

# WELCOME

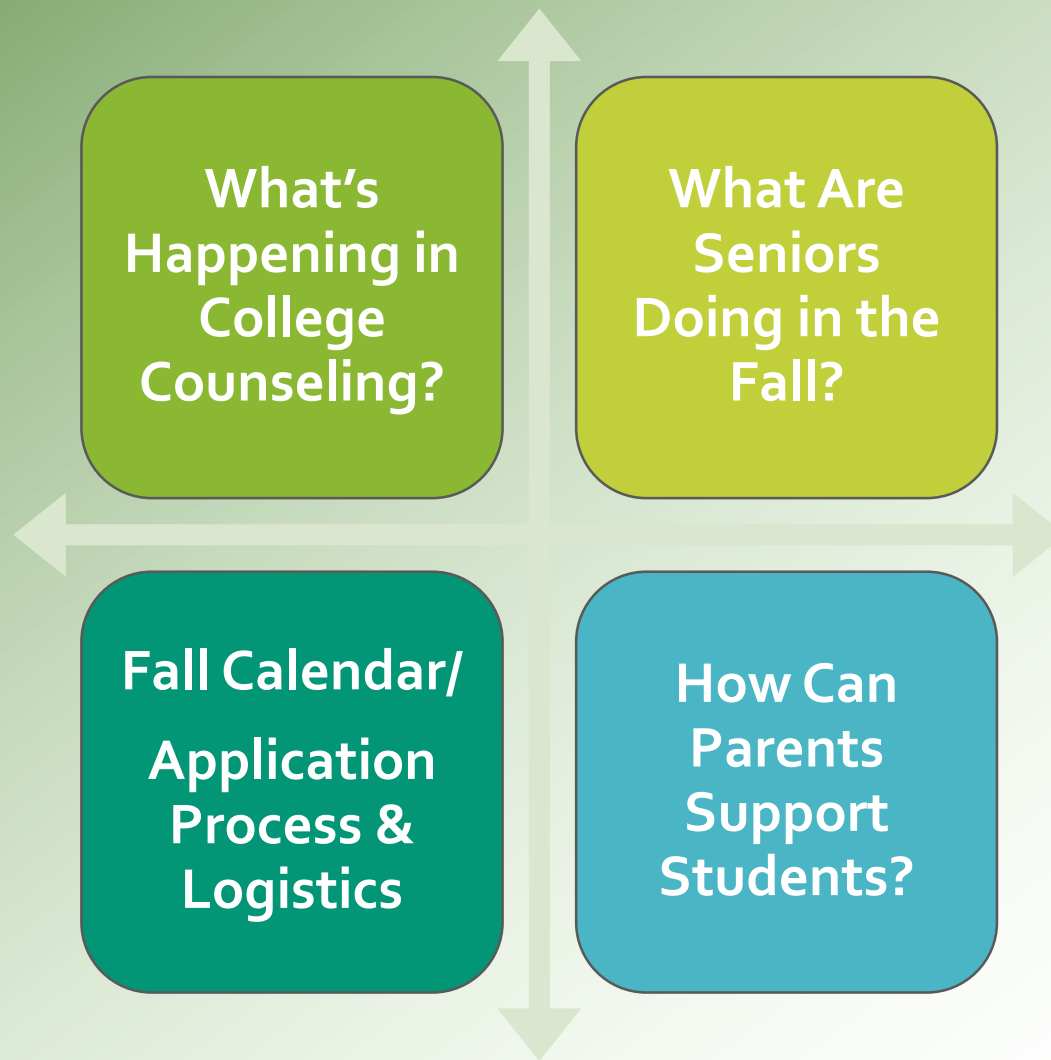
## SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

September 4, 2019

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# TONIGHT'S AGENDA: THE COLLEGE APPLICATION SEASON AT HARKER



# COLLEGE COUNSELING APPROACH

## Know Yourself

- Reflect on your interests, strengths, learning style, aspirations, personal qualities, achievements and experiences

## Know Colleges

- Identify your own personal college criteria and use it to research a wide range of colleges

## Know the Process

- Understand the application process and what colleges look for in applicants

# FALL OVERVIEW: THE NEXT 100 DAYS

EA/ED Plan  
By Oct. 1st

The diagram features two large, light green arrows pointing to the right. The top arrow contains two light blue rounded rectangular boxes. The bottom arrow contains three rounded rectangular boxes: a green one followed by two light blue ones. The text inside the boxes represents a sequence of application deadlines.

