

## College Center Highlights

Summer 2010

The College Center Website has a new look! Go to [www.chscollegecenter.org](http://www.chscollegecenter.org) and tell us what you think. View this website for up to date college information. Get information on college entrance requirements, applying to college, scholarship opportunities, financial aid information, SAT & ACT information, and more.

### Important Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember:

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual College Fair Extraordinaire:** Saturday, September 13, 9am-12pm, at Pierce College. **Save the Date!** Parents and



Students won't want to miss this spectacular event! There will be over 100 college representatives to meet and informative workshops to attend. This is the largest college information event in District 1. Don't miss out!!

**PSAT:** Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Available for all students, grades 9-11. All 10<sup>th</sup> graders take the exam for free; 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on Free/Reduced lunch take the exam for free. Registration is mandatory for all 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders and will begin September 2010. **Please note:** *students with special needs who need accommodations on the exam must get approval from the College Board ahead of time; please contact Mrs. Aviv at 818.678.3461.*

**UC & CSU Application Deadline:** November 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't wait until the last minute to apply! CSU applications are available online on October 1<sup>st</sup>; UC are available on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Plan ahead now!



**Thousands of dollars are available in scholarship money!** *It is not too early to apply for scholarships!* There are many scholarships available for all grade levels. Go to the CHS College Center Website for a list of scholarships. Also, it is useful to create user accounts on websites such as [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com) as they are scholarship databases, and students will begin to receive scholarship information via e-mail daily.

**SAT/ACT:** Now is the time to begin thinking about taking (or re-taking) the SAT and ACT tests during the Fall 2010 semester. Most Colleges and Universities will accept exams taken no later than December 2010. **There are many preparation options**, including the SAT Prep class here at Chatsworth, online test prep options, weekend & evening classes. The Los Angeles Public Library offers FREE online test preparation courses for the SAT and ACT.

**CHS is proud to present SAT Prep classes with Revolution Prep; summer session classes available now.** Go to [www.revolutionprep.com](http://www.revolutionprep.com) or call 877.738.7737 to sign up. Cost is \$499; financial aid is available.



Students are encouraged to take both the ACT and SAT tests as colleges accept both, and you will want to submit your best scores.

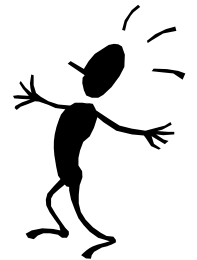
**SAT Subject Tests:** For the Class of 2011, all UC Schools (and some private/out-of-state colleges) require 2 SAT Subject Tests. Beginning with the class of 2012, it is optional and encouraged for competitive UC's and Private/Out of State colleges. Students choosing Math, should take the **SAT Math Level 2 Subject Test** after completing Trig/Math Analysis. Other subjects available: U.S. History, World History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and the third

level of a foreign language. Students are not required to take Honors or AP level courses in these subjects to be successful on the SAT Subject Tests. Students who are fluent in another language are encouraged to take the SAT Subject Test in that language to possibly waive the foreign language requirement for UC and CSU admission.

### Tips for College Bound Students:



- **Plan a challenging schedule.** Colleges like to see that you are taking academic classes – honors and AP classes if applicable. UC & CSU require that all students fulfill A-G Requirements.
- **Take a summer class.** The summer time offers a great opportunity for students to take classes for enrichment and to improve grades. The UC's, CSU's, and many private & out of state colleges require C's or better in academic classes. There are opportunities to take classes at Chatsworth, at a local community college (i.e. Pierce College), and at the Adult School (i.e. Canoga Park or El Camino).
- **Obtain and review materials on colleges, careers, and majors.** Create an account on [www.myroad.com](http://www.myroad.com) and use the school code: **050528**. Go to the CHS College Center website, [www.chscollegecenter.org](http://www.chscollegecenter.org), for more tips.
- **Create a user account on [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).** This is a convenient way to keep track of the A-G requirements that you have already completed. Students who plan to attend a UC will still find this useful as well, as the A-G requirements are the same for both UC and CSU. This is a great way to get started on the CSU application early as the information transfers directly into the application.
- **Apply for scholarships.** Create an account on [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com). Check the CHS College Center website for current scholarship information.
- **Complete community service requirements.** In addition to fulfilling the 20 hour minimum requirement at Chatsworth, colleges like to see students going “above and beyond.” The summer time is a great time to get these volunteer hours in.
- **Plan an exciting summer of college visits and programs!** Now is the time to explore different college options. There are several summer programs held at colleges and universities nationwide. Some are 1 week, while others are for 6 weeks. Costs vary, and some are free! Visit the College Center website, [www.chscollegecenter.org](http://www.chscollegecenter.org), for information about these programs. You can also visit [www.enrichmentalley.com](http://www.enrichmentalley.com) for more enrichment opportunities.



**College Bound Athletes:** Athletes planning to attend Division I, II, or III colleges & universities have specific requirements to meet. Go to [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) for information and to register with the NCAA.

**Incoming Freshmen:** It is never too early to begin thinking about going to college! If you haven't already, be sure to begin your college and career search. A useful website is [www.myroad.com](http://www.myroad.com). Use the CHS school code of **050528** to create a new user account. “Myroad” is free for all CHS students, and there is a FREE Interest Inventory available on this site. Another valuable website is [www.myplan.com](http://www.myplan.com). This is also free for college and career searches.

Have a Great Summer!! ☺