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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! The Early College Magnet Program (ECMP) has now grown to 4 full classes with the addition of an outstanding group of 9th grade students. There are now 246 students in the program with two classes of students, the juniors and seniors taking a total of 206 units at the Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC). Our current juniors and seniors did of course struggle with the budget cuts at the SRJC that resulted in reduced class selection. Through their perseverance and Ms. Hagan’s support they were able to enroll and the buses from Piner High School to the SRJC started rolling on August 17th the same day classes started at Piner. The start of the school year has been very smooth including only one bus snag thus far!

This is the first year the ECMP has a graduating senior class. We are excited and already planning a special culminating event for seniors and their parents on April 19th. If you have ideas of how we can recognize the accomplishments of this fine group of students please drop me an email at slacey@srcs.k12.ca.us we would love your input. In addition, we will work on our end to help these busy students stay focused on their academics. I would encourage you to check in with your very busy students to see if they are keeping up with their course work at both Piner and the SRJC and meeting the various deadlines that are specific to their senior year experience. We will keep you informed as the year goes along about various important dates and other considerations. This promises to be a full and exciting year for all ECMP students.

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HELP US COMMUNICATE WITH YOU ELECTRONICALLY

We use email communication frequently in order to keep parents and students informed about program meetings and events. With this in mind, we would like you to help us clean up and update our email databases. Please send an email to Ms. Lacey at:

slacey@srcs.k12.ca.us using the email you would like us to contact you at during the 2009-2010 school year.

Please complete the subject line and message content as: **Subject Line: ECM Parent Email Request Response**

Message: First and Last Name(s) of Parent(s), Name of Student(s), Student 2009-10 grade level (freshman, sophomore, or junior) Also, Please use this process in the future when you may need to report an email address change.

2009-10 SRJC TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE:

The SRJC bus leaves from in front of the Piner Performing Arts Center and the Analy Village buildings at SRJC.

Monday & Tuesday Morning:

7:00a.m. – Leave Piner

9:30a.m. – Return to Piner

Monday & Tuesday Afternoon:

1:00p.m. – Leave Piner

3:00p.m. – Return to Piner

Wednesday & Thursday Morning:

7:00a.m. – Leave Piner

9:15a.m. – Return to Piner

Wednesday & Thursday Afternoon:

12:15p.m. – Leave Piner

3:00p.m. – Return to Piner

ECMP Rule for Students who drive to SRJC:

ECMP students who drive to classes at SRJC **are not allowed to drive other students.**

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

Student Voices By: Brandon Larson

My four years in the Early College Magnet Program has taught me a plethora of valuable information that will help me in the next six months of high school, as well as the years I am in college. Taking college courses at Santa Rosa Junior College, as well as having the support of Ms. Hagan, Mr. Del Santo, and now, Ms. Lacey, has helped me profusely and I am more prepared than I ever thought I would be at this point in my senior year due to my experiences in this program.

Nervousness and excitement rushed through my body on my first day of junior year as I walked through the JC campus and entered Newman Auditorium to attend Psychology 1A: Introduction to Psychology. 180 other eager college students sat in the small seats of the auditorium; while my teacher, Binh Nguyen, introduced the students to the way the human mind processes information and allows us to complete day-to-day actions. This class was one of several general education requirements I have completed through the Early College Magnet Program. Without this program, I would have never been introduced to this interesting course, and I would still need to complete many, if not all, of my general education requirements.

Another challenging class I took last year was Political Science 1A, which is introduction to political science, or the way our government runs. I decided to enroll in this late-start online class in order to complete my government graduation requirement for Piner. The online part of the class was a new experience for me that I never expected to ever participate in, especially while still enrolled in high school. My class had no other high school students, I never met my teacher throughout the four-month class, and all communication done was through chats and e-mail. The students had weekly assignments, which consisted of an essay and a multiple-choice quiz at the end of each week. The online part of the class was an exceptional way to complete a college course since I was allowed to work from home, but still learn as much as a class that was held weekly on campus.