Final List  
By Nov. 3rd

Early Apps  
Nov. 1

UC Apps  
Thanksgiving

Regular Apps  
Dec. 20

# September 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Labor Day Holiday	3	4	5	6 Drop Ins	7	8
9 Drop Ins	10	11	12	13 Drop Ins	14	15
16 Drop Ins	17	18	19	20 <b>Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> Teacher Rec Asked</b> Drop Ins	21	22
23 Drop Ins	24	25	26	27 <b>Fall Break</b>	28	29
	<b>Counselors at National Conference</b>					
30 Drop Ins						

# October 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 <b>ED/EA Plan Due</b>	2	3	4 <b>Drop Ins</b>	5	6
7	8 <b>Drop Ins</b>	9	10	11 <b>Drop Ins</b>	12	13
14	15 <b>Drop Ins</b>	16	17	18 <b>Drop Ins</b>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Drop Ins</b>						
28 <b>Fall Break</b>	29	30	31			
	<b>Drop Ins</b>					

# November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			Most Early Apps Due	1 Drop Ins	2	3 Final List Due
4 Drop Ins	5	6	7	8 Drop Ins	9	10
11 Drop Ins	12	13	14	15 Drop Ins	16	17
18 No School/Drop Ins	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Thanksgiving Break				
25	26	27 Final Safe day for UC/CSU Apps	28	29	30	

# December 2019

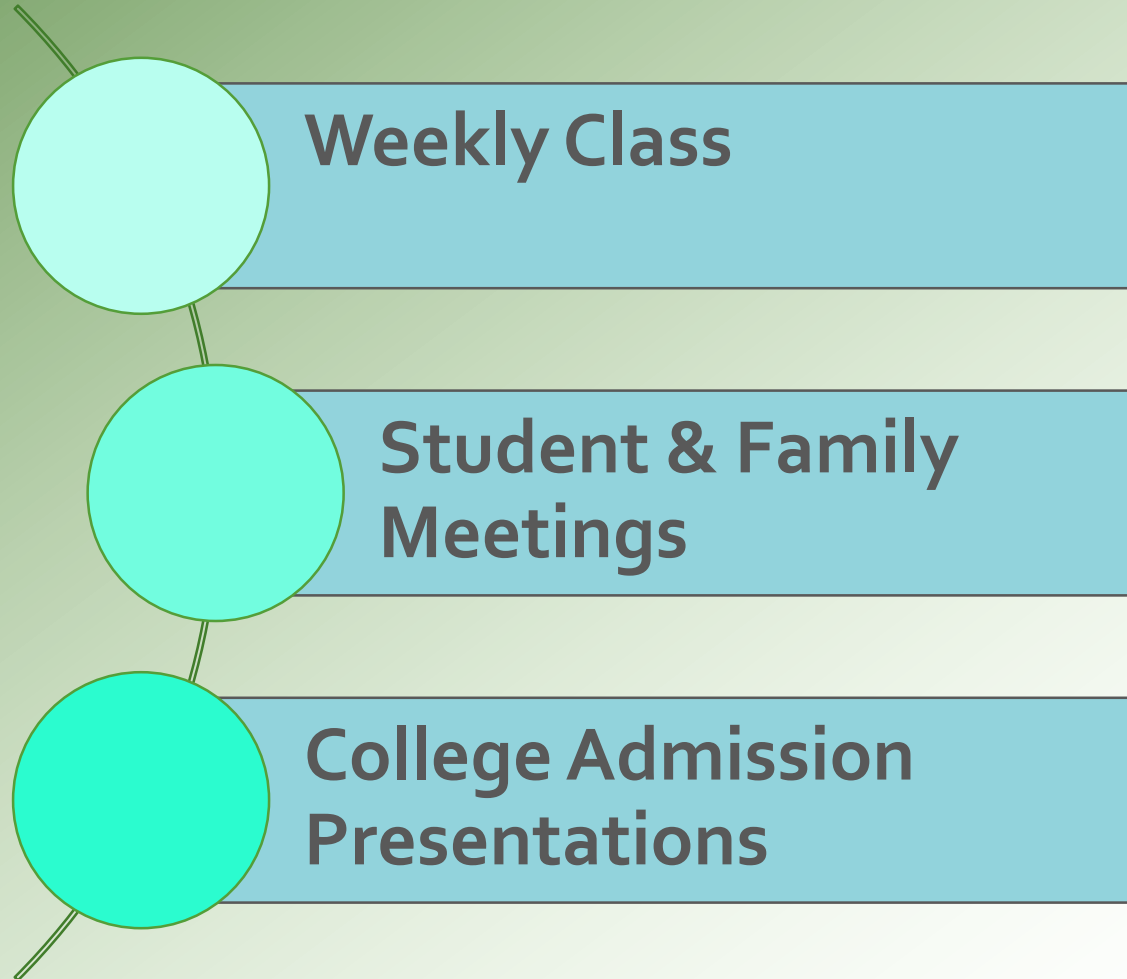
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Drop Ins				Drop Ins		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
App Week/Final CC Meetings				CC Office Closed for Processing		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Winter Break						



