

## NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CCO?

\* College Visits will continue to wind down through the month of November. Remember to check the schedule in the CCO, on Naviance, or on the flat screens in the locker lounge. If you have signed up for a college visit and have since changed your mind, please let us know so that we can plan accordingly. You can continue to register and cancel your registration for college visits on Naviance.

\* At this point, the CCO has processed 233 applications for Rolling Admissions, Early Action and/or Early Decision application programs. At this point, 72.3% of the class has submitted an application.

### BEHIND CLOSED DOORS OF THE ADMISSION OFFICES

The college admission process can seem like a mystery. How do admission counselors read so many applications in so little time? How can two seemingly similar applicants receive different admission decisions? How do admission offices decide who gets admitted, waitlisted, or denied?

Recently, admission offices have begun to allow the public into their offices. By blogging about their admission processes, they have become more transparent. To get an insider's view, here are a few examples:

- \* Pitzer College – <http://admission-unpeeled.blogspot.com/>
- \* Providence College – <http://www.providence.edu/Admission/>
- \* The University of Virginia - <http://uvaapplication.blogspot.com/>

### FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS

Now is a good time to begin organizing information that you will need to apply for financial aid. Here are some helpful tips to get you started:

- \* There are two forms that are often required for financial aid applications: the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the CSS Profile.
- \* Please refer to each college/university website for required forms and application deadlines. Note: Financial Aid deadlines are just as important as admission application deadlines.

## MID-SEMESTER GRADES

Mid-semester grades will close on Friday, November 6. Once these grades have been processed, you and your family will receive them and the accompanying comments shortly thereafter. The CCO will send mid-semester grades only (no comments!) to colleges if students have applied under Rolling Admission, Early Action, or Early Decision programs.

These grades will be sent on or around November 15.

## CCO DEADLINES

Please remember to keep your college counselor updated regarding your plans for applying to colleges. Upcoming CCO deadlines are listed in the chart below. Remember that you do not need to have your application complete by the CCO deadline but you do need to let your college counselor know about your plans and give your teachers the information they need to submit recommendations for you by the deadlines listed.

CCO DEADLINE	FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS DUE
November 6	November 30 to December 15
December 1	After December 15

## STANDARDIZED TESTING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in taking the SAT Reasoning Test, SAT Subject Tests, or ACT for submission to colleges during this application cycle, you still have time to do so.

\* The next SAT Reasoning Test and Subject Test administration is December 5, 2009. Late Registration is open (for an additional fee) until November 12. The following Subject Tests will be available on December 5: Literature, US History, World History, Mathematics 1, Mathematics 2, Biology E/M, Chemistry, Physics, Languages (Reading Only) - French, Italian, Latin, Spanish.

\* The next ACT Test administration is scheduled for December 12, 2009. The deadline for Registration is November 6.