



WELCOME 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT



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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- ★ **Transcripts**
- ★ **Graduation Requirements**
- ★ **a-g UC/CSU Requirements**
- ★ **Admissions Testing**
- ★ **College Admission Factors**
- ★ **Honors & AP courses?**
- ★ **Excellent Students make Excellent Applicants**
- ★ **What can you do to help?**
- ★ **Getting Connected to School & Community**
- ★ **What's next?**

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THE TRANSCRIPT MYTH:

Freshman year doesn't matter?!

UC's and CSU's only look at grades from 10th & 11th to calculate the GPA for admissions.

- Colleges review the *entire* transcript!
- You need all 4 years to qualify for admissions.
- Freshman year establishes study habits!
- Freshman year determines classes for 10th grade!

SLOHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **English: 40 credits**
- **Foreign Lang or Fine Arts or CTE: 10 credits**
- **Life Science: 10 credits**
- **Physical Science: 10 credits**
- **Math: 30 credits**
- **World History: 10 credits**
- **US History: 10 credits**
- **American Gov: 5 credits**
- **Economics: 5 credits**
- **PE: 20 credits**
- **Health: 5 credits**
- **Tech Lit: 5 credits**
- **Electives: 120 credits**

Total: 280 credits for SLOHS Diploma

UC & CSU "THE A-G LIST"

- a. History - 2 yrs.**
- b. English - 4 yrs.**
- c. Math - 3 yrs. (4 recommended)**
- d. Science - 2 yrs. (3 recommended)**
(Biology and either Chemistry or Physics)
- e. Foreign Language - 2 yrs. (3 recommended)**
(Must be two years of the same language.)
- f. Visual Performing Arts - 1 yr.**
- g. Electives - 1 yr.**

a-g subjects must be passed with a grade of "C" or better to meet college entrance requirements

<http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/>

COLLEGE CHOICES

- **110 California Community Colleges**
- **California State University (CSU)**
 - Top 30%
 - SAT or ACT w/o Writing
- **University of California (UC)**
 - Top 9%
 - SAT or ACT w/Writing
- **Private & Out of State Colleges**
 - Complete A-G Requirements
 - SAT or ACT w/Writing
 - Some require/recommend Subject Tests

ADMISSIONS TESTING

SAT: collegeboard.com

PSAT10 -10th grade

PSAT -11th grade

ACT: act.org

PreACT -10th grade

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COLLEGE ADMISSION FACTORS

- ★ **Academic GPA
(Grades in Academic Classes)**
- ★ **Rigor of courses (Honors & AP)**
- ★ **SAT/ACT**
- ★ **College Essay(s)**
- ★ **Teacher(s) Recommendation(s)**
- ★ **Extracurricular Activities**
- ★ **BALANCE**

THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR

Grades in academic courses!

- ✓ **Plan your time**
- ✓ **Complete homework**
- ✓ **Learn to study!!**
- ✓ **Take advantage of tutoring**
- ✓ **Balance your school work with extracurricular activities**
- ✓ **Accelerate in areas of your strength**
- ✓ **Attendance**

HONORS AND AP CLASSES?

- ★ **Honors:** Classes that are taught at the high school level & provide the greatest challenge and preparation for college.
- ★ **AP (Advanced Placement):** College level courses offered at the high school. Students expected to take AP exams in May.

These courses earn weighted credit in the SLOHS GPA; however, only Honors Pre-Calculus & AP courses earn weighted grades for the UC/CSU gpa.

EXCELLENT STUDENTS...

- ★ ***Routinely monitor their grades on PowerSchool***
- ★ ***Attend free tutoring in the SLOHS Library***
- ★ ***Attend school everyday & participate in class***
- ★ ***Ask for help. “self-advocate”***

***Teachers are available
before & after school and via email!***

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EXCELLENT APPLICANTS...

Are Excellent students who...

- ★ **Have a Balanced life**
- ★ **Discover and develop strengths and interests**
- ★ **Give back to SLO! ...volunteer opportunities**
The Mayor's Youth Award - 80 hours
- ★ **Go beyond the minimum: commit to 3-4 years of same activities, show commitment and depth**
- ★ **Participate in classes & get to know teachers**
- ★ **Commit to interests (Clubs, Sports, Theater, Music Lessons, School Newspaper, ASB, etc.)**

YOUR KIDS LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES

- ★ **Build SELF CONFIDENCE and self worth by teaching through action.**
- ★ **Let kids think, decide, experience trial & error themselves. SUPPORT a skill set that includes wellness and can-do attitude.**
- ★ ***“Harvard Grant Study” found that professional success in life comes from doing CHORES as a kid. *The earlier you start the better!****
- ★ **Doing unpleasant work & building part of the whole creates better employees & successful people.**
- ★ **RESILIENCE is an attribute COLLEGES are looking for.**

