



RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

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COUNSELOR CONNECTION

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Welcome Back, Longhorns!

The counselors have been preparing for another exciting and fun year at the Ranch. We have been working hard on schedule changes and planning out duties for the rest of the year. We will be launching into senior college and career preparation starting this week. Seniors can expect to see a college info presentation in their English class, the annual Senior College Night Oct. 2 (parents strongly encouraged to attend!) and the opening of the FAFSA/DREAM application on October 1st. Overwhelmed yet? Don't worry—we're here to help!

Need Help with College Apps and Financial Aid/ Dream App?



Check out these free resources:

College Application help every Tuesday, 2:45-4:30pm starting October 9—see Mr. Arciniega for details

Cash for College FAFSA-DREAM App Workshop

Feb 2 at RBV, 9am-noon



FREE FAFSA/Dream Act Help!

FAFSA Website: [Click here](#)

[12 Common FAFSA Mistakes](#)

[More Links](#) from the FAFSA Website Covering a Variety of Information

It's never too early to start planning for college!

UPCOMING DATES

- ◆ **September 20-21:** Senior College Information Presentations
- ◆ **September 14:** Honors Drop Deadline
- ◆ **September 17:** ASVAB Test at RBV (see Mrs. Williams for details)
- ◆ **October 1:** **FAFSA/DREAM Application Opens**
- ◆ **October 2:** **Senior College Night @ PAC (parents strongly encouraged to attend!)**
- ◆ **October 4:** PLUS Forum
- ◆ **October 6:** [SAT Test Date](#) (register by September 7)
- ◆ **October 10:** PSAT at RBV (sign up in Finance Office)
- ◆ **October 27:** [ACT Test Date](#) (register by September 28)
- ◆ **November 3:** SAT Test Date (register by October 5)
- ◆ **November 30:** CSU and UC Applications Due



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Club Carnival October 17: Did you know RBV has dozens of clubs on campus you can join at any time? From the Academic Club, to the Art Club, to Chess and the Military, we know there's a club just for you. Make sure to check out the next Club Carnival in the Quad on October 17 at lunch. Bring cash if you want to purchase any snacks as each club will be selling something tasty to help support club costs.



Social/Emotional/Academic Support: Did you know there are many resources on campus available to students who have social or emotional needs or academic support? Check these out and see your counselor if you're interested:

- PLUS
- Peer Counselors
- Boys/Girls Support Group
- Palomar ETS (college and career planning help + academic tutoring)
- Gear Up (for freshman who are first generation college bound)

SENIOR HOTSPOT

Class of 2019, are you ready for your Senior year?! This will be an exciting time as you wrap up your experience at RBV. You will also be preparing for college throughout the year. Here's a short step-by-step guide for what you should be doing throughout the year:

- Make a list of the colleges/universities in which you are interested
- Take time to visit college campuses (if you can)
- Apply for the FAFSA beginning on October 1 (**this is free money; don't wait!**)
- Use California Colleges to research colleges and save your searches
- Start to look at the CSU/UC application and begin filling it out
- Start working on your UC Insight Questions or Common App Essay and have others proofread it
- Complete your Brag Packet and Submit a Letter of Recommendation Request to your Counselor

CAREER CENTER

SAT/ACT Testing Information: Fee waivers are based on eligibility for the National School Lunch Program (free/reduced). See Mrs. Williams if you think you qualify.

Upcoming College Visits — Sign up on the counseling website under the [College and Career Tab](#)

- Art Institute of CA - Wednesday, 9/12, at 9 am
- Stanford University—Friday, 9/14, at 2pm
- FIDM - Wednesday, 9/26, at 9 am
- LSU - Thursday, 9/27, at 8 am
- Azusa Pacific University - Monday, 10/1, at 9:40 am
- Arizona State University - Tuesday, 10/2, at 11:15 am
- Fort Lewis College - Tuesday, 10/2, at 2 pm
- Univ of San Francisco - Wednesday, 10/3, at 11:15 am
- Biola University - Tuesday, 10/9, at 1:45 pm
- Colorado State University - Tuesday, 10/16, at 9:00 am
- University of Redlands - Friday, 10/19, at 9:00 am