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Universities DO NOT
accept D's. Make sure
your grades are C's or
higher! Aim for a 3.0 or
higher GPA.

Official class rankings will
not be available until
October.

**Remind App: get college & scholarship
related texts from Mrs. Cardoza**
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Class of 2019 text @b7dbgd to 81010
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Class of 2021 text @fa42g to 81010

Welcome Back Panthers!

As your college counselor, I am here to help you prepare for college, trade schools, the military, and a future career.

If you are not registered in **Naviance**, please do so ASAP. If you need help, come to the counseling office! There will be many times during the college/scholarship application process that students will need to log on to Naviance.

Keep an eye out for your **EAP test scores** in the mail at home. It will be included with your SBAC test results. You need these test results if you are planning to attend a CSU or MJC. When you get the scores, just put them in your college folder to keep safe until spring. More information on page 7 of this bulletin.

Many students are very eager to begin their college applications at this time. At this point, it's a bit early to work on college apps. Spend time researching colleges and make a **THOUGHTFUL, REALISTIC** list of colleges that you will apply to. Aim for 2-3 Reach schools, 3-4 On-Target schools, and 2-3 Safety schools. The more time and effort you spend on this list now will ease your stress later!

This year is going to be fast paced and busy! Make it your goal to get organized and do not procrastinate!

This is going to be a great year and I'm looking forward to working with you!

Mrs. Cardoza



Opportunities and Things to do

College Representatives Coming to MoHi

Representatives from different colleges visit our campus to give students more information about their college. Seniors and Juniors are welcome to attend. **Sign up in Naviance by clicking on the “colleges” tab, then on the left click “view all upcoming visits”.** You must sign up at least two days before the visit so that Mrs. Cardoza can get your attendance cleared. Be sure to communicate with your teacher ahead of time to arrange for missed class time. Listed below are a few that have already made their appointments. Check back often, as new visits are added frequently!

University of the Pacific Aug. 29; 3rd period

Mills College Sept. 5; 2nd period

Harvey Mudd College Sept. 11; 7th period

Air Force ROTC Sept. 20; 3rd period

Biola University Sept. 18; 2nd period

UC Merced Application Workshop Nov. 2; 2nd or 3rd period (sign up for 1 period only)

Kaplan SAT Prep Class

This class prepares students to take the October SAT. Registration fee is \$335, students must register in the SBO. This class is open to students from other schools and is limited to 30 students. Class will meet on Tuesdays 5—8 pm August 15—October 3 in room 205 at MoHi.

What’s in a Name?

It is crucial that you use your legal name on all school, college, and financial aid documents. Your legal name is what is printed on your birth certificate and/or social security card. As you transition from high school to college and the real world, you must use your legal name consistently in everything you do. This is especially important for students who have 2 last names, or go by middle names or nick names. If something needs to be changed, have your parents contact the counseling office staff.

Future College Athletes

You need to sign up with the NCAA Clearinghouse by the end of this school year so that college athletics can see your academic progress. See Mrs. Cardoza to be sure you are meeting the more rigorous academic standards of NCAA. No summer school, no ESS, no PACE is accepted.

SAT and ACT Information

“Study for both the ACT and SAT and be extremely prepared.”
Oscar Rodriguez,
Class of 2016

- Colleges will accept scores through the December test. It's ok to submit you college application without the scores as long as you list the date you will be taking the test and have the test scores sent directly to the college.
- These tests are requirements of universities only. Community colleges and most trade schools do not require them. If you are planning on attending a community college first and then transferring to a university, you will NOT need to submit test scores, ever!
- Colleges accept either the SAT or ACT test scores. Colleges will only look at the highest score, it doesn't matter how many times you take the tests. Some colleges “super score”, meaning they take the highest sub score from any test, while other colleges only accept your highest scores from a single sitting.
- SAT is more of a reasoning test, while ACT is more of a practical test. Some students do better on one more than the other, some do about the same on both. Some colleges (competitive UC's, CSU's, and private universities) recommend or require: **ACT plus writing, SAT with Writing, or 2 SAT subject tests** – if you take math, be sure it is level 2. Take the subject tests you feel that you will do the best on.

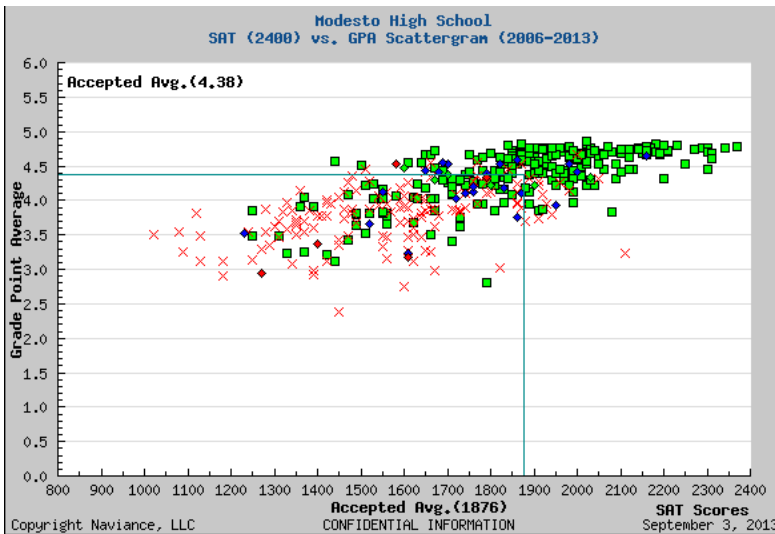
SAT Test Date:	Aug 26	Oct 7	Nov 4	Dec 2	All test dates offered at MoHi
Register By:	July 28	Sept 8	Oct 5	Nov 2	

