All Students

We have started our 2nd quarter which means we are half way through with the semester. Please continue monitoring your grades on School Loop and check in with your teachers if you need additional help during ACCESS period.

Students can drop in to see their counselor if they have questions during lunch, brunch, before school, or after school. Students can also sign up to see their counselor in the counseling office. Students will be sent a pass within 48 hours.

Students will be taking their finals from January 21st-January 24th. There will be a different bell schedule on those days. Please refer to the DVHS website for the finals schedule or click the link below:

Below are the counseling assignments by student last name. Please email your counselor with individual questions:

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Seniors

Seniors should be finalizing their college list and updating their information on Naviance Family Connection. Pay attention to deadlines and apply early!

Seniors who need recommendation letters from their counselors should have filled out the counselor recommendation letter packet found on the counseling website or under Document Library in Family Connection. This packet was due on October 31st.
By December, finish taking the necessary entrance exams for colleges. Register for SAT I and SAT II (subject tests) at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and for ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

**Ordering test scores**- If you have not submitted your official ACT or SAT test scores, please do so immediately. Official score reports must be sent by College Board (for the SAT) or by the ACT. The test scores self-reported on your college applications are considered *unofficial*.

Seniors applying to the California State University (CSU) system can begin their application now. Here’s the link: [https://secure.csumentor.edu/admissionapp/undergrad_apply.asp](https://secure.csumentor.edu/admissionapp/undergrad_apply.asp)  
The deadline to submit is November 30, 2013.

Seniors interested in applying to the University of California (UC) system can view and submit the application now. Begin finalizing your personal statement. The link to the UC application is: [http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/apply-online/index.html](http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/apply-online/index.html)

Counselors will be available and will hold open lab sessions to help students with their college applications. All open labs will be held in Room 4207.

- Tuesday, November 5th – ACCESS period
- Wednesday, November 6th – ACCESS period
- Monday, November 19th – after school

Transcripts- Seniors who need official transcripts sent to their colleges need to order them through Naviance Family Connection. It is $2 per transcript. Students may order them through the webstore or print out a transcript fee page and pay their balance with Mrs. Thomas, our bookkeeper. Students will then bring their printed receipt to the counseling office.

There will be a financial aid night on **Monday, December 9**th in the DVHS Performing Arts Center beginning at 7 pm. Students and parents should attend to find out about the FAFSA and the different kinds of loans and grants available. The 2014-2015 FAFSA will be available beginning January 1, 2014. Students should apply early.

Seniors should check weekly for updated scholarships on Naviance Family Connection or in the College & Career Center. Scholarship opportunities are updated daily.

Seniors should begin looking into housing options offered at the colleges they are interested in applying to and apply early!

Seniors will not have to worry about their Cal Grant GPA. The district will submit their Cal Grant GPA.

Remember that senior year grades count. Please continue to maintain your grades and do well in all of your classes. If you do make a schedule change after you have submitted you application, be sure to contact each one of your colleges and notify them of this change.
**Juniors**

Junior year is a critical year for students, and students should begin thinking about where they would like to go for college. Attend college rep visits hosted by the College & Career Center and become familiar with what the College & Career Center offers. Students can sign up for college rep visits through Naviance Family Connection. You must have a pass signed by a teacher if you are to attend a college visit. If you have any questions, please visit the College & Career Center for more information.

Juniors should continue to monitor their grades on School Loop and see their teachers for help if they are struggling in any of their classes. Take advantage of the ACCESS periods.

Students should continue to be involved in school and extracurricular activities and keep track of what they have done.

**Sophomores**

Sophomores should continue to monitor their grades on School Loop and take full advantage of the ACCESS period. The sophomore year will be more challenging than freshman year, and students need to prioritize their academics and find a balance with extracurricular activities.

Students should familiarize themselves with the College & Career Center and begin signing up for college rep visits.

Sophomores should continue to find ways to get involved in school and extracurricular activities. Join sports, clubs, and other school activities at DVHS.

**Freshmen**

Please check School Loop regularly and monitor your grades. Your semester grades count for college. Please see your teachers if you need extra help!

Freshmen should begin looking into sports, clubs, or other school activities that interests them. It’s never too early to get involved.