

Attention Juniors!!!!

Below is a list of things **ALL Juniors** should know.

1. **PSAT Exam:** The PSAT exam is given at BHS every October. This year it is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Location: TBD. Sign up with Ms. Dusing in the Auxiliary Building/Finance office. The cost is \$20.00. Sign-ups begin September 13th with Juniors ONLY: September 13 – 24. 9th – 11th graders may sign up September 27 – October 8, 2021. This is the Junior qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. It also serves as an indicator of how well you might perform on the SAT's.

2. **SAT's:** If you are planning on applying to a 4-year college or university, you must take the SAT. All major colleges and universities (not community colleges) require you to take the SAT Reasoning Test. If you are planning to apply to a University of California (UC) or a Cal State University (CSU), due to the COVID pandemic, the SAT may not be required for application for Fall 2023 admissions. Counselors will keep you posted regarding any updates to the requirements. You should begin taking your SAT exams no later than the March date. To register, go to www.collegeboard.org or www.sat.org/register

Upcoming Dates: November 6, 2021
December 4, 2021
December 5, 2021

March 12, 2022
May 7, 2022
May 8, 2022

June 4, 2022

Registration Deadline: October 8, 2021

Registration Deadline: November 4, 2021

For students who cannot test on Saturdays due to religious practice – Please see your School Counselor for procedure.

Registration Deadline: February 11, 2022

Registration Deadline: April 8, 2022

For students who cannot test on Saturdays due to religious practice – Please see your School Counselor for procedure.

Registration Deadline: May 5, 2022

3. **ASVAB:** Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery – If you plan to enlist in the military, these scores are used to determine if you are qualified and to assign you to an appropriate career field in the military. Sign up in the Counseling Center September 7 – 17, 2021. Test date is Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 8:10am. Location(s): TBD. The test is FREE.

~~4. **Cerro Coto Career Exploration Day:** Open to Seniors and Juniors. Date: September 21, 2021. Students who are on the list to attend will be excused from class at 9:15am to load the busses at BHS. They will be transported to and from CCCC by Sierra Sands Unified School District buses. Permission slips can be obtained in the Counseling Center Office beginning September 1, 2021. Your name does not go on the official list until your completed & signed permission slip is turned in. The deadline to turn in permission slips is September 13, 2021.~~

5. **College Tour:** This year's College Tour is temporarily on hold. Most colleges and universities have indefinitely suspended public tours due to the current COVID pandemic. This creates concerns with scheduling hotels, bus transportation, meal scheduling and more. Further notices will be made as we get more information.

6. **Community Colleges vs. Trade/Technical Schools:** Many junior colleges offer specialized trade and technical programs for a fraction of the costs of a trade/technical school. If you are planning on pursuing a trade/technical education, see your counselor for how to access the California Community College website to see which campuses may offer your trade/technical program.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS AND CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT****

We get lots of requests from students and parents regarding college entrance requirements and career technical education. Please check out the following information:

Minimum College Admission Requirements for Cal State/U.C. (A-G requirements)

- 2 years of history/social science (including one year of World History; and one year of US History or one-half year of US History and one-half year of American Government/Civics)
- 4 years/8 semesters of college prep English
- 3 years of college prep Math (must include Algebra CP or Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2)
- 2 years of a lab Science (must include two of the three: Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- 2 years of the same foreign language
- 1 year of the same fine art such as Art 1 & 2, Drama 1 & 2, Orchestra, Symph Band, Con Choir, Dig Multi Design
- 1 year of college prep electives (usually more English, science, math, social studies, fine arts, or foreign language that was not used in the other requirements)

*Remember, all grades for college admission requirements must be a C or better. They do not recognize a D or an F in a class.

*Please check the course description guide for a list of our classes that meet the UC/Cal State entrance requirements.

Admission to Community College

Students should contact the school they are planning to attend. The Cerro Coso Counseling Department comes to Burroughs each spring semester to meet with students planning to enroll in Fall after BHS graduation. Students without a high school diploma are eligible to attend a two year college if they are 18 years of age.

Important Web Sites

- www2.calstate.edu (home page for all Cal State Universities)
- www2.calstate.edu/apply (how to plan and apply to a Cal State)
- www.universityofcalifornia.edu (home site for University of California)
- www.ucop.edu/admissions (U.C. information on admissions)
- www.cccco.edu (California Community College system)
- www.cerrocoso.edu (home page for Cerro Coso Community College)
- www.californiacolleges.edu/#/ (college and career information for California)
- www.collegeboard.org (registration for the SATs)
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net (you must register if you want to play sports at Div. 1 or Div. 2 colleges)
- www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct (to learn more about career technical education (C.T.E.))
- www.fastweb.com (the leading online resource in finding scholarships to help you pay for school)

Career Technical Education (C.T.E.)

C.T.E. engages all students in a dynamic and seamless learning experience resulting in their mastery of the career and academic knowledge and skills necessary to become productive, contributing members of society. Burroughs offers many career-technical education courses (see the course description guide for information).

Your student's counselor will be happy to answer your questions or to meet with you to discuss any concerns you have. We are also happy to meet with you and your student to discuss graduation requirements, college admission requirements, and other counseling-related needs. Counselors can be reached through email and by phone. Visit the following website for contact information: <http://burroughs.ssusd.org/counseling>