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- ★ A Parents role is to **SUPPORT** their students to **DEVELOP** habits & strategies for greater **ACHIEVEMENT** while encouraging them to take **INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY** for their work (*the work of growing up!*)
- ★ The **GOAL** is for your Student to become self sufficient and managers of their own time and resources.
- ★ If students can be at the helm of this process, they will **FARE FAR BETTER** throughout high school including registering for their classes and making adjustments to their schedule and college plans.
- ★ Your students success is **UP** to them and you should **SUPPORT** their **EFFORTS**, **NOT BE** their **EFFORT**.

HELP KEEP THEM ORGANIZED!!

Create a “High School File”

- ★ **TRACK EVERYTHING.**
- ★ **LOG all your COMMUNITY SERVICE along with a contact person, and contact information.**
- ★ **TRANSCRIPTS & CERTIFICATES**
- ★ **ARTIFACTS of Achievement – newspaper articles, photos, thank you cards.**
- ★ **TEST SCORES – PSAT, AP, SAT & ACT**
- ★ **LETTERS of RECOMMENDATION**
- ★ **RESUME**
- ★ **ATHLETIC Accomplishments & Statistics**

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TRANSITION TO COLLEGE LIFE IS EASIER IF...

STUDENTS...

- ★ **LEARN** How to **ADVOCATE** for themselves
- ★ **LEARN** How to **LEARN** from their mistakes
- ★ **LEARN** How to **MANAGE** time wisely
- ★ **MEMORIZE** their SS#
- ★ **Use** same **LEGAL NAME** on all tests & documents.
- ★ **LEARN** how to **WRITE** a thank you note & address envelope properly
- ★ **USE** an alarm clock and wake themselves up.
- ★ **LEARN** to **DRIVE** in High School
- ★ **LEARN** how to complete forms & properly submit!
- ★ **LEARN** How to **STAY** safe.

SUMMERTIME...TIME TO SHINE!

By the summer after 9th grade, students should be spending some of their summer weeks in pursuit of interests...

EXPERIENCE DEPTH and CONTINUITY in areas of INTEREST

- ★ **Community College Class**
- ★ **Leadership Opportunities**
- ★ **Working - a part time job!**
- ★ **Learning a new skill - *broadening horizons***
- ★ **Explore experiences to determine likes and dislikes and passions to move toward a college major.**
- ★ **TRAVEL - Enrichment Programs**

You DO NOT Have to go to Uganda to make a difference; you can help right here in our own backyard.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

REGISTRATION OPENS EARLY TRIMESTER 3...WATCH THE DAILY BULLETIN FOR DATES & DEADLINES

- ◆ **Sophomore Year**
 - ❖ **English 10 or English 10 Honors**
 - ❖ **World History or AP European History + AP Euro Sem.**
 - ❖ **Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus (Honors)**
 - ❖ **Biology or Ag. Biology (Honors)**
 - ❖ **Foreign Language**
 - ❖ **PE/Athletics**
 - ❖ **Electives**

***TIGERFEST/OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH
CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION (CSF)***

LIFE (HIGH SCHOOL) IS A JOURNEY!

- ★ **ENCOURAGE** your student to be their **BEST** at all times including finishing things they start.
- ★ **BE REALISTIC** about time and talents when talking about **REACH** colleges.
- ★ **CELEBRATE** in your child's successes and **SUPPORT** their shortcomings.
- ★ What teenagers **LEARN** along the way is just as important as their college enrollment.
- ★ Please **ENCOURAGE** them to **ENJOY** high school.
- ★ *There is A COLLEGE out there for everyone!*
- ★ **SLO HIGH** is here to **HELP**.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

The SLOHS Counseling Dept supports you:

Students can sign up to see their counselor
Email your counselor anytime!

- ★ **Kerry Ingles** **A-G**
- ★ **Shelley Benson** **H-O**
- ★ **Heather Senecal** **P-Z**

Annual Classroom Presentations

Grade level Parent Nights

Academic planning and college & career information

The College & Career Center ~ **Colleen Martin**

Use your Tiger resources!

Do you want to connect with other parents, and learn more about SLOHS?
Would you like to be involved at the school, without hovering over your children?

Get involved with one of our four booster clubs:

Aggie Backers - supporting FFA and the agricultural program

Black and Gold - supporting Academics, Arts, Activities and Achievement

SLOIMBA - supporting instrumental music for our students

SLOTAB - supporting our student athletes

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