ACT Test Date:	Sept 9	Oct 28	Dec 9	Only the Dec Test will be at MoHi
Register By:	Aug 4	Sept 22	Nov 3	All other dates offered at Turlock High or Sierra High in Manteca

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- Register for SAT at www.sat.org and ACT at www.actstudent.org.
- Write down and remember your user name and password. You will be logging on to this site many times! Our school code is 051985.
- Fee waivers are available from Mrs. Cardoza for students on free or reduced lunch. AVID students will receive their fee waivers in their AVID class. Students are permitted up to 2 fee waivers for SAT, 2 fee waivers for SAT subject tests, 2 fee waivers for ACT.
- You get 4 free score reports with each test, after that you will have to pay an additional fee. When registering for tests, request to have SAT scores sent to Cal State Apply # 3594 (ALL CSU's will get your scores) and 1 UC, they will share your scores with all UC's. For ACT scores, send to one CSU and send to one UC, they will share with all others. Have your scores sent each time you take the tests!

“Don't forget your password to print out the SAT ticket. It's really important.”
Victor Guitron, Class of 2014



What is a “good” test score? Depends on where you are applying, your major, and how competitive it is! Check out the scatter grams in Naviance to see how your test scores compare to others for each college you are interested in!

Spend plenty of time studying for the test, be well prepared, and do the very best you can. Take advantage of these free online resources to help you study:

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>
- www.collegeboard.org/practice
- www.actstudent.org
- <https://www.number2.com>

PSAT for 9th-11th Grade Students

The PSAT is a good practice for the upcoming SAT! Juniors can plan on taking their first SAT (or ACT) in the spring.

We will be testing **Wednesday, October 11** in both Gymnasiums, beginning at 7:15 a.m. SHARP! PSAT registration will be in September, more info coming soon! The PSAT fee is \$17.00* and must be paid at the time of registration.

*Juniors who are on free/reduced lunch can receive a PSAT Fee waiver from Mrs. Cardoza (Quantities are limited, first come, first serve!)

*11th grade AVID students will register in their AVID class.

Modesto City Schools College Expo

Mark your calendar now for **Saturday, October 28** to attend our MCS College Expo at Downey High School. Students and their families will have a variety of break-out sessions to choose from, including: financial aid, writing essays for college applications, and many more! There will be a number of college representatives in the college fair to answer your questions. Open to all grades, this is a free event and no registration is required.

College Night at MJC! Over 50 colleges and universities will be available to answer your questions! **August 30 from 6:30—7:30 pm** in the Student Center on East Campus.



Seniors, What Happens When?



It's such a confusing year, college applications, tests, financial aid, scholarships, and more! I'm here to help you navigate this whole process! Here is the general flow of events for the year.

August—May	Scholarship application deadlines vary, with the majority of them being in the spring semester . All of the scholarships that I know of will be printed in this bulletin, so be sure to check it every month!
August—September	Sign up for SAT/ACT Tests, research which colleges you will apply to.
October—November	Submit College Applications.
October—February	Fill out the FAFSA or Cal Dream Act application for financial aid.
March—April	Find out where you have been accepted to attend and your financial aid package.
April—May	Notify colleges if you will be attending; complete senior survey with Mrs. Cardoza to request your final transcript to be sent to the college you will attend.

Juniors, what should you be doing to prepare for college now?

Get your grades up! When you submit college applications, you will only have grades from 9th-11th to submit, so this is your last year to raise that GPA.

Take PSAT in October and the SAT and/or ACT in the spring.

Go over your transcript with a counselor to be sure you are on track to meet the college A-G requirements. You don't have much time left to change your schedule or enroll in ESS or summer school to make up for any missing classes or D's and F's

Remind App for Seniors

Throughout the school year, I send out messages to remind you of important college dates/deadlines/events. Sign up to receive these messages! Choose one of the four ways below to sign up for the Remind App from Mrs. Cardoza.

- iPhone and Android phones can download the app. Open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/bed79c and follow the directions to download the mobile app.
- All other types of phones: to receive messages via text, text **@bed79c** to **81010**. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @7ghdh'.
- Trouble using 81010? Try texting **@bed79c** to **(209) 315-8603** instead.
- Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/bed79c on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.
- Juniors can sign up for Remind with the code b7dbgd
- Sophomores can sign up for Remind with the code b82ag8
- Freshman can sign up for Remind with the code fa42g

MJC Classes While in High School

Many students opt to take a course at MJC during their senior year to get a jump start on college credits. Tuition is waived for high school students, although you will still have to pay some fees and purchase books. Only students who are on track to graduate and have demonstrated that they can handle the additional coursework should enroll in MJC courses. Most courses that are 100 level are transferrable to CSU's, UC's and many private universities. If you are interested in taking a course in the fall or spring, come see Mrs. Cardoza in the college counseling office.

