



Piner High School & SRJC

Early College Magnet News

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year and ECM’s eleventh year! The school year is underway and Back-to-School Night is just around the corner. ECM has a total of 357 students participating in the program this year across the four grades, 99 of whom are our new freshmen. There are approximately 140 juniors and seniors enrolled in a variety of classes at Santa Rosa Junior College for the fall semester. While most students are enrolled in just one class at the JC, many are taking two classes, and a few are even taking three.

This newsletter is designed to give ECM students and their parents necessary information about the program. It is published regularly throughout the school year and will communicate important upcoming events, dates, reminders about student responsibilities, and various program notes. Through this newsletter, in addition to using email, Facebook and even cell phone texting, the ECMP team hopes to keep in touch with all concerned stakeholders. We will work hard on our end to help keep these busy students focused on their academics so they can succeed and thrive in their Early College experience. Parents should continue to assist students by providing them a quiet place at home in which to study. Encouragement, ongoing support, and a gentle reminder of the benefits of being a responsible student are areas in which parents can also provide assistance. As usual, this year looks to be a full and challenging year for everyone!

Do not hesitate to let Ms. Coster know if there are issues with the bus schedule. For immediate bus needs, please call the West County Transportation dispatch service directly: 206-9988 x219. Students should have this number programmed into their phone if they become stranded.

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PSAT For 10th & 11th Grade Students:

This year Piner is offering **the PSAT on Saturday, October 15th** to juniors and sophomores who wish to take the test. It is optional and there is a \$25 fee, which is payable in the PHS Business Office. The test is 3 hours long and will help to determine students' college and career readiness.

- ❖ Want to prepare for the PSAT? Go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

Important Reminder:

All students taking JC classes need to check their SRJC account balance on "My Cubby" before registering for classes. Students are responsible for paying their health fee of **\$19** each semester they are enrolled for courses.

Back-to-School Night ECM meeting:

Freshmen parents: Mark your calendars to attend the ECM meeting on **Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m.** It will be held in Piner's Performing Arts Center prior to Back-to-School Night, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Erica Lohne from the JC will be on hand to give her perspective on the program as well as answer questions. Don't forget!

Memorize your Santa Rosa JC I.D. number:
When you register for classes at SRJC, you will need to give your SRJC identification number...
Memorize it!

ECM Welcome B-B-Q

On August 10th we had our fifth annual ECM Welcome BBQ for incoming freshmen and their parents. Plenty of burgers, hotdogs, chips, and soda were served up by Mike Erickson and Karen Coster. Aysha Kumar handed out t-shirts, Scott Erickson and his "crew" assisted with set-up and clean-up, and Payton Haase provided moral support! Thanks to all who came as guests and helpers --- it was fun!!



Upcoming Events

- 10th graders, Counseling 60, first session, September 17th and 24th, 8:30 a.m.
- ECM freshmen parent meeting, Thursday, September 22nd Piner Performing Arts Center, 6:00 p.m.
- UC Berkeley fieldtrip for 10th grade ECM students Thursday, October 20th. **Parent Chaperones needed. Please email Ms. Coster if you are available.**
- PSAT Exam for 10th and 11th graders – Saturday, October 15th, 7:45 a.m.–11:30. The test is optional.

ECMP Rule for Students who drive to SRJC:

ECMP students who drive to classes at SRJC **are not allowed to drive other students.** Clearly, our goal is to keep all students safe. The ECMP driving rule is soundly supported by California law, which states: **During the first 12 months after you are licensed, you cannot drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. and you cannot transport passengers under age 20 unless you are accompanied by your parent or guardian, a licensed driver 25 years of age or older, or a licensed or certified driving instructor.**

PHS Homework Tutoring will be available for students on probation or who receive Ds and Fs in their Piner classes. The tutoring schedule is Mon – Thurs from 3-4 in the Library.

Seniors: If you have not yet taken the SAT exam, or if you wish to retake it, please make a note that the next two SATs are scheduled to take place at Piner on Saturday, **October 1** and Saturday, **November 5**. See Mr. Sullivan for more information.

The PSAT/NMSQT at Piner: 10/15/16

PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test™. It also gives you a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs. The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. You have developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school. This test doesn't require you to recall specific facts from your classes.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are:

- To receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- To see how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- To enter the competition for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (grade 11).
- To help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.
- To receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

Want to support the Early College Magnet Program?

