Parent Graduation Information Meeting

Class of 2016
2016 El Camino High School Graduation

- Thursday, June 2, 7:30 PM
- Abbott Field
Preventable & Regrettable

- Currently 373 Seniors
- Goal: 373 “Graduating” Seniors
- How: Commit to finishing
- How: Make wise choices
- Remember: No Pardons / No Reprieves
POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

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your life, after high school™
The Senior Year Success Plan

- Have a post-secondary plan
- Apply for college/think about a career
- Senior year grades count
  - Check your transcript and grad status online through Q
- Stay focused and maintain a challenging course load
- Stay active and involved
Common Roadblocks to Success

- Catching Senioritis
  - A lack of effort by seniors as evidenced by tardiness, absences and lower grades
- Getting overwhelmed and losing motivation
- Forgetting or avoiding studying
- Underestimating the time needed to get work done
- Daydreaming about future plans
- Blowing off “less important” work
- Thinking the 2nd semester doesn’t count!
Post Secondary Educational Opportunities

● Career Technical Colleges
  – Specialized training such as automotive, business, computer science, cosmetology, health care, etc.

● Community College
  – Associate degrees, career technical certificates or apprenticeships
  – Transfer to 4-year college

● College/University
  – Baccalaureate degrees, and advanced degrees

● Military/Armed Services
  – Talk to a recruiter
College Applications

- Seniors should make a master list of colleges and deadlines
- CSU Application filing period is October 1- November 30, 2015
  - CSU admissions information [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- UC Application filing period November 1- November 30, 2015
  - UC admissions information [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)
- Community College priority application filing period February/March 2016
- Private/Out of State School deadlines vary
  - Many use the common application at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
Personal Statements

- All UCs and many private schools require a Personal Statement from a student
- El Camino will host a personal statement application workshop in the Library.
  Date: TBD
- Students will sign up in the counseling office.
UC/CSU College Admissions Requirements
(Private/Out of State Requirements will vary)

- (A) 2 years of History/Social Science
- (B) 4 years of English
- (C) 3 years of Mathematics
  - through Algebra 2
- (D) 2 years of Science
  - Both must be lab based science courses
- (E) 2 years of LOTE (Language other than English)
- (F) 1 year Visual or Performing Art
- (G) 1 year College Prep Elective course
College Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT)

- Students must release their scores to the colleges where they are applying.
- Exams must be completed by December (some schools November) 2015 for consideration.
- Several colleges have an October deadline—check individual college websites!
- SAT information www.collegeboard.com
- ACT information www.act.org
Letters of Recommendation

- CSU and UC do not require letters of recommendation
- Need letters for Private Schools, EOP applications, and some scholarships
- Students Tips:
  - *Ask* teachers, coaches, employer, mentor and school counselors
  - Give recommender the schools & deadline for each campus
  - Give recommenders at least three to four weeks notice
- Letter of Recommendation worksheet is available on the EC website
College Representatives at EC

- *Sacramento State* rep will be on campus *Monday, October 12\(^{th}\), 2:00-3:00* to meet with seniors before application deadline.

- *ARC* rep will be on campus *Tuesday, October 20\(^{th}\), 9:00-10:30* to provide information on the Community College system.

- Many other college reps visit EC through out the fall. These are announced in the E-gram and school bulletin.

- Students must pre-sign up in the *Counseling Office* to attend these visitations.
Need help researching colleges? Naviance can help!

- Find college matches
- Investigate colleges that align with career aspirations and interests
- Learn about the college decision process, enrollment, majors, student activities, and financial aid process.
- Take career interest and personality assessments to help with picking a college major
- Create a post-secondary plan of action!
USERNAME: Student ID Number
PASSWORD: mmddyyyy
Welcome

Welcome to Naviance, an innovative educational planner the San Juan Unified School District is providing to all students grade 7-12. Naviance Succeed Program is a comprehensive, web-based resource that helps students develop a unique career, college and educational pathway toward their individual aspirations.

We are pleased to make this resource available to our students and parents. The SJUSD Strategic Plan charges District leaders to work with students, families and staff to design and implement a system that creates challenging and personal educational plans.

Feel free to explore the site and to take advantage of its many activities. You can easily save your information. All of the tabs have activities or other useful tools.

This site is the place to create an exciting educational plan designed just for you. Enjoy!
Alert! - **Student default passw have changed.**

**Notice:** To enhance the security of student network accounts, passwords for students in grades sixth through twelfth grade have been changed to a new, more secure, default password Sunday evening, Aug. 23.

Parents are able to find their child’s new password here in Parent Portal.

- Video tutorial for parents on finding child’s default password
- More tutorials and documentation

Teachers and other school staff will continue to assist students as needed following this transition.