I have also taken an English 1A night class. This class was a rigorous class that greatly improved my writing and my time management skills throughout the semester long course. With a multiple-page essay and reading in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, poems and short stories due every class meeting, I had to manage my time so I would have time to complete all my work, as well as my homework at Piner.

The Piner/SRJC Early College Magnet Program has helped me tremendously and I am very grateful for this excellent program I have been able to be apart of. I have met countless kind and generous friends who are always there to support me when the going gets rough. I have also learned the significance of responsibility, as well as learning to be independent in all aspects of life, especially school. When I graduate from high school, I can take my diploma with my head held high, knowing that I have been thoroughly prepared for a new chapter in my life: college.

Memorize your Social security number:

when you register for classes at SRJC, you will need to give your Social Security number...**Memorize it!**

9th Grade Orientation:

On August 11th, our ninth graders participated in an orientation designed to allow students to learn more about the Early College Magnet Program and each other. We had a wonderful turnout that morning. Our only “problem” was getting the students to eat the breakfast snacks we provided. Perhaps next year we will do pizza for breakfast! Activities included welcoming talks given by Ms. Hagan and Ms. Lacey, get-to-know each other activities, and a discussion of student responsibilities necessary for success. In addition, students had an opportunity to use the computer lab to explore the Early College Magnet Program Website. I encourage you to take some minutes and explore this wonderful resource with your student.

ECMP WEBSITE:

http://pinerhigh.com/early_college_magnet.htm

9th Graders Group Picture:

On **October 20th @11:20a.m.**, we will be taking the annual group picture of our newest class of ECM students. 9th graders will come to the steps in front of the Main Office. Arrive on time, as we will snap the picture and get you right back to class.

Remember to wear your Early College Magnet shirt for this picture!



TAKE THE PSAT/NMSQT AT PINER



We expect that Early College Magnet juniors will take the PSAT in October. We strongly advise 10th graders to take the test. Next year's PSAT will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

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 (in your junior year).**

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.

For more information Online visit: <http://www.collegeboard.com>. You will find a wealth of information on this site, including: SAT Question of the Day; Action Plan Links for Junior and Senior Years; and Parent / Student Links with pertinent information.

PSAT Date: 10/17/09 Deadline to register: 9/25/09 Cost: \$20.00

Please see Jennifer Albini in the Piner Business Office to sign-up to take the PSAT.

9th grade Parent Information Night:

We had a good turnout for our parent information night on August 24th. We met in the beautiful Piner high School Library. It was good to put faces with students in our 9th grade class. We look forward to seeing ECMP parents at various events throughout the year.

ECMP Coordinator's List --- Fall 2009

- Ahern, Nicole Goodwin, Brian Major, Rebecca
- Anderson, Jamie Kaufman, Paul Nunez, Araceli
- Burmahl, Cory Kroh, Alex Schalich, Kasey
- Burns, Hilary Kruger, Ryan Vazquez, Jessica
- Castaldi, Casey Larson, Brandon Vieyra, Janet
- Clay, Michael Lewis, Chad Weldon, Aimee
- Dowdey, Rebecca Maddox, Savanna Zahl, Danny

These students have achieved GPAs of 3.0 or higher at both Piner and Santa Rosa Junior College.

REMEMBER TO USE THE ECMP WEBSITE

Our Website:

http://phs.srcs.k12.ca.us/early_college_magnet.htm is chock full of information that you need! Students and parents are encouraged to use the SRJC link to research classes, find deadlines for registration, and check toe 2009-2010 SRJC Academic Calendars:

http://www.santarosa.edu/schedules/academic_calendar/

Those students taking classes at SRJC in the fall should spend quality time on the SRJC Website to make sure that they have the most up-to-date information.

