

FRONTIER HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR NEWSLETTER – FALL SEMESTER, QUARTER 1

PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

ALL STUDENTS – Please share this newsletter with your parents!

*Check daily announcements and the Frontier Website *every day* for important information!*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- *Make sure you pass all of your classes this year* – there is no guarantee of summer school, after school, or adult school classes to make up credits or improve grades
- If you need academic help, see your **teacher** and/or counselor right away, also tutoring is available in the Quest Center Tues/Thurs 2:45PM-3:45PM – **don't wait, get help immediately**

ROTC MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS AND GI BILL:

- Each branch of the service offers ROTC scholarships to eligible students. Eligibility criteria is listed in the following website: <http://military.com/Education/Content>
- GI bill – If your parent is a member of the Armed Forces, he or she may be able to transfer benefits to you. Find more information about it on line at www.gibill.va.gov

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

- <http://www.kernhigh.org/Colleges/Default.aspx> - colleges and career resources
- www.cacareerzone.org/index.html - career planning resources
- www.roadtripnation.com – career planning resources
- www.rwm.org – private postsecondary vocational schools
- www.calapprenticeship.org – info about apprenticeship programs
- www.todaysmilitary.com – careers in the military with numerous links to all branches
- www.campustours.com – college information and links
- www.californiacolleges.edu – college information
- www.fafsa.ed.gov – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- www.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/american-universities.html -- link to university & college home pages
- www.petersons.com – guide to college information
- www.embarc.com – college planner (search, apply, test prep)
- www.ncaa.org/cbsa -- national collegiate athletic association (NCAA)
- www.finaid.org – financial information page
- <http://ope.ed.gov/security> -- how safe is your college campus?
- www.meritmoney.com – information on 1000 US schools offering merit scholarships
- www.fastweb.com

www.assist.org-- help for transfer

***** give counselors 2 weeks to complete letters of rec!!**

COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE INFORMATION

- General website: www.cccco.edu
- B.C. website: www.bakersfieldcollege.edu
- Taft College website: www.taftcollege.edu

- Remember the best preparation for community college is to meet the A-G requirements - although not required for admission
- Community colleges do not require the SAT or ACT for admission
- **However**, students are encouraged to meet the A-G requirements and take the SAT/ACT just in case you change your mind and want to apply to a four year university (see more info below)

FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON-LINE:

CSU: www.csumentor.edu

GPA at least a 2.0, no Ds in A-G requirements

UC: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/>

GPA at least a 3.0, no Ds in A-G requirements

INDEPENDENT/PRIVATE: www.aiccumentor.org & www.commonapp.org **SAT Subject Test requirement

SAT/ACT – seniors should plan on taking these admissions tests in October (UC) or November – register now

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

ACT: www.actstudent.org

- **check university admissions websites for requirements** – UCs and some private universities require additional testing - SAT subject area tests
- Free SAT/ACT reviewer: www.cavhs.org
- Official SAT practice at Khan Academy on College Board
- Various College Board apps on Smart Phones

Important Deadlines:

Early Sept	Begin registration for SAT or ACT
OCTOBER 1	FAFSA filing period opens
Oct 1 – Nov 30	CSU application filing period
Nov 1-Nov 30	UC application filing period
Sept 12-30	CSF window
Dec 3	Last SAT test for incoming freshmen to UC
Nov. 1-Dec. 16	Begin admissions process at BC
March 1 – 31	UC notify students of admission decisions
MARCH 2	FAFSA DUE
March & April	Determine if you need to take English Placement Test (EPT) or Entry Level Math (ELM) at a CSU Campus
Mid-April	Acceptance letters sent home
May	AP Exams

FRONTIER HIGH SCHOOL
Senior “Preparing for College” Calendar
<http://www.kernhigh.org/Colleges/Default.aspx>

