



## College Counseling Schedule

For more information on any of the following sessions, please contact John Gunty, director of the SJND counseling department, at [jgunty@sjnd.org](mailto:jgunty@sjnd.org). In addition to these events, colleges and universities are scheduling their visits to SJND to meet students. Juniors and seniors are invited to sign up to meet with college representatives in the counseling center in San Jose Hall.

### **Class Visits with the Counselors**

September 2011

SJND's counselors visit with the freshman classes and talk with students about the transition to high school and start the conversation about college and academics. Sophomores and juniors also have classroom visits with the counselors about the next step in their college search, the importance of keeping good grades and making sure they take the right standardized tests. For seniors, the counselors visit classrooms and talk with students about the coming year and what to expect with college applications, testing and admissions.

### **College Fairs**

September 2011

Students should consider attending area college fairs, including the Five Sister Colleges Information Session at Berkeley High School, 1980 Allston Way, Berkeley, on September 11 and the diocesan college fair on September 13 at O'Dowd High School, 9500 Stearns Ave., Oakland.

### **College Admissions Night**

September 27, 2011

7 p.m.

Notre Dame Hall

Learn about the admissions process for colleges and universities, and visit with a representative from the University of California, Berkeley, who will be attending College Admissions Night to discuss applying to Cal. There will also be workshops to help students and families with applying to other universities, including private universities, which require the Common Application.

### **Student 1-to-1 Visits with Counselors**

October 2011

Counselors meet with each student at SJND and develop an individual college plan.

### **Test Day for College Prep**

October 12, 2011

Test Day at SJND is dedicated to college preparation. The freshman class will take the Explore test, a pre-ACT. Sophomores take the Plan test, also a pre-ACT. Juniors will take the PSAT. All test results are used by the school's counselors to work with students on academic planning and college admissions strategies. The day begins at 8:15 a.m. as usual and will end at 11 a.m. Students will be in uniform and should bring three No. 2 pencils, some snacks and a calculator. Seniors are not on campus that day and are encouraged to use the time for college visits and applications.

### **Financial Aid Night**

November 30, 2011

7 p.m.

Notre Dame Hall

Karen Cooper, the director of financial aid at Stanford University is the guest presenter at SJND's College Financial Aid Night. She will lead an information session on the fundamental aspects of college financial aid. The evening will also feature a workshop on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, which is required by all colleges and universities.

### **Back From College Night**

January 5, 2012

6 p.m.

Notre Dame Hall

How's the food in the caf? How do you manage studying for classes and enjoying all the extracurricular fun that college offers? Does your college have a good biology program? Recent alums of SJND who are in college and are home for break are invited to share their college stories with students and parents at Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School.

### **SAT Prep Course at SJND**

January 10 through March 15, 2012

6:30 to 9 p.m.

SJND Campus

The school's SAT prep course is on campus and taught by trained and experienced faculty members at the school. Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and the prep

course will continue for 10 weeks. The cost for the 50-hour program is \$250 and includes SAT prep materials and five full-length and proctored practice tests.

### **College Jumpstart Night**

January 17, 2012

7 p.m.

Notre Dame Hall

This is an important college admissions event for all sophomores, juniors and their parents.

There will be representatives on campus from the University of California schools, the California State University system, as well as private universities and colleges.

### **Alumni Career Day**

March 9, 2012

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The current junior class will hear from alumni who work in a variety of fields -- medicine, politics, technology, the arts. The alumni will talk about which colleges they chose and why and how those schools helped them pursue their career goals.