**SJUSD Parent Portal** provides parents and families with easy and timely access to student information. You can access the SJUSD Parent Portal in one of three ways:
A workshop will be held at EC on December 10, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 in the Cafeteria

File the FAFSA on January 1, 2016! (www.fafsa.ed.gov) Know the financial aid deadlines for your colleges!

Community Colleges offer Board of Governors (BOG) tuition waiver program

Scholarship information available under the college tab on Naviance

Some Private and Out-of-State colleges require the CSS/Profile in addition to the FAFSA

College Athletics

- Students must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center online to be recruited for Division 1 and some Division 2 colleges
- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- NCAA requirements are slightly different than A-G requirements!
Remember…

It is up to your student! Help them to plan so he/she isn’t stuck without a plan after high school!

Get informed!

Plan for life!

Set goals!
El Camino Graduation Traditions

- El Camino’s graduation ceremony is held on Abbott Field (our football stadium).
- Students behave respectfully and with decorum.
- Dress code: The school dress code is in effect; Boys are expected to wear dress shoes, dress pants and a button-up shirt; Girls are expected to wear a skirt/blouse or dress and dress shoes.
Ceremony Reminders

- Must be in Graduation Dress Code
- No adornments of caps and gowns
- Poor behavior that draws attention from the ceremony will result in removal
- Get there early
- Tickets distributed
  - First 10 on May 26, Senior Information Meeting
  - Rest during Field Practice on June 1
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- **Rings & Jackets**: Purchase online or with an order form.
- **Caps & Gowns**: Order forms will be distributed at the first Senior Forum on December 3\(^{rd}\), and will be due on Tuesday, 12/15.
- **Graduation Announcements**: Will be distributed at school on April 14\(^{th}\).
All Night Grad Night

- All Night Grad Night will be held at Country Club Lanes on the evening of graduation: Thursday, June 2, 2016
- Seniors need to fill out the waiver form (on the school website or in the principal’s office) along with paying for the event.
- The sooner you pay for ANG, the cheaper it will cost!
Preventable & Regrettable

- KEY Date: Thursday April 21\textsuperscript{st}, 2016 and Thursday May 5\textsuperscript{th} 2016

- If any senior receives Social Probation on this date or after, they will not be participating in the Graduation Ceremony.

- No pardons / No reprieves
Avoid Preventable & Regrettable Mistakes

- **Pranks**
  - NONE are okay
  - They always get out of hand
Avoid Preventable & Regrettable Mistakes

- **Attendance**
  - 36 periods of cuts = No Graduation
  - Closed Campus violation = 1 Cut per period
  - No prior Early Dismissal = Cut
  - 1 ROP Class = 3 periods of cuts
Avoid Preventable & Regrettable Mistakes

- Behavior—Social Probation
  - Fights
  - Drugs / Alcohol
  - Weapons
  - Vandalism
  - Serious Theft
  - The biggies….
Avoid Preventable & Regrettable Mistakes

- Debts
  - No outstanding textbooks or novels
  - No fines
Yearbook Information

- Senior Portrait Deadline: Wednesday, Nov. 11
- Yearbook Cost: $75
- **Last day to purchase yearbooks: Friday, Dec. 18**
- Senior Ad Deadline: Friday, Dec. 18
- Senior Ad Information: see below
  - Full Page $295
  - Half Page $165
  - Quarter Page $90
  - Business Card Size $50
- Order Ads or Yearbooks at: yearbookordercenter.com
  Account # 6224. You can also pay for yearbooks in the finance office, but not ads.
- Email: elcaminoaerie@gmail.com
Important Senior Events

- Honors Breakfast, Wednesday, May 25
  - Cumulative 3.5+ GPA
  - Will be invited

- Senior Awards, Wednesday, May 18
  - Outside Scholarship…notify principal’s office
  - Awards/Scholarships secret until May 18
  - Academic Top 10, CSF, Lyceum, etc
  - Should get invite by April 15

- All Senior Breakfast, Thursday, June 2
Questions? Worries? Sounds Crazy?

- Website—for all documents and this PPT
- Read Daily Bulletin on website @ http://www.sanjuan.edu/Page/32501
- Check Counseling Office section on website
- If its Academics: 1. your student  2. his/her teacher  3. his/her counselor
- If its Behavior/Attendance: 1. your student  2. his/her vice principal
- If its Graduation Events: 1. website  2. principal’s secretary, krista.kunert@sanjuan.edu.
Final Word

- Goal: To finish with the same number we started with.

- We need your help to avoid student choices that are preventable and regrettable and result in not participating in the ceremony.

- Let’s finish this race strong…all 373