# January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
Winter Break						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Deadline to withdraw applications for ED admits	16	17 Sem 1 ends	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
7 <sup>th</sup> semester transcripts sent						

# SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE COUNSELING



# SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE COUNSELING CLASS

<b>8/27</b>	<b>What to Expect in Sr. Year</b>
<b>9/3</b>	<b>Common App Activity Statements</b>
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Logistics of Applying Early Personal Statements</b>
<b>9/17</b>	<b>Writing "Why Statements"</b>
<b>10/1</b>	<b>College Interviews</b>
<b>10/8</b>	<b>UC Personal Insight Questions</b>
<b>10/15</b>	<b>UC Application Tips</b>

<b>10/22, 11/5, 11/12</b>	<b>Nov/Dec Calendar Review Final College List Instructions Harker Application Processing Logistics</b>
<b>11/19</b>	<b>Completing Applications</b>
<b>12/3</b>	<b>What to Expect After December</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Making the Final College Choice April Visits to Colleges Wait Lists UC Appeals Final Transcript Logistics</b>

# DOCUMENT RESOURCES IN SHARED GOOGLE DRIVE

My Drive > College Counseling Documents & Resources Class of 2020



## Folders



Alumni College Contact List



Class Powerpoint Slides



Sample Resumes for Junio...



Teacher Recommendation ...

## Files

SAT, Subject Tests, and ACT Test Dates  
Official Score Release Fall for the Class of 2020

EXHIBIT A (SAR/DOH 45)

ACT	September 19, 2019
SAT or Subject Tests	October 1, 2019
ACT	October 22, 2019
SAT or Subject Tests	November 7, 2019
SAT or Subject Tests	December 5, 2019
ACT	December 16, 2019
SAT or Subject Tests	January 23, 2020
ACT	February 11, 2020
SAT	March 4, 2020
ACT	April 4, 2020
SAT or Subject Tests	May 6, 2020
SAT or Subject Tests	May 1, 2020
ACT	June 16, 2020

SENIOR SUMMER CHECKLIST

SAT or Subject Tests	August 26, 2017
ACT	September 19, 2017
SAT or Subject Tests	October 7, 2017
ACT	October 28, 2017
SAT or Subject Tests	November 9, 2017



All SAT and ACT test dates ...

### Harker College Counseling Office Junior Questionnaire, Part 2

Dear Junior: (Junior Questionnaire - Part 2) This form will be sent to the college to which you will be sent to.

The Junior Questionnaire is designed for the student.

1. To make your college counselor be writing letters of recommendation for you that will be sent to each college to which you apply. It will also send the counselor to filling out questionnaires to be sent to each college to which you apply.

