

Eastlake High School

Senior Calendar of College-Related Activities

General Tips:

1. BE ORGANIZED! MEET DEADLINES!
2. Make hard or digital copies of everything – college applications, financial aid applications, scholarship applications, letters of recommendation – everything! You never know when something might get lost.
3. Keep all materials in one place so you can find things if you need to refer back to them. We recommend a college binder to keep organized!
4. Write down your username and password for all accounts.
5. For college applications, print a copy of the submission to keep for your records. Make sure the date, and if available, the time, is printed on the copy.
6. **ASK QUESTIONS!** It is far better to ask than to miss out on something important.
7. Check our website at www.ehscounseling.org for information. Also, follow us on instagram @ehscounseling1.

Things to do during the month of **September:**

**College and Career EXPO Wednesday
September 4th, 6pm-8PM Montgomery High School**

**Senior/Parent Night Tuesday
September 10th, 6PM Eastlake High School -
Theatre**

- The Senior Parent Night will be a general meeting for seniors and their parents to explain what needs to be done over the course of the senior year – college testing, applications, successful scholarship application procedures, etc. A summary of Senior Class Activities will also be provided.

**SAT I/II – www.collegeboard.org
ACT – www.act.org**

TIP #1: If you are planning to apply to San Diego State University, their admissions office recommends that you take the college entrance tests by the October test date.

TIP #2: If you are applying to a CSU – **California State University** (examples: SDSU, Long Beach State, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, etc.) you need to take the following tests: **SAT Reasoning or ACT**

TIP #3: if you are applying to a UC – **University of California** (examples: UCSD, UCLA, UCB, etc.) you need to take the following tests: **SAT Reasoning with essay or ACT with writing**

TIP #4: If you are applying to a private college or university or the military academies, it is best to check with that particular institution.

- **Check your e-mail frequently including your junk mail.** Write down your username and password for all accounts.
- Start thinking about where you are applying for college and what major you are declaring (undeclared is fine if you are not sure). Make sure that your major is offered at all the colleges and universities to which you apply.
- Get to know Ms. Robles and Ms. Di Dio, Eastlake's Scholarship counselors. Become familiar with the scholarship information section in the Counseling Center. Start applying for scholarships! Ms. Robles and Ms. Di Dio sends out all scholarship info through Jupiter Grades!
- If you are interested in taking a Career Inventory to find out where your strengths are, go to the career tab on the EHS counseling website.

- You were sent a current copy of your transcript. Check to make sure that all vital information is correct (grades, address, name, etc.) Report any mistakes to your counselor as soon as possible. You will need this information when completing your college applications.
- Check your GPA and if it's at or below a 3.0 GPA make sure to visit your counselor for options on how to improve your GPA. Credit Recovery may be an option and your senior year classes are very important to maintain and/or improve your GPA.
- Make sure your social security number is on your transcript and is correct. This is important and will be used for applying for financial aid – CAL Grant during the months of October - January. You will not be able to apply for the California financial aid grants if you do not have a social security number. You need to go to the Social Security office if you do not have a number. *This process will take months to complete – start now!*
- Sign-up for university presentations in the counseling center or on our website at www.ehscounseling.org under the college tab.

Things to do during the month of **October**:

These workshops are to assist in completing the applications for the UC and CSU systems.

Cash for College: Assistance with FAFSA
Saturday, October 12, 2019 @ 9AM-12PM,
EHS Career Center

College Application Workshops
Thursday October 17/24 @ 3PM, Career Center

FAFSA Parent Night
Tuesday October 22nd @ 6PM, EHS Theatre

Cal-SOAP College Fair - Wednesday October 23,
2019 6PM-8PM, Scottish Rite Center

- The CSU may have their applications available online starting in October. Use CSU Mentor website for the CSU system.
- The UC applications are available on the UCOP website.
- If you plan to attend a UC school, you will need to take the SAT Reasoning or ACT with writing.
- If you are planning to attend a private and/or out-of-state school, go on the Internet to request an application or fill-out the application on line. Independent schools have varying application deadlines and test scores needed. Be aware of what kinds of information the schools need from you.
- Gather letters of recommendation, resume of activities, evidence of awards received, your autobiography, personal essay, statement of financial need, and any other information that you have for scholarship applications.

