday, January 25th at 3:00pm. The topic is "Freedom of the Press: What does it mean?" This is open to all grades. Speech must be no less than 5 minutes and no more than 10 minutes. You must be available to compete on February 5th at 7:00 pm if you are chosen.
- The American Legion is looking for junior boys who would be interested in attending Boys State. Applications are available in the college and career center and must be returned to Mrs. Randazzo by 12:00 pm on February 7th. Boys State will be held at Sacramento State from June 22-29, 2019.

Scholarship Highlights:

There are numerous scholarships available for seniors. I have posted them in Naviance under the scholarship tab. Scholarship highlights:

- P.E.O Sisterhood – They will be awarding scholarships to deserving young women in Placer County. They are looking for strong academic standing and in need of financial assistance. Applications are available in the college and career center and are due back no later than March 15th, 2019.
- The AAUW Speech Trek Contest is still accepting applications. They are due on Wednesday, January 23rd. This is open to all grade levels. Cash prizes will be awarded at the local final round. The speech topic is "How can we eliminate violence aimed at our schools?"

Testing:

- All students that took the PSAT/NMSQT exam in October are encouraged to link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts, which unlocks a free SAT study plan. Research shows that studying on Official SAT Practice for 20 hours is associated with higher test scores on the SAT.
- SAT/ACT Preparation Workshops – Spring 2019 offered at Rocklin and Granite Bay High School. For more information and to register go to www.rocklintestprep.com.

Important Updates for Seniors:

- If you have applied to colleges/universities *make sure that you are setting up your portals and checking them regularly*. This is how the schools will communicate with you. You don't want to miss any deadlines or requests for additional information.
- *If you are planning on attending Sierra College make sure that you are applying and following all of the steps to register at www.sierracollege.edu*. Our Sierra College representative is available on Tuesdays in the College and Career Center from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm to help with the application process.
- *UC Update:* Freshman applicants who earn D or F or NC grades after submitting the application must notify the UC Application Center immediately by email at ucinfo@applyUCsupport.net or postal mail at UC Application Center, P.O. Box 1432, Bakersfield, CA, 93302. All correspondence must include the student's full name, Application ID number, and a signature (postal mail only). We recommend that students keep a copy of their correspondence.

Financial Aid:

FAFSA priority deadline is March 2nd. Go to <http://fafsa.ed.gov>

- Sources of Aid – Federal/State: Both federal and state governments offer aid to eligible students. Institutional: Many colleges, especially private institutions provide aid to students. Organizational: Many companies and organizations provide scholarship for students.

Types of Aid – Grants/Scholarships: Do not need to be repaid. Loans: Must be repaid and are available for both parents and students. Work Study: A program to help students earn money while in school.

Once accepted, each college will send you a complete financial aid package outlining your federal/state and institutional aid, as well as your options for loans.