2. To help you think seriously about yourself and your college options. An effective college search must include an honest self-examination. The more you know yourself, the better you will be able to make important decisions about college.

For each question, write as much as you would like. We would rather you write more than less. To help you focus and write thoughtfully, there is a word limit of 100 words for most of the 10 short-answer questions. The Open-Ended questions are designed for a much shorter response, with a limit of 50 words.

Respond to each of the following in 100 words or less.

1. We would like to know more about what interests you academically. The results you may enter here will be shared with those who are interested in you. Please, describe up to three areas of academic interest.

It is not expected or required that you share more than one test space is provided for those who choose to do so.

Please, include your name, address, phone number, email address, and Harker College ID number.



Junior Questionnaire Part 2...



Sample College Org Spread...

- Compare to research colleges. Remember that Harker alumni are excellent resources. Contact them and make plans to meet with the summer.
- Use Score and College Board to research and balance your list.
- Confirm your choice.
- Research DE colleges and majors.

Think about your early college/early decision strategy and visit any possible colleges.

Set up a spreadsheet.

Before you start writing, collect all your application prompts and put them in one spreadsheet or one on one you can use which have similar themes or topics. You may find that writing that you think because many prompts will be similar.

Set up a college info spreadsheet for keeping track of college application deadlines, requirements, interview policies, etc. (see sample in shared google drive)

If you are doing a virtual portfolio or performing arts audition/submission, research your colleges to find out requirements and deadlines.

Remember due for your personal statement.

Start working on Why Statements and Activity Statements.

Register for any summer or fall SAT or SAT Subject tests or ACT test you plan to take.

Create your Common Application account.

Review the supplements for the colleges on your list. Add supplements/auditions to your college info spreadsheet/list.



Senior Summer Checklist.pdf

# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❑ Change in priorities: college apps > homework
- ❑ Know deadlines and app policies for your colleges
- ❑ Keeping up with communication from colleges (opening and reading emails from colleges throughout the year)
- ❑ Be organized: spreadsheets, timelines, 100 day calendar
- ❑ Maintain grades
- ❑ Keep parents in the loop



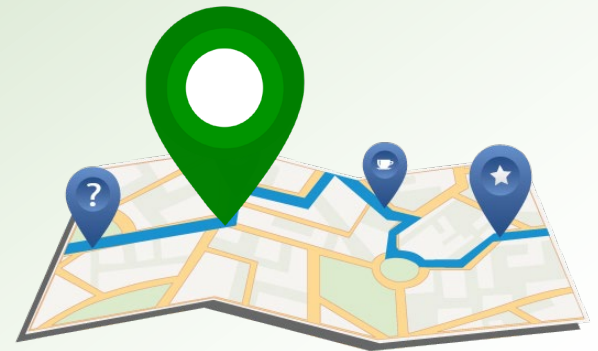
# COUNSELOR MEETINGS

- Every 2-3 weeks
- Drop in opportunities – weekly and at peak times
- Student sets the agenda:
  - Updates, early app plans, college list
  - **Essays, supplements, Why statements**  
~*Please rely on your counselor*
- Family Meetings (typically 1)



# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES – WORKING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

- ❑ Attention to College Counseling Office info:  
Class, Emails, SCOIR, Application Processing Logistics
- ❑ Schedule and be prepared for regular counselor meeting
- ❑ Turn in forms and documents
- ❑ Keep your counselor updated
  - Counselor Letter of Recommendation



# ABOUT ESSAY REVIEW

## What we do:

- ▶ Evaluate the flow
- ▶ Assess the take away
- ▶ Read it like an admissions reader
- ▶ Help students get “unstuck”
- ▶ Be very, very honest



## What we don't do:

- ▶ Spell check & Grammar police
- ▶ Mark it up like an English teacher
- ▶ Ghostwrite
- ▶ Spend hours reviewing an essay
- ▶ Review writing without student present
- ▶ Rewrite or embellish
- ▶ Withhold feedback




