September	October	November	December	January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for October or November SAT I (or SAT II). <input type="checkbox"/> Register for October ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Update student questionnaire forms. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with counselor to review college list and your graduation requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Call any colleges you have not contacted for applications; organize files; photocopy applications; begin to fill out rough drafts. <input type="checkbox"/> Remind your parents to gather financial records & get financial counseling if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Decide the number of colleges and cost of applying. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit PROFILE registration form for schools requiring PROFILE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for December ACT and/or SAT I or SAT II. <input type="checkbox"/> Take ACT and/or SAT I or II. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Night and various college information programs. <input type="checkbox"/> Watch the Career Center for college representative visits. <input type="checkbox"/> Finish research, compare colleges, and reduce your list to five to ten schools. <input type="checkbox"/> Plan visits and interviews to colleges while they are in session (send thank you notes). <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college weekends. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on rough draft essays and applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Send in “early decision,” “early action” applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin UC/CSU applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Keep watching scholarships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Send in UC and CSU applications as early in the month as possible. <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT I or SAT II. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for December ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Finish all rough draft applications and essays. Go over them with counselor, teacher, and parent. <input type="checkbox"/> Give all recommendation and secondary school evaluation forms to teachers and counselor to complete. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to your “choice colleges.” Make sure you have all the necessary paperwork turned in. <input type="checkbox"/> Observe deadlines. Send transcripts and test scores. <input type="checkbox"/> Keep your grades up. Colleges <u>do</u> look at semester and year-end grades! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT I or II or ACT, if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on and send in private college applications as you finish them. <input type="checkbox"/> Plan holiday visits to colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Mail ROTC. <input type="checkbox"/> Collect Financial Aid information and pick up FAFSA forms in the counseling office. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Financial Aid Night. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Request 7th semester transcripts be sent to colleges that request them. <input type="checkbox"/> Check with teachers, counselor and colleges that all forms have been mailed. <input type="checkbox"/> Let your counselor know your first choice colleges. Stay in contact with your representative at those colleges. Ask if you can send any additional academic or talent information or letters. <input type="checkbox"/> Watch application deadlines. <input type="checkbox"/> Keep sending your applications. It is not too late to apply to many colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA may be sent anytime after January 1.
February	March	April	May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check that the college has received financial, test scores and all other forms. Can you apply for housing now? <input type="checkbox"/> Some college acceptance letters may arrive. Inform your counselor when you hear from a college. <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue scholarship options. Watch due dates. <input type="checkbox"/> Stay calm and enjoy your senior year. <input type="checkbox"/> Send thank you notes to teachers, counselor, and anyone who helped you through the process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to Community College representatives if applying there. Get applications in Career Center. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit tax forms to the Financial Aid Office of colleges who request them. <input type="checkbox"/> Send any new material which may help admission to colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Watch for Student Aid Report (SAR) to arrive, giving amount of student aid for which you are eligible. Make sure your colleges receive it. Keep the original. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All colleges should respond. <input type="checkbox"/> Decide where you wish to go. Revisit if necessary. Go to information meetings you are invited to. Write to the college you accept and those you do not. Inform counselor and teachers of your decision. <input type="checkbox"/> Wait listed? Write “pleading letter” and ask for help. Most colleges decide in June/July. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit applications to community college. Take placement tests. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for AP tests. <input type="checkbox"/> Start looking for a summer job. You may need the money! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail in deposit to <u>one</u> college by May 1. Sign and return financial award letter also, if you received one, to accept it. <input type="checkbox"/> Fill out loan applications. <input type="checkbox"/> UC – Subject A exam. <input type="checkbox"/> CSU – Placement exams. <input type="checkbox"/> AP exams. <input type="checkbox"/> Fill out housing forms, if available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Congratulations, Graduate! <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy your summer. You deserve it. <input type="checkbox"/> Turn in your final transcript request to registrar. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend all advising days, open houses, orientation programs, and registration days offered by your college. <input type="checkbox"/> Read books on how to survive in college – physically, emotionally, and academically. <input type="checkbox"/> Send thank you notes for any scholarships you have received.