- *Evening courses usually meet once per week, typically from 6:00-9:00 pm.*
- *Fall semester begins August 28, and classes are already filling up!*
- *The spring semester begins on January 8, 2018, but registration for those classes begins in October.*
- *Suggested courses to take: Guidance 110, Health 110, Music Appreciation 101, History 101 or 102.*



*Save \$\$ and
get a jump
start on colleges
credits by
taking a class
at MJC*

Early Assessment Program (EAP) for CSU and MJC

As a junior, students completed the EAP test as part of SBAC testing. All students completed the English portion, while only students in Secondary Math 3 or higher took the math portion. These test scores can help you as you transition to college. The scores are not used in determining your admission, they are only used in course placement. Colleges will have access to your scores after you have been admitted, as long as you checked the box on the test to share your scores with colleges. You should receive your scores very soon in the mail. Be sure to keep them with all of your college preparation materials.

Your SAT or ACT scores may also be used to determine your readiness for college level coursework.

There are three possible outcomes:

Ready—means that you qualify for college level course and do not have to take the assessment tests at CSU or MJC. SAT math score of 550+, SAT Critical Reading 500+; ACT math score of 23+, ACT English 22+.

Conditionally Ready—means that you almost qualify for college level coursework. To be fully exempt, you must complete ERWC or IBHL English classes with a C or higher both semesters to be fully exempt. In math, Statistics, Pre-Calc or any IBSL/HL Math course. SAT math score 490-540, SAT Critical Reading 460-490; ACT math score 20-22, ACT English 19-21.

Not Yet Ready—means that you need to build your skills and you will need to take the assessment tests. CSU offers the tests in January-February at all CSU's (\$18 each, no fee waiver). MJC assessment test will be offered on our campus in February or can be taken at the MJC West Campus Testing Center (no charge). All assessment tests must be completed by March for priority registration.

Students who complete the college assessment tests and still score below college level must then complete the following:

CSU—successfully pass required summer Early Start courses.

MJC—successfully pass the required remedial courses before enrolling in any college level English/Math course.

Students must pay tuition for all remedial coursework. MJC remedial courses are NOT transferrable and often result in students having to remain at community college for more than 2 years. CSU Early Start courses do NOT earn units toward a bachelor degree, but must be completed in order to begin the fall semester.

Get Ready, Get Set, Get Organized!



Students might want to use an expandable file folder or a binder with dividers and pockets to set up this system. Here are some labels to get you started:



1. **Bulletins**—Printed copies of the College & Scholarship bulletins, be sure to highlight the information that pertains to you!
2. **Online Accounts**—A list for all user names, passwords, and websites
3. **Graduation**—Copies of your transcripts and graduation plan (from your counselor)
4. **Resume and LOR**—A copy of your resume and /or list of activities, awards, volunteer work, and work experience. A list of teachers, counselors, and community members that you would contact if/when you need a letter of recommendation, include their phone, address, and email. Also keep a copy of any letters of recommendation.
5. **Testing**—Copies of your SAT and/or ACT test scores, as well as a list of the dates you had the test scores sent from College Board or ACT to the colleges you apply to. Keep your EAP scores too.
6. **Scholarships**—A master list of all scholarships that you applied for, including the date that you submitted the application, if you were awarded a scholarship and the amount. Copies of all scholarship applications that you submitted. This will be very important in the fall when you want to claim the scholarship money you have been awarded.
7. **College Apps/Essays**—A master list of all the colleges you applied to, including the date you submitted the application and whether you were accepted or denied admission. A printed copy of your personal statement for UC and/or Common Applications. Keep all letters and print out copies of all emails from the colleges.
8. **Financial Aid**—keep a copy of your FAFSA or Dream Act application, keep all letters and print out all emails regarding your application. This is very important because you will be applying for financial aid EVERY YEAR that you are in college.
9. **Senior Stuff**—Any information about senior trip, graduation, class rings, etc.
10. **Miscellaneous**—anything that doesn't fit into one of the other areas.

Calendar—use a calendar to mark down all important dates, including scholarship deadlines, college application deadlines, college events, and senior activities.

Deadline	Scholarship Name	Description	Application Location
9/10/2017	Elks Most Valuable Student	Scholarships based on leadership and financial need. Must be US citizen.	http://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm
10/2/2017	Wendy's Heisman Award	This award honors male and female high school students who excel in academics, athletics and student leadership. Must have a 3.0 GPA and participate in at least one school sport.	http://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/
10/6/2017	AES Scholarship	The scholarship is open to all majors not just engineering. Requires a 500-1000 word essay, When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?	http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm
10/18/2017	Hispanic Heritage	Multiple scholarships available to students of Latino heritage with excellence in the classroom, community, or the workforce.	https://app.reviewr.com/hispanicheritage/site/hispanicheritage