# COLLEGE ADMISSION PRESENTATIONS AT HARKER

- ~100 colleges
- Final college research
- Demonstrated interest
- Students only
- Students know policies for signing up



# HOW COLLEGE VISITS WORK

September 2019					
4 Wed	 University of St. Andrews St Andrews	<b>Time:</b> 02:20 PM – 03:00 PM <b>Location:</b> College Counseling Office	1  Registered	<a href="#">View</a>	 Count Me In
5 Thu	 University of Massachusetts (Amherst) Amherst, MA	<b>Time:</b> 10:50 AM – 11:30 AM <b>Location:</b> College Counseling Office	10  Registered	<a href="#">View</a>	 Count Me In
	 University of California (Berkeley) Berkeley, CA	<b>Time:</b> 12:20 PM – 01:00 PM <b>Location:</b> Auditorium	80  Registered	<a href="#">View</a>	 Count Me In
6 Fri	 Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA	<b>Time:</b> 02:20 PM – 03:00 PM <b>Location:</b> College Counseling Office	47  Registered	<a href="#">View</a>	 Count Me In
9 Mon	 Occidental College Los Angeles, CA	<b>Time:</b> 08:45 AM – 09:25 AM <b>Location:</b> College Counseling Office	11  Registered	<a href="#">View</a>	 Count Me In

- Colleges schedule appointments → Students schedule in SCOIR
- Colleges available for sign up weeks in advance
- Permission from teacher 1 week in advance
- Student must cancel if plans change

# APPLICATION INTERVIEWS

- Which colleges?
- Who?
- Where?
- No parents 😊



- Importance of researching how to arrange interviews

# THE FINAL COLLEGE LIST

- Due November 3  
**Final College List**
- **8-12 Colleges**  
**(UC counts as 1)**  
3-4 Likely\*
- **College Kickstart**



# COLLEGE KICKSTART

[HOW IT WORKS](#)[CUSTOMERS](#)[BLOG](#)[SIGN UP](#)[SUPPORT](#)[LOG IN](#)

Give your  
college plans  
a boost



**ASSESSING CHANCES FOR ADMISSION:  
% OF APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED BY  
CATEGORY FOR CLASSES OF  
2018 & 2019**

**Likely 83%**

**Possible 44%**

**Reach 12%**

# RECORD APPLICATIONS

	2015 Applications	2017 Applications	2019 Applications	2020 Applications
Boston Univ	54,781	60,815	62,210	?
Georgia Tech	27,277	31,484	36,936	?
NYU	57,727	67,232	76,919	?
U Michigan	51,761	58,590	65,684	?
USC	51,924	56,676	66,000	?

# THE FINAL COLLEGE LIST





# APPLYING:

## HOW THINGS GET FROM HERE TO THERE

Student Section – **student sends**

- Application
- Supplement

College Counseling Section – **we send**

- Transcript
- Counselor Letter
- School profile

Teacher Recommendations – **we send**

Test Scores – **student requests, test company sends**

- When to send?
- Many colleges accepting self-reported scores
- No need to send AP scores

# THE UCS DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY

- No transcripts (students self report grades)
- UC Personal Insight responses are unique
- No recommendations  
\*except upon special request
- October—two UC app classes
- No interviews
- Test Scores still need to be sent—only to 1 campus
- No senior grades, though senior course schedule is considered

# CAL STATE UNIVERSITIES

- No transcripts (students self report grades) but transcripts sometimes requested later
- No recommendations
- No interviews
- No senior grades, though senior course schedule is considered
- Cal State Eligibility Index
- Admission Selection (Impaction) and Local Preference
- Choice of major matters

