



COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

EL TORO HIGH SCHOOL | FEBRUARY 2024

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REVIEW OF GUIDANCE STAFF

Student Services Technicians (SST) help you with schedule changes, credit recovery & summer school, and updating records.

- Last Names A-Ga: Mrs. Corona (kelli.corona@svusd.org)
- Last Names Ge-N: Mrs. Sullivan (kathryn.sullivan@svusd.org)
- Last Names O-Z: Mrs. Dickelman (julie.dickelman@svusd.org)

School Counselors help you with social & emotional support, high school planning, college planning, and career exploration.

- Last Names A-Cro: Miss Cognetti (hannah.cognetti@svusd.org)
- Last Names Cru-Hern: Miss Kurisu (kami.kurisu@svusd.org)
- Last Names Herr-Mom: Miss Morones (carlyn.morones@svusd.org)
- Last Names Mon-R: Mrs. Coleman (dionne.coleman@svusd.org)
- Last Names S-Z: Mrs. Clark (rebecca.clark@svusd.org)



Come visit us in the counseling hallway before school, during snack, during lunch, or after school!

CLASS OF 2024 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Financial aid applications are live! Be sure to complete your FAFSA/CADAA as soon as possible. The deadline to submit is April 2, 2024.

Now introducing **Financial Aid February!** During the month of February, please visit the Innovation Center **every Thursday during Tutorial** for help completing your financial aid application or reading your award letter. Be sure to bring all of the appropriate documents with you.

- February 1 (Innovation Center)
- February 8 (Innovation Center)
- February 15 (Innovation Center)
- February 22 (MPR)
- February 29 (MPR)

Another way to help pay for college is to apply for scholarships. Be sure to check out our [Scholarship page here](#). You can also check out scholarship search engines such as Fastweb or Big Future. There is money available to help you so don't wait!

UPCOMING DATES

Please note that dates and times are subject to change. For up to date events, please visit our [Guidance calendar](#).

February 7

- Last day to register for Practice ACT (Grades 9-11 only).

February 16 & 19

- No School - President's Day

February 22

- Last day to drop a class or level down

**SENIORS: Submit your
FAFSA/CADAA by
April 2!**

Prepare for Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year

You will receive a Registration Packet to your email soon. Please take time to sit down as a family and **read through your Registration Packet thoroughly**. As long as you read it in detail and follow the step-by-step instructions, selecting your classes for the next school year is very simple! Remember: You **MUST** use the Parent Portal to log in - do **NOT** use the Student Portal. The **ETHS Counselors will meet with every student one on one** to review and finalize their classes in the coming weeks.



National School Counseling Week is February 5-9!

Miss Cognetti (A-Cro): I love being a school counselor because I get to build connections with students and help young people as they find their way in the world. Knowing that I am able to help people makes me so happy.

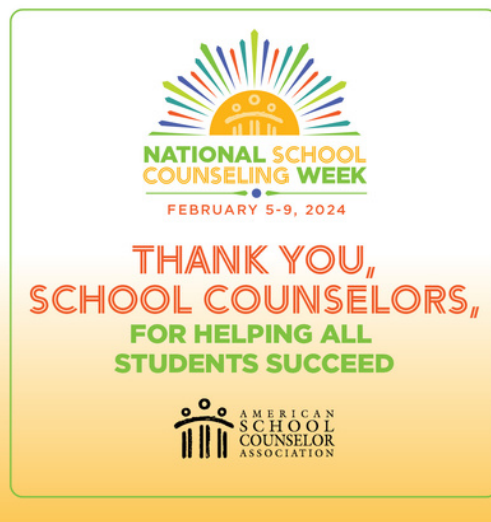
Miss Kurisu (Cru-Hern): My favorite part of being a school counselor is the relationships I form with my students! It is such a privilege for me to watch them grow from freshman to senior year and then be able to send them off to their chosen post-high school journey.

Miss Morones (Herr-Mom): I love being a school counselor because I have the opportunity to be a part of the growth and success that my students experience during high school. I am always so proud of them!

Mrs. Coleman (Mon-R): My favorite part of being a counselor is having real life conversations with students and helping to guide them into their future careers and lives. Getting to help them find and explore their passions is a fun experience.

Mrs. Clark (S-Z): I love being a school counselor because of all the amazing students I get to work with. I enjoy building relationships with them and creating a safe space for them.

Be sure to give your Counselor a shout out during the month of February!



ETHS WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS SPRING 2024

January 24

Color A Smile: Color a pre-printed drawing that will be sent to senior citizens, troops overseas, and children in the hospital.

February 14

Valentine's Day Grams: Make a gram for a loved one!

March 6

Vision Boards: Create a visual representation of your goals.

March 27

Mandala Coloring: Relieve stress and increase focus with this relaxing art therapy!

May 8

Gratitude Cards: Improve your mental health and spread kindness by writing to people you are grateful for.

**During Tutorial in the
rETreat (Room 705)**

All are welcome to join!

Financial Aid Night

Come to ETHS to learn from CA Student Aid Commission presenters about the FAFSA/CADAA Applications!

ETHS Innovation Center

Friday February 9th 5:30-7 PM

Who is this for?	What will we learn?	What to bring/prepare?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">12th grade families and their students! Remember it is a MANDATORY graduation requirement so get the most information possible!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A general overview of FAFSA/CADAA and financial aid opportunities. Then get assistance filling out your application from the experts!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Have your Studentaid.gov account created and FSA ID ready.Bring your laptop and your financial information (keep it CONFIDENTIAL!)

Check out these resources to prepare for the presentation!

[Financial Aid in 5 Steps](#)

[Financial Aid Application Checklist](#)

There will be water and light snacks available. The ETHS Counselors hope to see you there!

GO CHARGERS!





**ATTENDING
SADDLEBACK COLLEGE
FALL 2024?
SENIOR DAY
FIELDTRIP APRIL 24TH**



[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/SENIORDAY24](http://tinyurl.com/seniorday24)

**QUESTIONS: ASK YOUR COUNSELOR OR REACH OUT TO SADDLEBACK COUNSELOR
VJIMENEZ20@SADDLEBACK.EDU**

2024 AP Exams

Advanced Placement (AP) exams: May 6, 2024 through May 17, 2024. See [schedule of exams here](#).

For the 2024 AP exams, students at El Toro High School will register and pay online. **Late online exam registration is open now through Friday, March 8th at 11:59 PM.** Late exam registration is subject to a \$40 late fee per exam.

You must begin the process by registering your AP courses and exams in the [College Board's system](#). Many of you might have already done this in your AP classroom. You will receive your join codes from your AP instructor. The second step is to register on the [El Toro High School AP Test Registration page through Total Registration](#) and indicate your AP courses and exams you wish to take. Exam fees will be paid online to Total Registration.

Students who qualify for reduced fees will need a letter from food services. Email them at foodservices@svusd.org and submit verification to Mrs. Brenda Tettermer via e-mail at brenda.tettermer@svusd.org.

Here are the important dates for the registration process:

- Friday, March 8, 2023 at 11:59 PM - Late Registration Ends. Unpaid exams will not be ordered.