

The Splinter

JUNIOR EDITION

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ATTENTION JUNIORS AND PARENTS!

COLLEGE FIT AND PLANNING NIGHT will be held on **Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.** in the small gym. This event marks the “kick off” of the college search and application process for juniors and their parents. A great deal of information will be presented regarding the University of California and California State University systems, California Community Colleges, private colleges, and out of state public and private schools. The evening will begin in the small gym with a general session and opportunity for questions. **The chance to get this much information at one time, in one place comes ONLY once a year. DON'T MISS OUT!!!!**

JUNIOR TIMELINE

October

Representatives from a number of colleges and universities will be in the College & Career Center during September, October and November. Juniors are encouraged to attend these presentations. Look for listings by the Library and Counseling Office as well as in the College & Career Center Announcements and Daily Twig on the Redwood website. All college rep visits are also listed in Naviance.

PSAT at Redwood: October 13, 2018

November

The college process for juniors will begin **November 7th at 6:30 p.m.** in Redwood's small gym when the Counseling Department presents **College Fit and Planning Night.**

December

College Admission Testing Night is being presented on **December 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Small Gym. Learn how testing plays a role in the college admissions process.

January/February

Redwood High School counselors will meet with juniors in their U.S. History classes to discuss senior scheduling and items to be completed by the students in Naviance prior to scheduling their Junior Conference by the end of February.

Career Conversations begin in January and will be listed on the Redwood website and in Naviance. Students are encouraged to attend lunchtime presentations to learn about a variety of different careers.

April/May

The **WACAC College Fair** will be held at Dominican University on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 6:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with over 150 college representatives in one location. More information will be sent via email in the spring, including schools attending the event.

In May, counselors and the college & career specialist will offer SMART period workshops for getting a head start on the college application process and summer planning.

Mock tests are offered for juniors planning to take the SAT and ACT. These practice tests give juniors an opportunity to “Test Drive” actual tests administered by a test preparatory company. Students will be in a simulated test setting where they will be timed and monitored. Interested students must sign-up, in advance, for these practice diagnostic tests. **There will be a \$15 non-refundable donation to the Redwood High School Foundation- Scholarship Committee at the time of sign-up. Checks should be made out to Redwood High School Foundation.** Winter and spring mock test dates will be made available in the Twig and College & Career Center announcements page soon.

Check out the College & Career Center website at <https://www.tamdistrict.org/domain/125> for updates on events, practice tests, tutors, college statistics and much more.

Junior Conferences

By the end of February 2019, counselors will be having individual junior conferences to discuss post high school/college planning. These meetings will be for **students only** and are held during the school day. Counselors will be contacting each student via email with a pre-arranged appointment time.

Information that will be covered includes:

1. Double check graduation requirements and college entrance requirements including checking admission requirements for private and out-of-state colleges.
2. Explore college/career goals.
3. Investigate college possibilities and develop the resources for further exploration.
4. Review SAT and ACT testing dates.
5. Review the “College Application Guide.”

College Entrance Examinations

All colleges accept either the ACT and/or the SAT test scores. The tests vary in format. Most four year institutions require a college entrance exam score. Test optional schools will indicate that in their admissions policies. Some students elect to take both the ACT and SAT to see which format is better for them.

For students entering the UC system, each applicant must submit scores on an approved core test of mathematics, critical reading and writing.

This requirement may be met by taking either of the following:

- ◆ the ACT Assessment with Writing
- ◆ the SAT Reasoning Test with Writing

While SAT Subject Tests are not required, some UC campuses recommend that freshman applicants interested in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency.

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements/examination-requirement/SAT-subject-tests/index.html

CSU's do not require the SAT Subject Tests or the essay, but do require SAT Reasoning or ACT Test.

If subject tests are required for the colleges to which you are applying, we recommend taking SAT Subject Tests in May or June of your junior year, nearing the completion of the subject area. **It is your responsibility to know which tests may be required by each school to which you are applying.**

The College Board has partnered with Khan Academy to provide students with free practice tests, interactive practice, short quizzes and feedback. For more information on Khan Academy go to: www.khanacademy.org/sat

SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Test Dates

Register online at www.sat.collegeboard.org

Date	Tests Offered	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
December 1	SAT & Subject Tests	November 2	November 19
March 9	SAT only	February 8	February 20
May 4	SAT & Subject Tests	April 5	April 24
June 1	SAT & Subject Tests	May 3	May 22
August 24*	SAT & Subject Tests	July 25*	August 13*

*Anticipated test dates

Fees: With Essay- \$64.50

Without Essay- \$47.50

ACT Test Dates

Register online at www.actstudent.org

Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
December 8	November 2	November 13
February 9	January 11	January 18
April 13	March 8	March 25
June 8	May 3	May 18

Fees: With Essay- \$58.50

Without Essay- \$49.50

Redwood's School Code for testing is: 051-361

Visiting College Campuses

Your junior year is a great time to begin visiting college campuses and there is no better time to do this than during the February mid-winter break or during the spring break in April. During these times most colleges are in session. This gives you an opportunity to see the college in action, to see who goes there, visit classes and check out the atmosphere. You are welcome to plan your itinerary using any books in the College & Career Center or you might want to check out an organized trip to visit many campuses in the east.

