

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL
Calendar for Parents and College Bound Juniors and Seniors

Questions? Contact the *College & Career Center*. Dates, times and locations of events will be announced in the Principal's Newsletter, Junior-Senior Bulletin, NHS Scholarship List, and Daily Bulletin.

Month	S = Student Responsibility P = Parent involvement recommended	11	12
	Review NHS information. Be sure you have a clear understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● graduation requirements ● college entrance requirements ● testing requirements 	S/P	S/P
S E P T E M B E R	Register for ACT and/or SAT and SAT Subject tests. <i>Request that scores be sent directly to colleges by listing "Score Recipients."</i> Register at: www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org prior to the start of school. Attend the Senior Parent Information Night at NHS. Obtain an ROTC scholarship application from the local recruiting office. Continue to participate in extra-curricular activities and/or community service.		S/P P S S
O C T O B E R	Pay the PSAT registration fee to the NHS Treasurer. The PSAT/NMSQT is always the 3 rd Saturday in October. Juniors register the first week of October. Request or download private and out-of-state college applications. Consider using the Common Application, available at www.commonapp.org . It is accepted by more than 350 (mostly private) colleges across the country. Check the Scholarship List posted in the <i>College & Career Center</i> and Library. Complete the Personal Data Form . Ask teachers for necessary letters of recommendation <i>at least 3 weeks prior to application deadlines</i> . Complete a UC and/or CSU eligibility worksheet . Applications are available at www.csumentor.edu and www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply in October.	S	 S S S S
N O V E M B E R	E-mail applications to UC and CSU campuses by November 30th . Print out a copy of the application summary for your files. Consult Housing Information at CSU web sites. You may need to submit a contract to reserve housing <i>prior to</i> receiving an offer of admission. Send official transcripts to private and out-of-state colleges. Military Academy goal? Contact an academy representative to review plans.		S/P S/P S S/P
D E C E M B E R	Last opportunity to take ACT and SAT tests for admission purposes. Obtain a federal financial aid (FAFSA) worksheet and GPA Verification Form for the Cal Grant Program at the <i>mandatory Financial Aid Workshop</i> . Complete the customized CSS Profile if applying for aid at private colleges. Attend a Scholarship Search Orientation in the <i>College & Career Center</i> .		S S S/P S
J A N.	Attend the Financial Aid Information Night at CPHS on 1/7/2009 at 7 PM. Inquire about scholarships from parents' employers, unions, trade and fraternal organizations, etc. Pursue local scholarship opportunities through June. Connect to free scholarship data bases on-line at www.finaid.org .	P	S/P S/P

F E B R U A R Y	<p>Mail financial aid forms between January 2nd and March 2nd. Obtain a <i>Certificate of Mailing</i> from the Post Office (\$1.10).</p> <p>Submit the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form to the NHS Registrar (if you plan to attend <i>any</i> college in California) by the third Friday in February.</p> <p>Send Mid-year Reports (7 semester transcripts) to colleges that request them.</p> <p>Register for the May Advanced Placement Exams. Pay the test fee to the NHS Treasurer. The <i>tentative</i> deadline to register is for AP tests is Feb. 20, 2009.</p> <p>Utilize career and college search engines on-line to research college and major options. To access GetInsights, a web-based program with a teen-friendly interest inventory, go to www.GetInsights.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click getInsights (blue button) • Click <i>Take Your Profile Now</i> • Enter name, e-mail address, etc. • Select NHS, enter coupon code # 4396F4 (NHS students only) <p>Review graduation and college requirements; plan a <i>challenging</i> fall schedule. Take math as a Senior!</p>	<p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S/P</p> <p>S S</p> <p>S/P</p>	<p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p>
M A R C H	<p>Mail ACT and SAT registration forms for spring test dates, or register at www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com .</p> <p>Sign-up for the <i>mandatory DVC Application Workshop</i> at NHS.</p> <p>Apply to Diablo Valley College at www.dvc.edu. Print out a copy of the application confirmation page, and turn in to the <i>College & Career Center</i>.</p> <p>Take the required DVC Placement Tests at NHS.</p> <p>Visit colleges over spring break. They are generally in session during our break, and offer tours and information sessions (visit college web sites for details; some require reservations).</p>	<p>S/P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S/P</p>	<p>S/P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p>
A P R I L	<p>Attend the MDUSD College Night (time and location TBA).</p> <p>Write to senators/congressmen/vice president for military academy nomination.</p> <p>Go to www.dvc.edu for summer and/or fall class schedules. Obtain Concurrent Enrollment Forms from the <i>College & Career Center</i> or <i>NHS Student Services</i> in the Main Office.</p> <p>Attend the College Fair at St. Mary's College, Saturday, April 25, 2009 1-4 PM.</p>	<p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p>	<p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p>
M A Y	<p>Submit the SIR form (Student Intent to Register) to the college you will attend in the fall. A tuition or housing deposit is generally required at this time.</p> <p>Notify the <i>College & Career Center</i> of all scholarships and awards received. Provide a copy of the certificate or award letter.</p> <p>Attend Counseling 105 at DVC, then register for fall classes.</p> <p>Complete the MDUSD and NHS Exit Surveys in your Economics class.</p> <p>Request that the Registrar send your final transcript to your chosen college.</p>	<p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p>	<p>S/P</p> <p>S/P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p>

J U N E	Research scholarships on-line at: www.fastweb.com . Stop by the <i>College & Career Center</i> to obtain a copy of the complete, 2008-2009 Scholarship List.	S	
	Obtain and submit an NCAA Student Release Form if you plan to play sports in college. Forms are available at www.ncaa.org . Send SAT or ACT scores, too! The NCAA code is 9999.	S	
	Visit colleges. Many offer tours and information sessions once or twice a day. Visit college web sites (“admissions” or “visitors” pages) for details.	S/P	
	Obtain an application from any college you plan to apply to through an Early Decision or Early Action option. Start writing draft essays over the summer.	S	