

COLLEGE CORNER

by Mary Pat Anderson

Over thirty college representatives visited Connelly in the months of September, October and November. Several seniors have applied to various colleges/universities early action and those applications are in the mail. A couple of girls have already heard that they are accepted at a college!

All students: Good websites for college searches and information are: <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool/>, <http://MyCollegeOptions.com/index.asp>, <http://www.edufax.com/highschool.html>, www.SchoolsintheUSA.com, http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex_brief.php, and <http://www.ecampustours.com>.

Seniors: Remember UC and most CSU applications must **be postmarked or submitted online by 11/30** – earlier is better! Remember also to send SAT &/or ACT scores to all of your selected colleges/universities including each UC campus you applied to. You may send SAT scores to CSU Mentor for all CSU's. **Any standardized testing must be taken before the end of December!** File the CSS Profile now and pick up information on the FAFSA in the College Center. A financial aid information meeting will be held Wednesday evening, **November 28**.

Juniors: Your PSAT scores will be coming this month. Review your score report. See where your strengths are and get help with your weaker areas. Use your test, the correct answers, and your responses to help prepare for the SAT. Apply to take the SAT Reasoning Test starting in January or the ACT starting in February.

Sophomores: Your PLAN scores are here and will be mailed home this month. Review your score report. See where your strengths are and get help with your weaker areas. If you did well, you should plan on taking the ACT in junior year. Mrs. Anderson will be visiting your classes and showing you her "college prep" PowerPoint presentation.

Frosh: Your NEDT scores are here and will be mailed home this month. Review your score report. See where your strengths are and get help with your weaker areas. Mrs. Anderson will be visiting your classes to give out your college planning books.

Important Dates

Nov. 1-30	filing period for UC applications for fall 2008, can apply online at www.ucop.edu/pathways
Nov. 1-30	filing period for most CSU campuses for fall 2008, can apply online at www.csumentor.edu
Nov. 28	Financial Aid for College Information Night, 7 pm, Connelly auditorium
Dec. 1	SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests – (last chance for seniors!)
Dec. 8	ACT – (last chance for seniors!)
Dec. 26	1/26/08 SAT 's registration deadline
Jan. 4	2/9/08 ACT registration deadline

Scholarships/Opportunities (for 12th unless noted - see Mrs. Anderson if interested)

- **Mt. St. Mary's College** is having 3 application days, **Nov. 28, 29 & 30** – bring completed application, transcripts, SAT or ACT scores, essay, 1 recommendation – call 800 999-9893 for appointment. The application fee will be waived.
- Stokes Educational Scholarship Program – requirements = U.S. citizenship, SAT 1100 or ACT 25, GPA 3.0, leadership – postmark deadline **November 30** – apply online by visiting http://www.nsa.gov/careers/students_4.cfm
- Fireside Scholarship, requires essay on "How is your religious education influencing your life?", see Mrs. Anderson for application, postmark deadline **December 14**.
- AXA Achievement Scholarship, based on ambition, drive and active involvement in community service, go to www.axa-achievement.com, application deadline **December 15**.
- Scholarships are available at **Boston University** for academics (application deadline 12/1), **Cal State Fullerton** (President's Scholarship for academics, activities, service), apply at www.fullerton.edu/scholars, **Regis University** for Science (must take exam), and the **University of St. Thomas** (must be Catholic, in top 10% of class, have 3.5 GPA or higher, be a U.S. Citizen, requires essay & letters of recommendation).