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SEPTEMBER 4

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 6 – PACE Parent Committee meeting, Principal's Conference Room, 7pm.

Sept. 7 – registration deadline for 10/6 SAT Test, www.sat.org

Sept. 13 – All PACE parent meeting, Little Theater, 6pm.

Sept. 13 – Back-to-School Night, 7 pm.

Sept. 28 – registration deadline for 10/27 ACT Test, www.act.org

FIELD TRIPS

Sept. 26 – Big Trees & Mercer Cavern

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back for the 2018-2019 school year. Please join us for the general PACE parent meeting right before Back-to-School Night. We will be meeting in the Little Theater at 6pm.

The PSAT test will be given Oct. 12. SCUSD requires all 9th and 10th graders to take the test and covers the cost. Also, this PSAT test is the test that can qualify an 11th grader for a National Merit Scholarship. However, interested 11th graders must sign up to take the test, they won't be automatically taking the test like the 9th and 10th graders. **Any 11th grader who is interested in taking the PSAT must sign up by September 7th in Ms. Brown's office. It is free for 11th graders who sign up.**

OPPORTUNITIES

College Application Essays: What do I Write? with Marilyn van Löben Sels

Saturday, September 8, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Did you know that college applications require several different types of writing? The UC application includes Personal Insight Questions, the Common Application has longer essays, and many applications also have short answers and descriptions of high school activities. In this workshop, you will learn what colleges are looking for in essays and responses, how to choose topics and how to answer each type of prompt. Tips will also be shared on writing strategies and how to be organized and meet those all-important deadlines. **Please register**



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Paying for College, Part 1: Financial Aid with Marilyn van Löben Sels

Wednesday, September 19, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

You're going to college, and how will you pay for it? Paying for college is a big concern, and it all starts with the FAFSA. In this workshop, you will learn how the financial aid process works, how to fill out the online FAFSA application, when to apply, and where you can go for help when filling it out. Please register by visiting <http://www.saclibrary.org/events?eventId=259173> or by calling (916) 264-2920.

Paying for College, Part 2: Scholarships with Marilyn van Löben Sels

Wednesday, October 17, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Scholarships are a great way to help pay for college, but where do you find them? How do you apply? In this workshop, you will learn how to do a scholarship search and to apply for those that are a good match for you, how to get organized, write convincing scholarship essays, and recognize scams. Parents will also learn how they can help and support their students throughout the process. Please register by visiting <http://www.saclibrary.org/events?eventId=263761> or by calling (916) 264-2920.

Instructor Marilyn van Löben Sels is a certified college counselor with over 20 years of experience helping students and their families with the college application process. She has been presenting college workshops ever since the library opened in 2010.



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