



Piner High School & SRJC Early College Magnet News

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Happy New Year!

We trust that all students enjoyed Winter Break and will return to Piner with renewed enthusiasm and commitment. Spring semester at SRJC starts in just a few weeks and, judging from the number of concurrent enrollment forms that have crossed my desk, it promises to be very busy for our juniors and seniors. Sophomores, too, will be taking Coun 270 in May, and freshmen are steadily moving forward through their first year in the program. With summer and fall registration just around the corner, everyone seems eager to achieve their goals and accomplish their timelines. It is a pleasure to watch our students gain confidence and attain success while positively representing themselves and their families. I am heartened by the good works and attitude of so many of our motivated students. With such upbeat energy, 2012 bodes well!

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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 \$17 each semester they are enrolled for courses.



ECM Freshman Class of 2011-2012

Formation of the ECM Advisory Committee: Request for Volunteers

In order to fulfill the charter of the ECM program, an oversight committee made up of various stakeholders (3 parents, 3 students, 6 school personnel) needs to be established for the spring semester. This group would meet once a semester to address program issues and needs, as well as make recommendations to the School Board as important decisions regarding the program are made.

Please email Karen Coster by **Jan. 27** if you are interested in serving on this committee.

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR... SPREAD THE WORD!

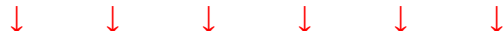
We are pleased to announce that we are now taking applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Please help spread the word to potential students and their parents about the benefits of the ECM program and encourage them to apply. Applications will be accepted through **March 1** and can be found on the Piner High School Website: <http://pinerhigh.com> Click on "Early College Magnet Program" to view, download, and print the program application in either English or Spanish.

Busing Issues:

Students and Parents:

Please contact Karen Coster if the First Student bus is consistently early or late to or from SRJC. While the bus company is usually quick to correct problems, we need to keep record of untimely pick-ups and drop-offs. Also, our apologies to those students who were missed for pick-up during finals week. Rest assured that we are working to prevent future bus schedule mix-ups... and, students, **don't forget to check your emails regularly for bus schedule announcements.**

WE'LL SAY IT AGAIN.....



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!

10th Grade UC Berkeley Field Trip – A Success!

The tour was great, the weather was beautiful, the bus was comfy, and the students were polite and cooperative --- what more could we ask?! Thanks to our parent chaperones for joining us: Roselia Rojas, Raquel Curiel, and Linea Stolte. Here are a few pictures.....



Student Volunteers Needed:

Help staff the snack bar at the boys' basketball game on Friday, Jan. 27. Money raised will go toward our end-of-the year bar-b-que.

Email Ms. Coster for more info.

Students & Parents: Check us out on Facebook!

Yes, the Early College Magnet Program has a Facebook page! You will find:

- **Events**
- **Pictures**
- **Videos**
- **Reminders**

Look for our logo.....



If you're not on Facebook, or checking your emails, you may have missed it.

On December 21, 4 ECM graduates from last year came to campus to share their college experiences with juniors and seniors. Pizza, soda, and the truth about college life..... if you didn't know about it, then you're not staying connected! Don't be left out!

Upcoming Events

- ECM Snack Bar Duty Fundraiser – Friday, **January 27th**, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- UC Davis Fieldtrip for 9th grade ECM Students (Parent chaperones will be needed) – Monday, **March 12th**, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 10th graders & Parents Informational Night, Monday, **March 12th**, Santa Rosa Junior College, 6:30 p.m. (Details and exact location are forthcoming)
- CAHSEE Exam for 10th graders – **March 13th and 14th**
- UC Berkeley Fieldtrip for 11th grade students (Parent chaperones will be needed) – As yet to be determined. School group reservations open on January 17.

Upcoming UC Davis Fieldtrip Info.

9th graders: You will receive a field trip permission form in February for our trip in March. There are strict guidelines for getting permission from your teachers so you need to be aware of the following:

- You must get all of your teachers' permission to attend. If 1 teacher does not sign, you do not go. Teachers may deny permission if you have lower than a "C" in the class.
- If you do not return the completed permission form to Ms. Coster by the deadline, March 5, you will not be able to attend the field trip.

Details of the trip will be available in about a month.

SRJC Academic Calendar:

We have included the SRJC Academic Calendar for your convenience as well as for planning purposes.

SPRING SEMESTER 2012	
January 16	Martin Luther King Holiday
January 17	CLASSES BEGIN
January 22	Last day to register/add without instructor's signature or add code
January 29	Last day to drop semester length class and be eligible for a refund
February 5	Last day to register/add with the instructor's signature or add code
February 6	First Census Day
February 12	Last day to drop a class without "W" symbol
February 16	Professional Development Institutional Activity Mandatory Day (No classes)
February 17	Lincoln's Day Holiday
February 18, 19	Saturday and Sunday classes will meet
February 20	Washington's Day Holiday
February 26	Last day to opt for P/NP
March 19-25	Spring Break
March 23	Professional Development Activity 1/2 Flex Day (No classes or activities)
March 26	Midterm Reports issued to students
April 6	Last day to petition to graduate, May 2012
April 9	Last day to reinstate
April 29	Last day to drop a class with "W" symbol
May 19-25	Final Examinations

Academic Probation --- You want to avoid it!

As a reminder, one of the conditions of admission to the ECM Program is that students must maintain good grades as both a Piner and SRJC student. Should a student fall behind in his/her coursework, resulting in a GPA of 2.5 or lower, the student will be placed on academic probation. Also, the student must receive no Fs in Piner core classes (English, math, science, history) or JC classes. Since grades for first semester have been submitted, probation letters will be mailed in a week or so.

Stated below are the conditions and expectations that students are held to while participating in the Early College Magnet Program (ECMP):

- While enrolled in the ECMP you must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA), and receive no letter grades of “F” in any of your Piner High School core classes or JC class. If you cannot maintain a 2.5 GPA, you will be put on academic probation, which will last for one semester. If you raise your GPA above a 2.5, in the following semester, you will be removed from academic probation. However, if your grade point average remains below a 2.5 for a second semester, you will be removed from the ECMP and assigned to another pathway within Piner High School.
- If your GPA falls below a 2.5, a contract will be signed by your parent/guardian, student, coordinator and counselor, establishing a weekly progress report system to encourage home/school communication.

A Message from Mr. Cox.....

Please plan on attending the 2 college workshops on

Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 6:30 - 8 p.m.: Financial Aid
and

Wednesday, Feb. 15th, 10:00 a.m. - noon: Attending
SRJC: The How-To's

Check out Mr. Cox's website for all the details:
www.pinercounseling.com

A final request:

Your input about PHS is valued! Please take the time to fill out the parent survey that is being sent home in the next PHS newsletter. Piner is undergoing its 6-year accreditation review and the parent survey is a critical part of the review. If you do not receive it, please request one via email: kcoster@srcs.k12.ca.us and return it to the main office. Thank you!