**PHS HOMEWORK CLUB meets Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:15-4:45p.m. in A-5
Barry Sullivan PHS counselor supervises the Homework Club!**

HELP SPREAD the WORD:

We will be holding an Early College Magnet informational night for current eighth grade students and their parents. We have scheduled this year's meeting for **Monday November 16th at 6:30p.m., in the Piner Performing Arts Center. Please support us by mentioning this important event to your friends and family who have students in the eighth grade in any public or private school in Sonoma County. Eighth graders who are accepted into the Early College Magnet Program are granted an automatic inter district transfer to Piner High School.** Tell your friends and family to visit the ECMP Website for the most current program information.

Save The Dates – 2009-10 Program Event Calendar:

9th Parent Orientation – August 24th

9th Group Photo – October 20th at the end of 4th period

8th Prospective Student / Parent Information Night – November 16th

10th SRJC Class Prep / Selection – January 25th, 2010

10th SRJC Student / Parent Informational Meeting for fall 2010 Classes
– March 22nd, 2010 @ 6:30 (evening)

3rd Annual Family Picnic May 10th, 2010 @6:00-7:30

Class One Student & Parent Formal Dinner – April 19th, 2010



PLEASE 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! In this time of budget cuts, we could really use the extra income to support the activities we have planned for your students and you. Sign up for eScrip @ <http://www.escrip.com> (To register Online, Click on the "1", Type in Piner High, click on "search," click on "Piner High Early College Magnet" Our Group ID# is: 500007283 After you register, participating local businesses will contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to the Early College Magnet Program!) Please ask your friends and family to support our wonderful program by registering with eScrip.

2009-10 Tutoring Schedule

HOMEWORK CLUB

	<i>ROOM</i>	<i>DAYS</i>	<i>TIMES</i>	<i>WHO?</i>
	A5	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	3:15 - 4:45	Any

ENGLISH

<i>TEACHER</i>	<i>ROOM</i>	<i>DAYS</i>	<i>TIMES</i>	<i>WHO?</i>
Crusco	J214	Monday	After school	Any
Scarboro	J210	Monday & Wednesday or other days by appt.	3:15 - 4:15 2:15 - 3:15	Any

MATH

<i>TEACHER</i>	<i>ROOM</i>	<i>DAYS</i>	<i>TIMES</i>	<i>WHO?</i>
Alexander	G55	Monday – Friday	7:15 - 7:45 am	Any
Jahnke	J101	By appointment	3:00 – 3:45	Her Pre-Algebra & Algebra students

SCIENCE

<i>TEACHER</i>	<i>ROOM</i>	<i>DAYS</i>	<i>TIMES</i>	<i>WHO?</i>
Barcelon	D1	Mon - Fri	After school by appt. only	Any
Carpenter	B29	Wed. & Thurs. or by appt.	2:15 - 4:30 pm	Physical Science/Physics

HISTORY

<i>TEACHER</i>	<i>ROOM</i>	<i>DAYS</i>	<i>TIMES</i>	<i>WHO?</i>
Stevens	J102	Sundays by appt.	10:00 am - 1:00	History – any level

WORLD LANGUAGE

<i>TEACHER</i>	<i>ROOM</i>	<i>DAYS</i>	<i>TIMES</i>	<i>WHO?</i>
Geis	A9	Wednesdays	Lunch or by appointment	Any
Michiels	A8	Monday - Friday	After school – drop-in	Michiels's & Geis's students only
Sheppard	A5	Monday-Thursday	7:20 - 7:40 & lunch	Any

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

<i>TEACHER</i>	<i>ROOM</i>	<i>DAYS</i>	<i>TIMES</i>	<i>WHO?</i>
Sorenson	A12	Wed. & Thurs. or by appointment	2:00 - 3:00 pm most days	Her students

SRJC Classes and Weighted GPA

Last year we notified students and parents that the number of SRJC courses to receive a weighted GPA had been modified. The policy was reexamined this summer and the Santa Rosa City Schools District has decided to once again allow SRJC classes to receive a weighted grade.

