



SENIOR UPDATE

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GRADUATION: The classes you are in right now do count for graduation. F's on your progress report may result in a referral to finish the year at East High. An F on your final report card may result in you not graduating high school. Stay on top of your grades, talk to your teachers, go to study hours, and talk to your counselor if you are struggling so we can find a solution before you start to fail.

\$\$\$ FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE/TECH SCHOOL/TRADE PROGRAMS/CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS/ETC \$\$\$

1. Submit your FAFSA or Dream Act by **MARCH 2nd**. You MUST meet this deadline or you may not receive federal or state financial aid.
2. Make an account at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>. Log in and check the status of your state financial aid application. Once you know what school you are attending next year you will need to log in and accept your Cal Grant. Unaccepted grants are pulled and redistributed, but you can only send it to ONE school so don't click that button until you are certain where you are going.
3. Read the scholarship update we publish and apply to every scholarship that you are eligible for.
4. Be at school on **February 7th**! You will attend the Humboldt Area Foundation's application workshop during your English class. They have over 200 local scholarships available, many of which go unclaimed every year because no one applies to them. The workshop will get you started with their application process.
5. Go to scholarships.com or fastweb.com and create a profile. The profile questions match you with national scholarships that you are eligible to receive. Apply to as many as you can.
6. Tell us when you get a financial aid award! We want to honor every senior who has won a scholarship at Senior Awards Night in May, but we won't know what you get unless you tell us.

Scholarships and financial aid are NOT just for college. If you are going on to any training program after high school, there is money available for you. Don't miss out!

UC/CSU/other 4-year schools: Make sure you read EVERYTHING that your colleges are sending you. By now you should have logged in to each of your potential schools' student portal and started working on the 'to-do' list that you find there. The instructions and links are in one of the first emails the school sent you. If you need help doing this, see your counselor ASAP.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES: College of the Redwoods will be here on February 2nd for an application workshop during 3rd and 4th period. Sign up in the office today if you would like to attend. They will also be here March 7th and 8th for you to take the math and English placement tests. You must complete and submit your

application before you can take the placement tests. Finally, for students who have applied to CR and taken the placement tests, we will be taking a field trip to CR in April or May for new student orientation. We will send out sign up information closer to the date.

If you are attending another California community college, you can most likely take CR's test and send out your scores to your school. Check with your counselor to see if this is an option for you.

TRANSCRIPTS: Official transcripts for college admissions need to be requested from Rebecca Wilkinson in the office. Many schools request a mid-year transcript and a final one after graduation – make sure you are paying attention to all of the emails you get from your colleges and your portal to-do lists so you know if you need to send them a transcript or any other information.

IMPORTANT DATES (some may change):

2/7 Humboldt Area Foundation Scholarship Workshop in English classes

2/13 Interview Day

2/15 State Seal of Biliteracy District Exam @ lunch in library

2/19 No school all week - Presidents' Week

3/7 and 3/8 College of the Redwoods Placement Tests in B labs

3/24 Seal of Biliteracy Language Fair and Oral Assessments @ HSU

3/29 Raza Day @ HSU (field trip for Latino students)

3/29 Latino Parent Night

4/16 No school all week – Spring Break

5/2 Change the World Showcase and Open House

5/4 Spring Rally

5/7 First day of AP Testing - Good luck!

5/15 Seal of Biliteracy Awards Night @ HCOE

5/18 Student Appreciation Day

5/23 Senior Awards Night

5/24 Senior Ball and Banquet

5/25 Senior Picnic

5/29 Multicultural Graduation Ceremony

5/31 Last Day of School

6/1 Senior Breakfast and GRADUATION!!

6/2 First day of the rest of your life... 😊