

Eastlake High School

Senior Calendar of College-Related Activities

Some activities might be canceled due to COVID-19 health related concerns.

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:

Date: TBD Attend Senior/Parent Night: (Senior Parent Informational Video will be emailed to parents). SDSU will allow SAT/ACT scores to clear for College Compact Readiness. In addition, earning a letter grade of B grade in CSU Expository Reading & Writing & earning a letter grade of B in Discrete math, Pre Calculus, AP Calculus A/B or B/C or AP Stats will also help clear you for College Compact Readiness. As a last resort you could also try to enroll in a SWC math 100 course and pass with a letter grade of C or better to become College Compact ready (remember only students who have been continuously enrolled in our SUHSD school district are Compact candidates). If you still have to clear your Math Compact Readiness (for students currently enrolled in IM III, remember that you could be looking to register for the SAT/ACT or you could be looking to enroll in Math 100 at Southwestern College. Ask your school counselor about these options.

- 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 applying to a CSU/UC – **Both California University systems** (examples: San Marcos State, Long Beach State, UCLA, UCSB, etc.) **have suspended SAT/ACT testing options to become college ready (EXCEPT for SDSU) in the admissions process for fall 2021 because of hardships caused by COVID-19.**

TIP #2: If you are applying to a private college or university or the military academies, it is best to check with that particular institution regarding SAT/ACT test requirements.

- **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. DiDio, Eastlake's Scholarship Counselors. Become familiar with the scholarship information section in the Counseling Center. Start applying for scholarships! Ms. Robles and Ms. DiDio send 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 given access on **Infinite Campus student portal to download 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 is at or below a 3.0 GPA make sure to consult with 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 because it 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.

TBD	Cash for College (Virtual Financial Aid Workshops).
Oct 12th – 30 th	SWC Application Workshops (assistance with SWC apps), 3:00pm-4:00pm. Information coming soon.
TBD	Cal State Apply workshops (support for students who need assistance with applications)
Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15.	FAFSA Financial Aid (Seniors) Parent Night at 6:00pm – 7:30pm (virtual presentation).

- 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 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 online. 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 #3: When asking for a letter of recommendation, have the recommendation request form ready and filled out (available on school website as well) – 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 2. If the website asks you for money, you are on the wrong website.

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

TBD

***Cal State Apply workshops
(support for students who need assistance with applications)
College Application Workshops November 30.***

***Deadline for CSU/ UC Applications
November 30, 2020.***

- CSU and UC applications must be submitted by November 30th. Keep copies of everything you submit. College
- Take the SAT Reasoning and/or ACT and SAT Subject (**if required i.e., some private schools**). Be sure to have your scores sent to the schools (**requiring test results**) to which you are applying.
- Continue checking on scholarship applications via Jupiter Grades email.

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:**

- You could enhance your college application by taking the SAT Reasoning and/or ACT. **CSU's/UC's are not requiring SAT/ACT scores at this time however SDSU will allow SAT/ACT scores to clear for College Compact Readiness. In addition, earning a letter grade of B grade in CSU Expository Reading & Writing & earning a letter grade of B in Discrete math, Pre Calculus, AP Calculus A/B or B/C or AP Stats will also help clear you for College Compact Readiness. As a last resort you could also try to enroll in a SWC math 100 course and pass with a letter grade of C or better to become College Compact ready (remember only students who have been continuously enrolled in our SUHSD school district are Compact candidates).**
- 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 letter grade of 'D' or 'F' will result in a cancellation of your application. GPA's 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 **School Registrar (Carmen Arroyo)** by filling out the transcript request form (available on our website as well). 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!!!