You can also make up your own itinerary. Select several campuses you are considering and map out a plan to visit publics as well as privates in a specific geographic area.

This is a great opportunity to take a road trip with your parents or a friend and experience different colleges.

If you are unable to schedule campus visits during the February or spring breaks, remember you can **pre-arrange** up to three days of warranted absences per school year for college visits. Warranted Absence forms are available in the Attendance Office, room 105.

Check each college website or call the admissions office to get the times of the tours and to inquire about classroom and overnight visits. Take notes and bring a camera. There are books, and college brochures in the College & Career Center. Prepare a list of questions, after doing a little research.

Opportunities for Juniors

Internships: Through the School-to-Career Program, directed by Greg Davison (458-3484 or e-mail gdavison@tamdistrict.org), students can have the chance to intern at a local organization during the fall or spring semester or in the summer. Many businesses in Marin provide these opportunities, including the areas of architecture and construction, culinary arts, technology and multimedia, medicine and health, journalism, engineering, auto tech, veterinary medicine, business and finance, fine arts, fashion and law. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore a potential area of interest and to get valuable work experience. Applications will be available in January for the spring semester. Students are required to work a minimum of six hours per week for eight weeks.

NCAA Eligibility Center: If you plan to play **sports in college**, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Students should register with the Center at the conclusion of their junior year. The Eligibility Center will not process the forms until after they receive the student's 6th semester transcript. Juniors may leave a request for their transcripts to be sent to the Eligibility Center in the Counseling Office with Records Secretary Diana Fernandez. Students should also have their SAT/ACT scores sent to the Clearinghouse. The numerical code is 9999. Students may begin the registration process this spring and familiarize themselves with the NCAA Eligibility Center website, www.eligibilitycenter.org

If you are considering applying to a **FEDERAL MILITARY ACADEMY** like the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, or the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, you must start the process in your JUNIOR year. You must meet rigid scholastic and medical qualifications as well as secure a Congressional nomination.

Want a part time job?

There are opportunities on the Job Board in room 111

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES VISIT REDWOOD

Many college admissions representatives visit Redwood throughout the fall. Juniors interested in these schools are encouraged to come to the College & Career Center to hear what representatives say about their school's atmosphere, majors and admission policies. A few colleges have information sessions at public locations on weekends and/or evenings.

For the latest list of college admissions representative visits at Redwood, go to the College & Career Center [website](#) or log on to [Naviance](#) – under the college tab, click *view all upcoming visits*

SCHOLARSHIPS, COLLEGE SEARCH WEB SITES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please note that most scholarships are for seniors. However, there are several contests that juniors may enter. Current scholarships are listed on Naviance. Examples of current scholarships:

JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest:

Open to students in grades 9-12. Write an original & creative essay of 1,000 words or less that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in Profiles in Courage. Guidelines in file. Apply online at: www.jfklibrary.org Deadline: 01/18/19

Princeton Prize in Race Relations opens Oct 2018

Open to all high school students who have been involved in a volunteer activity in the last 12 months that has had a significant, positive impact on race relations- broadly defined- in their school or community. Apply online at: www.princeton.edu/pprize Deadline: 01/31/19

COLLEGE SEARCH

Now is the time to start thinking about different options. Listed below are some websites that you can use to begin your college search.

[Naviance](#)

www.redwood.org –Resource Tab

College Board Online

www.collegeboard.org

The Princeton Review

www.review.com

California State University

www2.calstate.edu

California Colleges

www.californiacolleges.edu

University of California System

www.universityofcalifornia.edu

California Independent Colleges/Universities

www.aiccumentor.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service hours can be an important aspect of a college admission review. There are many opportunities to become involved; the College & Career Center keeps a community service board with current opportunities. A list of local organizations is also posted on the College & Career Center website. Click on *Community Service Opportunities* [here](#).

Many scholarships are based on community service and volunteerism. It is helpful if students log their community service hours in Naviance under a journal entry or as part of a resume. The student will then have a record of hours spent on volunteering and community service. When the school receives a scholarship requiring a nomination, these recorded hours will help us with our recommendations and/or nominations by seeing a record of student's hours.

NAVIANCE

Family Connection from [Naviance](#) is a web-based service designed especially for students and parents. It is a comprehensive website that you can use to help with research, and to make decisions about colleges and careers. Family Connection also provides up-to-date information that's specific to Redwood. It allows us share information with you about upcoming college admission meetings, and events, as well as other Web resources for college and career information. Please check the *documents library* under the *College & Career Center* folder for important information, documents and handouts.

Naviance is located on the Redwood website under Resources. We encourage students to get into the habit of checking their Naviance account on a regular basis. If you have difficulties logging in, please check in at the College & Career Center.