December Highlights

December High School Timelines:

**Seniors:**
- Attend College Mondays: Scholarship Workshop
  - 12/4 and 12/11 @ Lunch
  - Room 1204 (Ms. Manley’s Classroom)
- Complete all testing (ACT, SAT, and/or Subject Tests)
- Check e-mail & college portals for important admissions updates.
- Students will be notified of Early Decision/Early Action application decisions.
- Continue working on applications for Regular or Regular Decision deadlines.
- Talk with DVHS Alumni over winter break about their post-high school experiences.
- Start researching scholarships.
- Thank Your College Admissions Supporters

**Juniors:**
- Talk with DVHS Alumni over winter break about their post-high school experiences.
- Start keeping a list of colleges, careers, and majors that might interest you.
- Visit the College & Career Center; pick 2-3 schools and review catalogs/brochures, or sign up for appointment with Ms. Cranmer.
- Develop art portfolios, or music/drama audition ideas.
- PSAT Scores will be released to students in mid-December.
- Visit local colleges over winter break.

**Freshmen and Sophomores:**
- Prepare for Finals by establishing strong study habits.
- 10th Grade: PSAT Scores will be released to students in mid-December.
- 10th Grade: Review results from Naviance “Do What You Are” career assessment and explore potential career paths.
- 9th Grade: after December 8, review results from Naviance “Career Cluster Finder” and explore potential career paths.
- Meet your counselor and start thinking about classes you might want to take.
- Talk with DVHS Alumni over winter break about their post-high school experiences.
- Visit local colleges over winter break.

For more information on timelines, visit [http://dvhs.schoolloop.com/cplanning](http://dvhs.schoolloop.com/cplanning)

**Per Year Estimated College Costs:**
The University of the Pacific produced a document of the estimated cost of attendance for California Community Colleges, CSUs, UCs, and Private/Independents. [Click here to view the 2016-2017 version.](http://dvhs.schoolloop.com/cplanning)
Diablo Valley College Parent Information & Financial Aid Night for Parents of High School Seniors

Find out what DVC San Ramon Campus has to offer!
Wednesday, December 6th 6:30-8:00 pm
Dougherty Station Community Center: Ridgeview Room
17011 Bollinger Canyon Road
San Ramon, CA 94582
RSVP at srcinfo@dvc.edu, space is limited.

Cabin Leader Volunteering for Outdoor Education
Hidden Hills Elementary School is in need of enthusiastic, energetic, and fun-loving high school students to join on their 5th grade outdoor education trip. They are looking for 10-12th graders in good academic standing to serve as cabin leaders.
When: February 20-23, 2018
Where: Walker Creek Ranch, Petaluma

**All applications are due on December 14, 2017. Please pick them up and return them completed to the DVHS College & Career Center.
For questions or more information, contact Lisa Vela at lvela@srvusd.net.

East Bay Regional Park District Job Fair
The East Bay Regional Park District, in partnership with Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the City of Richmond, is hosting two Youth Job Fairs for youth ages 15-24 for upcoming summer (and beyond) job opportunities. The event details can be found on this downloadable flyer. The event includes a FREE lunch and shuttle ride.

January 20- Livermore
January 27- Richmond

Summer Opportunities
Although it is only December, the winter break is a great time to consider summer plans. There are a variety of options for students: Volunteer, work, taking a class, job shadow, internship, or organized summer enrichment programs.
For a list of ideas, go to https://dvhs.schoolloop.com/summer

**A variety of programs are listed on this website, however they are not endorsed by DVHS or SRVUSD unless otherwise stated. They are a compilation of information from mailings or emails.
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December Parent College Information Session

Due to scheduling conflicts, the College & Career Center will not be hosting a parent college information session in December. Please stay tuned for more information on Schoolloop and in the January College & Career Center Newsletter to RSVP for the next session on Financial Aid & Scholarship Resources.

Wednesday, January 17
7:30am-8:30 am
DVHS Library

Articles of Interest

The disconnect between what colleges say and what students hear
Rebuilding problem: Young people don’t do construction. See what these jobs pay in S.F.
DVC Leads State in Transfer to Four-Year Colleges

Ms. Cranmer’s College Corner:
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

59,000 undergraduates/13,000 graduates (among the 4 campuses)

Strong Programs:
- Barrett, the Honors College (all campuses)- Ranked #1 Public Honors college
- Graphic Information Technology (Polytechnic Campus)
- Aviation and Aerospace (Polytechnic Campus)
- Engineering (Polytechnic Campus)
- Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Communication (Downtown)
- W.P. Carey School of Business (Tempe Campus)
- Public Service Academy (all campuses)

Fast Facts:
- #1 for Innovation (above Stanford & Harvard)
- Top 10% in US for employability
- Top 5 for producing Peace Corps volunteers
- More undergraduates than graduate students, so more undergraduate research opportunities.
- Located in the 5th largest US city with no other research universities to compete for internships or jobs.

Great for a student who:
- Desires resources of a large research university while gaining the student-centered approach of a small college.
- Loves 300 days of sun
- Brings new ideas to a group or classroom
- Learn by doing