All courses that are at least 3 units and transferable to either the UC or CSU system (courses numbered 1-99) will receive a weighted GPA. (Example: an 'A' in Psych 1A, will count as 5 grade points on the Piner High School transcript).

9th & 10th Grade Spring Counseling Courses

Beginning on December 14, students will need to register for their next Counseling course.

~ 9th ~

Students will receive their registration packets (instructions, concurrent enrollment form) the first week in November in Mr. Erickson's class. They will be due to Mr. Erickson or Ms. Hagan by Friday, November 20. **NO LATE CONCURRENT FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!**

The course the 9th graders will take is Counseling 299 – Programs & Support Services, a .5 unit class. This class provides a basic overview of differences between high school and college. Students will be given a general outlook of the certificate programs and the A.A./A.S. degree programs offered by Santa Rosa Junior College.

The class is held at Piner from 9:00 am - 1:20 pm on the following dates: Saturday, March 6 & 13 or Saturday, April 10 & 17. Both classes of the section must be attended for students to receive a grade.

~ 10th ~

Students will receive their registration packets (instructions, concurrent enrollment form) the first week in November - they will be delivered to them in class.

The 10th graders will be taking Counseling 270 - College Orientation. This class provides a basic overview of the programs and courses offered at the college, the services available to students, the college procedures and the college's expectations of students. **THIS CLASS IS REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN THE SPRING SEMESTER OR STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE CLASSES AT SRJC.**

The class is held at SRJC from 9:00 am - 1:30 on Saturday, May 8 & 15. There are no other dates that the course is offered.

Important SRJC Terms & Procedures

Every semester while in high school and part of the Early College Magnet Program, students will have to do the following:

1. **Apply online** – either a new application, or an update of one already completed online.
2. **Complete Concurrent Enrollment Form** – students and parents must complete and sign and turn in to Ms. Hagan. The Concurrent Enrollment form is then turned in to Admissions & Records and only the courses listed are cleared for registration. All classes are blocked for high school students unless listed on Concurrent Enrollment Form.
3. Students must go online and register for the class they want to take.
4. Upon adding the section to their cart, they must “Checkout”. **Always select “Pay by Cash/Check”**. Once all students have been registered for the class, Ms. Hagan submits a list to Accounting of how many units should be cleared per student so that all remains are the Health Fee (\$17.00), Student Representation Fee, if not waived (\$1.00), and any class fees associated with non-Counseling classes.

Spring Information for Juniors and Seniors

The Santa Rosa Junior College online schedule will be available on **October 26th**. It is your responsibility to search for classes that are available during the times that work best for you. Ms. Hagan will hold Friday meetings to discuss class options with students and review General Education and major requirements. Juniors and Seniors will receive their Concurrent Enrollment form and Registration instructions the first week in November. **The Concurrent Enrollment forms will be due to Ms. Hagan by Friday, November 13. Open Registration will begin on Monday, December 14.**

SRJC Fees

For the first time since the program's inception, Santa Rosa Junior College is sending out bills. Please disregard these notices. Once all students have been registered for Fall classes, Ms. Hagan sends a list of students to the Accounting Department at SRJC. At that time, the enrollment fees will be waived and all that will remain is the Student Health Fee (\$17), Student Representation Fee (\$1) if it was not waived at checkout and any course fees for 11th & 12th graders. Generally, the clearance of fees takes place about two months after the start of a semester (for Fall this will be mid to late October) and you will be notified when you should make your payment to the JC.

Please help expedite this process by ensuring your son or daughter enrolls early in the semester for their required Counseling course. Late enrollment holds up the payment process for all students. There are still at least 30-40 students who have not yet enrolled in their class.

ECMP Bowling Night on Friday October 23rd at Double Decker Lanes from 8:00-10:00 or later if you choose! Ten Lanes have been reserved and the cost is \$8 per person for shoes and game! See you there!