

Pacific Grove High School

Counseling Office

Spring 2010

This newsletter is intended to bring you information regarding upcoming tests, scholarships, college visits and open houses, careers information resources. For more information students should stop by the Counseling Office or visit the school's web site @ pghs.org.

Last Day to Drop a Class

The last day for students to drop a class without receiving an 'F' on their semester report card is April 16th.

Scholarships: Listed below are just a few of our local scholarships. To view a detailed list, visit our webpage at : www.pghs.org/counseling

March deadline:

Cabrillo Civics Club (3/15/10)

New Millenium (3/19/10)

NCGA (3/19/10)

First United Methodist (03/25/10),

NAACP (4/01/10).

OMC Thrift Shop (04/13/10).

Yellow Brick Road (04/15/10).

Congregational Beth Israel (04/15/10)

Planning for College:

Here are a number of things to do each year as you progress through high school.

Ninth Grade

- * Begin following a college preparatory program.
- * Earn the credits you will need for college admission later on.
- * Begin getting involved in extracurricular and volunteer activities. College admission officials value this participation heavily.
- * Begin exploring your career preferences.
- * Work hard to achieve high grades. Your GPA will be an important factor in the college admission process.

Tenth Grade

- * Continue participating in extracurricular activities including sports and clubs
- * Begin exploring colleges on the Internet. Identify those that are recognized for strong programs in your areas of career interest.

Eleventh Grade

- * Take the PSAT (preliminary SAT). This will provide you with valuable experience for the SAT.
- * Begin taking the ACT and/or SAT.
- * Consider visiting college campuses that meet your interests and capabilities.
- * Continue doing Community service and extracurricular activities.

Twelfth Grade

- * Obtain letters of recommendation from teachers and others who can speak favorably on your behalf. * In the early fall retake the ACT and/or SAT to improve your scores if needed.
- * Apply to more than one college. Admission to college is becoming increasingly competitive –“Don't put all your eggs in one basket.”
- * Apply for financial aid and/or scholarships. Guidance counselors can help you locate these sources.
- * Don't miss application deadlines for admission and financial aid.

Upcoming SAT and ACT Test Dates

Date	Test	Register By	Late With Fee
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subjects	March 31, 2010	April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subjects	May 5, 2010	May 15, 2010
April 10, 2020	ACT	March 5, 2010	March 6-19, 2010
June 12, 2010	ACT	May 7, 2010	May 8-21, 2010

Students can register on-line. Students can also go on-line for practice tests and study materials at www.collegeboard.com www.act.org www.testprepreview.com for no charge.