TIP #5: When asking for a letter of recommendation, have the recommendation request form ready and filled out – attach a transcript and summary of your plans. ***Always give the person at least 2 to 3 weeks lead-time to get the letter to you.*** Make sure you make several copies of the letter or ask if the letter is saved on the computer so you can use it over again.

- Once you have all this information together, save it on a thumb drive or in a cloud so that you can use it again for other applications throughout the year.
- FAFSA forms can be submitted after October 1. You may also apply on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA deadline is March 2nd. If the website asks you for money, you are on the wrong website.

Things to do during the month of **November:**

*College Application Workshops
November 5-7, 19-21
Career Center, 3PM-4PM*

*Deadline for CSU/UC Applications
November 30, 2019*

- CSU and UC applications must be submitted by November 30th. Keep copies of everything you submit. College application workshops will be held November 5th-7th and 19th-21st in the computer lab.
- Take the SAT Reasoning and/or ACT and SAT Subject (if required). Be sure to have your scores sent to all the schools to which you are applying.
- Southwestern College applications for Early Admission are also available now. Peer Advisors are at school to help students complete the necessary paperwork.
- Continue checking on scholarship applications in the Counseling Center or on the website.

If there are things that you are not sure about, be sure to ask your counselor. This is an important time for you. Do not rely on friends to give you correct information. Once a deadline is passed, it is too late.

Things to do during the month of **December:**

- If you haven't done so, take the SAT Reasoning and/or ACT. This is the last test date that the UC will accept.
- Generally, the schools to which you have applied send you a notice saying that they have received your application. Allow them 4-6 weeks from the time they received the paperwork to get notice back to you, *then save it*.
- Colleges may send something back indicating that they need more information. If the college needs something, get the material to them. It can make a big difference in determining your acceptance. Check CSU apply or the UC website frequently.
- Check on scholarship applications in the Counseling Center at least once a week.

Things to do during the months of **January and February:**

- After first semester grades are posted, have the registrar send your transcript to the college(s) of your choice.
- Any changes in your second semester schedule must be submitted to colleges in writing or through their online application website in case the change affects your admission status. See your counselor for further details on this item.
- Continue to check on those scholarship applications.

Things to do during the months of **March and April:**

- Every student who files a FAFSA form will receive an acknowledgment of the application and an estimate of the expected family contribution. You will have to verify the information on the form. You will later receive a letter saying whether or not you have received financial aid from each college applied to. If you are not a recipient, the reason will be given.
- Make sure that you return any necessary paperwork to the colleges. Your registration for the following year will depend on it.
- Check on scholarship applications. There are lots available during this time of year.
- **Send confirmation of your intent to enroll (and the necessary money – online, check or money order through the mail) to the college you plan to attend by May 1st.** Notify other colleges that accepted you that you will be attending another college.

Things to do during the months of **May and June:**

- We receive (and you will too) notification of the first group of Cal Grant Recipients.
- If you are living on campus, make sure you notify the school and send in your deposit.
- Keep your grades up. A 'D' or 'F' will result in a cancellation of your application. GPA below 3.0 could affect UC admission.
- Complete Senior Clearance Form given to you at the senior assembly. Bring completed form to your counselor on Senior Clearance Day in order to be cleared for graduation.
- Request your final transcript from the registrar by filling out the transcript request form. She will send your transcript to your college when June grades are available. Cost of the final transcript is \$2.00.
- Write thank you notes to any groups from which you received scholarship money. It is very important that these groups hear from you (and it is also good manners to thank them for having enough faith in you to invest in your future).
- Congratulations! You made it through your senior year. You have graduation and then you will be off to bigger and better things. Good luck to each and every one of you. Your counselors wish you the best!!!