

CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL

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Important Information for SENIORS - *post at home!*

Survival Tips:

1. Purchase a Certificate of Mailing Certificate for anything with a deadline.
2. Keep a copy of everything you mail.
3. Designate your favorite color as "College-Deadline" reminder on your calendar.
4. Start a filing system.
 - a. Credit Checks
 - b. Testing (SAT/ACT)
 - c. UC and/or CSU info/updates
 - d. One separate folder for each school in which you are interested
5. Keep your grades UP.
6. Refer to the Daily Bulletin on CHS Website (www.claremonthigh.net) for important deadlines and announcements

Calendar Reminders:

APRIL, MAY, & JUNE

- Sign up for SAT Reasoning test and/or SAT Subject test (www.collegboard.com) OR ACT (www.actstudent.org) if going to a 4-year college.
- Watch deadlines for SAT and ACT. It is recommended that you go online for practice tests and registration.
- Visit as many colleges as possible, especially during Spring break.
- Start a Student Planner (www.csumentor.edu or www.collegeboard.com)
- Create email account to correspond with colleges - AVOID 'cutesy' email addresses!

JULY - AUGUST

- Work on your BRAG SHEET!
- Do volunteer work.
- Continue with your college research.

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- ALL testing should be completed by the December test date. The UC system requires TWO SAT Subject tests in TWO different disciplines.
- Some schools require the ACT—check with the college to which you are applying. (NOTE: If you are applying to a UC and you decide to take the ACT, you still need to take TWO SAT subject tests in TWO different subjects.)
- Fall senior credit check.
- UC & CSU applications will be available ONLINE in Oct/Nov. (for UC: www.ucop.edu, and CSU: www.csumentor.edu)
- For private and independent colleges, request an application package through phone, email, or mail.
- Plan to attend the College/Career Faire in the gym (details to follow).

- Continue research for scholarships and private college in the Career Center.
- Request letters of recommendations EARLY from your counselor and teachers. If you are applying early decision or early action, your brag sheet and applications need to be turned in to your counselor by **SEPTEMBER 26**. All other requests, i.e. scholarships and other colleges) must be received by **OCTOBER 17**. Please make sure that your counselor is given **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS' NOTICE before** the college deadline. You must provide the postage (2 first-class stamps) and addressed envelopes with your applications.
- Work on your UC/CSU applications and Personal Statement (UC only)
- Check the CHS website throughout the year for scholarship opportunities.
- CSU applications due October 1 - end of November.

NOVEMBER

- UC and CSU applications **MUST** be submitted by the November 30th deadline. **Be sure to keep a photocopy and get a Certificate of Mailing.**

DECEMBER - JANUARY

- Complete **ALL** SAT and ACT testing in December.
- Begin working on your FAFSA: first, get a PIN from www.pin.ed.gov. (Your parents will also need to apply for a PIN.) Worksheets are available in the counseling office.
- **ATTEND the Financial Aid Workshop in December (TBA) with your parent!**
- Beginning January 1, file your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Check your individual colleges for their deadline.
- Turn in your Midyear Reports to the Counseling Secretary, along with a stamped (ONE first-class stamp), addressed envelope for each private college.

FEBRUARY - MARCH

- Senior credit check
- FAFSA deadline! March 2nd for Cal grants
- For community colleges: request an application and/or catalog from the college. You may also check in the College & Career Center for materials.
- If planning to attend Citrus College, take the assessment tests for English and math. See the Citrus College rep in the College & Career Center.

APRIL - MAY

- Watch your mailbox for decision notices from the colleges! Be sure to share the good news with your counselor!
- By May 1st, file **one and only one 'Intent to Register'**.
- Watch for housing deadlines!

JUNE

- Request FINAL transcript on Senior Checkout Day.
- **GRADUATION!**