

Senior Class Updates

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Good morning Class of 2023 Students and Families,

Some quick updates and reminders to share with you...

 Picture Retakes: Students who either were not here in August to have their school picture taken or want to have it retaken, retakes will be on Monday. As Monday is Halloween and students are able to wear school appropriate costumes, please think about what you would like to wear for the picture.

*Student ID cards are available in the senior center...please stop by to pick it up.

 College Applications: We know this is a stressful time for students and families, so please let us know how we can work to support your student and simplify (where possible) the overall application process. Much of what you as a student needs to do is completed through Naviance, but reach out to your counselor if there are questions.

*Watch your application deadlines and remember that your yellow checklist needs to be submitted to your counselor at least three weeks before the deadline. If your deadline is November 15th, checklists should have been submitted...If the deadlines are December 1st, your checklists should be submitted by November 11th!

Simple Steps to follow:

- 1. Be sure to get your <u>release of records</u> completed and emailed to your counselor by your parent (unless you are 18 and then you can email it to them)
- 2. Put College/Technical School selections into Naviance
- 3. Complete Brag Sheet in Naviance
- 4. Complete Yellow Checklist and hand deliver to counselor (Virtual students complete checklist <u>HERE</u>)
- 3. Act 158: I sent out the Act 158 emails last Friday evening to those students that have not yet completed the required 15 videos. I have heard from a few individuals that they are having difficulty logging in. Please make sure if you have received the email, that you take time to try and log in. Do NOT put this off...this is a state graduation requirement! Let us know if you are having issues logging in and we can work to reset your login information.

Home Access Center (HAC): I would hope that our families are making use of HAC to check the grades and attendance records for their student(s), but in case not, please check out the resource <u>HERE</u>. It provides instructions on how to set up automatic alerts to be sent to you for grades, attendance, discipline and more.

*Please make sure that your contact information is up to date so that you continue to receive important notifications/communication from the school.

5. Senior Class Shirts: Time is running out for students and families to order their shirts...

*If you did not order a shirt the first or second time around, we will place one final order on December 1st. You have through Wednesday, November 30th to sign up <u>HERE</u>. Remember the shirt is FREE!

**Parents that are interested in purchasing a shirt can place an order <u>HERE</u>. The cost will be \$10/shirt (\$15/shift for 2XL and larger). The last date to place an order is Wednesday, November 30th.

- <u>22-23 District Shirt Stronger Together:</u> Last year UDSD started a new tradition of creating a "T-shirt of the year". This year's shirt is available for \$20...check out the video <u>HERE</u> promoting this year's shirt.
- 7. <u>Marking Period 1:</u> The first marking period ends NEXT Friday, November 4th. Make sure that you are taking advantage of the opportunities to learn and grow in each of your classes. Do not wait until the last week to start turning in your work...Make every day count!
- 8. <u>Flex Expectations:</u> As should have been reviewed in your classes yesterday, high school administration is working to clean up the hallways during Flex. There are too many students not following school expectations during this time, and those behaviors will be addressed. Please review the expectations <u>HERE</u>. As a reminder, seniors with early dismissals or late arrivals are not permitted on school grounds outside of your scheduled time in classes. If you need to meet with a counselor/teacher, be sure to have emailed them and get a pass in advance.
- 9. **Miscellaneous:** There are several other items for which we are starting conversations and will be sharing more information and links very soon with our students and families.
 - a. <u>Caps & Gowns</u> These will be going on sale very soon. I will provide the link as soon as it is made available to me. I do know that the cost will be \$42 for the full graduation package (cap, gown, stole and 2023 tassel)...however that price will go up to \$52 after March 1st.
 - b. <u>Yearbooks</u> These will also be going on sale very soon...stay tuned for more information. I believe the cost will be around \$80.
 - c. <u>Scholarship</u> This process will start in earnest in January with a grade level assembly and evening parent meeting. Look for more information in November/December.

Have a great finish to the week!

Thank you

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