Here's a painless way to support the Early College Magnet Program that has the potential to provide significant extra income! Sign up with the Raley's Extra Credit scrip program.

Here's how:

1. Visit www.raleys.com/extracredit
2. Click on the green "Start Here" button
3. Choose Piner High School Early College Magnet

Please ask your friends and family to support our wonderful college program by registering with Raley's Extra Credit scrip program.

ECM Bus Schedule

Mon – Thurs : 7:00 a.m. pick up at PHS

Mon & Tues : 9:30 a.m. pick up at JC

Wed & Thurs : 9:15 a.m. pick up at JC

Mon: 12:00 p.m. pick up at PHS

Tues: 12:30 p.m. pick up at PHS

Wed & Thurs : 12:15 pick up at PHS

Mon – Thurs : 3:10 pick up at JC

Trouble with the bus? Text Ms. Coster at 292-5016 or call West County Transportation dispatch at 206-9988 x219.

What is ASSIST?

Check out www.assist.org

Are you planning on attending a CSU or UC? The purpose of ASSIST is to help facilitate student transfers from a CA Community College to a CSU or UC. It displays how course credits earned at one public CA college or university can be applied when transferred to another. An excellent resource!!

UC/CSU/SRJC/Private College Information Night!

Wednesday, Sept. 28th
6:30 – 8:00

Santa Rosa HS
Auditorium
All grade levels
welcome
For SRHS & PHS
students & families



Keep in Touch!!

Students: Please remember to let Ms. Coster know if you have a change of email or phone number! It's important to stay connected to receive vital ECM information and updates.

SRJC Academic Calendar:

Included here is the SRJC Academic Calendar for your convenience as well as for planning purposes. Please note that bus transportation will be available on all Mondays-Thursdays that SRJC is in session.

| FALL SEMESTER 2016 | |
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| October 2 | Last day to opt for P/NP |
| October 17 – November 20 | Midterm progress available in student portal |
| November 11 | Veterans' Day Holiday |
| November 20 | Last day to drop a class with "W" symbol |
| November 24-27 | Thanksgiving Day Holidays |
| December 17- 23 | Final Examinations |
| December 24 - January 15 | Semester Break |
| January 7, 2016 | Fall semester processing finalized |
| SPRING SEMESTER 2017 | |
| TBD | Class schedule web site information available (www.santarosa.edu) |
| December 2 | Approximate date for ECM Priority Web Registration begins |

Get out there and visit those colleges!!

CALIFORNIA
STATE
UNIVERSITY

Chico

CHICO PREVIEW DAY
Saturday, October 22, 2016
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Chico State Invites You!

This premier fall open house offers prospective fall 2017 undergraduate students and their families an opportunity to visit California State University, Chico and experience firsthand our true college town environment. A personal welcome from the university president starts off this information-packed event. Activities not to be missed include an information fair with representatives from all academic programs and student services available to answer questions. You may also check out university housing options.

Plan to spend the day learning about financial aid, listening to presentations, and touring the campus and its various programs and departments. Your college application and selection process is very important. We want to show you why so many students choose CSU, Chico.

For more information: http://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/chico_preview_day.shtml

CAL STATE EAST BAY PREVIEW DAY



**Come See What Cal State East Bay is All About!
Saturday, October 15, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Preview Day Highlights include:

- Learn about the latest admission requirements and financial aid information for 2017
- Tour one of Northern California's most beautiful campuses and get a sneak peek of our residence halls
- Learn about academic programs and majors
- Attend a University Showcase to learn about student life, athletics, and academic support programs



Future Hornet Day ~ October 8, 2016, 12:00 – 4:00

This campus-wide event *takes place in fall of every year as part of a campus-wide celebration to welcome our prospective new students, families and celebrate our alumni during our Homecoming Festivities.*

Future Hornet Day is designed especially for prospective undergraduates and their families. You can tour the campus, meet with many of our dedicated faculty, and attend information sessions on admissions, housing, financial aid, and more. Meet and mingle with some of Sac State's finest throughout the day - students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends.

Download the flyer here: <http://www.csus.edu/admissions/future-hornet-day/fhd-2016-flyer.pdf>