



Piner High School & SRJC

Early College Magnet News

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year!

The Early College Magnet Program is in its 12th year with a total of 389 students participating in the program this year across the four grades. There are approximately 195 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 or even three classes.

This newsletter is designed to give ECM students and their parents necessary information about the program. It is published quarterly 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 student cell phone texting, ECM 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. 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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Back-to-School Night ECM meeting

Freshmen parents: Mark your calendars to attend the ECM meeting on **Thursday, September 14 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!

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 **\$20** each semester they are enrolled for courses.

ECM Welcome B-B-Q

On August 9th we had our sixth 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, and the ECM "crew" assisted with set-up and clean-up. Special thanks to Melissa Hou, Bianca Alejandres and Savanna Giorgi who helped out --- it was fun and the new BBQ grill worked great!!



Upcoming Events

- ECM freshmen parent meeting, Thursday, September 14nd Piner Performing Arts Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 10th graders, Counseling 60, first session, October 7th and 21th, 8:30 a.m. – 5:45 on the JC campus
- UC Berkeley fieldtrip for 10th grade ECM students Thursday, October 19th. **Parent Chaperones needed. Please email Ms. Coster if you are available.**

Sophomores!!

Please be aware that the **Counseling 60** class taught at the JC, which is mandatory for all sophomores, will be offered in a new format for the 2nd and 3rd sessions this year. The October session will be a face-to-face class as usual, but the November and December sessions will be **online**.

Ms. Coster will begin enrolling sophomore students in the next few weeks, either through Ms. Walls English classes, or in her office during 4th, 5th, or 6th period.

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!

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.**

PSAT

Sophomores and Juniors:

It is time to sign up to take the PSAT, the preparatory version of the SAT. The PSAT will take place at PHS on Saturday, October 14th.

The cost per exam is \$20. See Nancy Thiele in the Business Office to purchase. Deadline to purchase is September 18.

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 7** and Saturday, **November 4**. See the new College and Career Counselor, Ms. Cancilla-Kopf, for more information.

Remember to check Piner's web site occasionally for school updates about events, sports, meetings, and other important information.

<http://www.pinerhigh.com/>

PHS Homework Tutoring will be available for students on academic probation or who receive Ds and Fs in their Piner classes. The tutoring schedule is Mon – Thurs from 3-4. Math teacher Mr. Williams will be tutoring in G54. English teacher Dr. Marchbanks will be tutoring in J209.

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 – Thurs : 12:30 p.m. 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!!



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.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 7 - Johnson
and Wales
University (CA), C &
CC, lunch**

**Sept. 7 - Maryville
University, C & CC,
2 pm**

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 2017	
September 5	Professional Development Flex Day (No classes or activities)
September 10	Last day to register/add with the instructor's signature or add code
September 10	Last day to drop a class without "W" symbol
October 1	Last day to opt for P/NP
October 16 – November 19	Midterm progress available in student portal
November 10	Veterans' Day Holiday
November 19	Last day to drop a class with "W" symbol
November 23 - 26	Thanksgiving Day Holidays
December 16 - 22	Final Examinations
December 23 - January 14	Semester Break
January 6, 2018	Fall semester processing finalized
SPRING SEMESTER 2018	
TBD	Class schedule web site information available (www.santarosa.edu)
December 8	Registration for spring classes
January 17	Classes begin

Get out there and visit those colleges!!

CHICO PREVIEW DAY
Saturday, October 21, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Chico State Invites You!

This premier fall open house offers prospective fall 2018 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.

To register for this no cost event, please go to <https://ems.csuchico.edu/ADMISSIONS/chicopreviewday>.

CAL STATE EAST BAY PREVIEW DAY



Come See What Cal State East Bay is All About! Saturday, October 14, 8:00 a.m. to noon
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 ~ Saturday, October 14, 2017, 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. For more information, click on the link: <http://www.csus.edu/admissions/future-hornet-day/>