# CAL STATE UNIVERSITIES

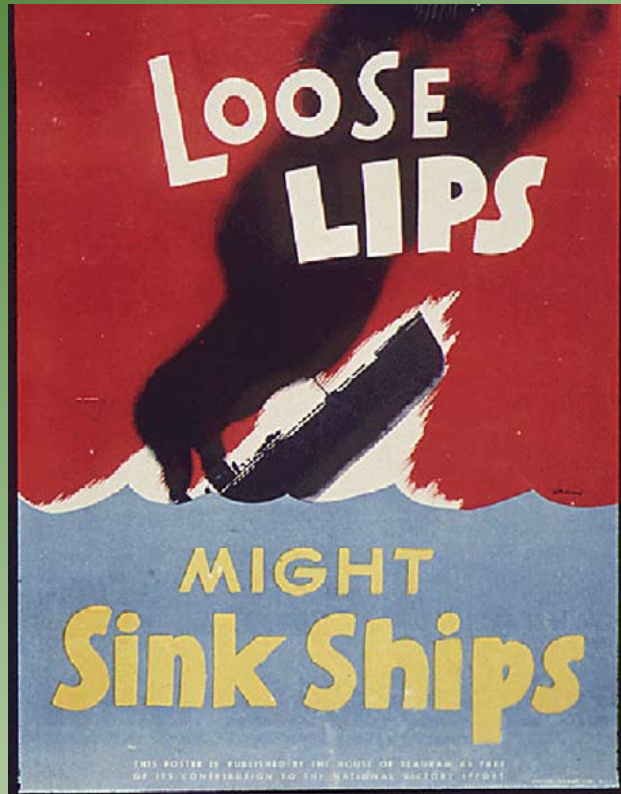
***All*** undergraduate programs, pre-programs, and undeclared/undecided programs are impacted for the following campuses:

- ▶ Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- ▶ Fresno State
- ▶ CSU Fullerton
- ▶ CSU Long Beach
- ▶ San Diego State University
- ▶ San José State

# PARENTS & APPLICATION SEASON

1. **Be Supportive**
2. **Understand Early Option**
3. **Calendar**
4. **Manage Communication**





**SPREADING RUMORS – FALSE INFORMATION**

**SET ASIDE DEDICATED TIME TO TALK COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

# WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW...

## EARLY APPLICATIONS

- ED versus EA
- Harker supports 1 ED
- Harker supports 1 Single Choice EA
- Important Dates/Checklist



# THE EARLY MYTH

- Early = Admit
- Deny and Defer
- Emotional Impact
- Supportive Environment





# ROLE OF PARENTS

- At any point, feel free to check in with your student's college counselor if you would like to know the status of your student's college application process
  
- **Senior Calendar**
  - Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Fall Break, chance to visit colleges
  - October 1<sup>st</sup>– Students submit ED form to College Counseling
  - October 18<sup>th</sup> – Mid-Semester Grades sent to colleges requiring or requesting them (assume ED colleges will request them)
  - October 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> – long weekend so last opportunity to visit colleges
  - November 1<sup>st</sup> – ED/EA applications submission deadline
  - January 27<sup>th</sup>– Semester One Grades Available
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> – Submit 1 deposit to 1 college

\*Parent meetings

# BEWARE OF:

- Missing items from student applications
- Contacting a University's Admissions Office
- Things to DO:
  - Remind child to set aside time each week to work on college application
  - Help your child stay on top of deadlines
  - Remain calm and positive
- Things to NOT DO:
  - Don't bother colleges
  - Don't allow child to make significant changes to their schedule
  - Don't write the application essay for your child



# IMPORTANT SENIOR POLICIES

- ED Acceptance and Withdrawing Other Applications
- Early College Applications and Mid-term Grades
- College Visits and Harker Attendance
- Single College Deposit

# FINANCIAL AID

## WHO DOES WHAT?



College Apps = Student



Financial Aid Apps = Parent

# A QUICK INTRODUCTION

## ➤ MERIT BASED

- Used to incentivize enrollment...by some schools

## ➤ NEED BASED

- Awarded based on family's income and (sometimes) assets
- Measured using  
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)  
-or-  
The CSS Profile.....and sometimes both.

# FINANCIAL AID

## Upcoming Need-Based Financial Aid Information Night

**Ron Diaz**

**Stanford University Financial Aid Office**

**Thursday, October 10**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Saratoga campus**

# KEEP IN MIND

- Application Week – No exams
- General Questions. For specific questions, please schedule a individual meeting by phone or email with Ms. Prado.
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