



El Toro High School

# Guidance Newsletter

January 2021

The Guidance Department hopes you had a safe and relaxing break!

## Community College Updates

Saddleback College Counseling continues with Mr. Jesus Montoya this semester. We will announce soon when he will open his calendar for appointments. **Are you planning to attend Saddleback College in Fall 2021?** Be sure to check out the [Freshman Advantage Program!](#) **Want to go to Community College for free?** Don't forget to complete the [FAFSA/Dream Act](#) Application!

Other Local Community College Info

- [Irvine Valley College \(IVC\)](#)
- [Santiago Canyon College \(SCC\)](#)
- [Orange Coast College \(OCC\)](#)

**Attention Parents/Guardians!** Check out these helpful websites & learn more about raising children during COVID-19 and distance learning.

[The Parent Project](#)  
[Our Parents as Partners](#)  
[SVUSD Tips for Caregivers](#)



During the month of January, Counselors are working with Seniors on any last additions to their college applications.

- Want help preparing for college? Email Mrs. Manese ASAP to sign up for the College Success class at Saddleback!
- Seniors will need to request their transcript for the Mid-Year Report through Parchment once grades are posted.
- The UC and CSU systems do NOT require mid-year transcripts unless specifically requested.
- **The [FAFSA/Dream Act](#) deadline is March 2, 2021!**

Congratulations to all the Seniors who received acceptance to their early action/decision schools!

**Be sure to follow and listen to Mrs. Sualua's podcast [here](#). Also, follow us on Instagram [@eltorguidance](#)!**

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## Upcoming Dates

*Please note that due to the current pandemic, dates & times are subject to change. For up to date events, please visit our [Guidance calendar!](#)*

### Now until January 29th

- Freshman Meetings – Click [here](#) to sign up.

### January 18th

- MLK Day – No school

### January 26th

- Deadline to Add/Level Up a class – Email your SST the Class Schedule Change form

### January 27th

- Junior Parent Night

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## Meet the ETHS Guidance Team!

*Ms. Morones*



My name is Carlyn Morones, and I am the counselor for students with last names I – Mora. I started at El Toro in November 2020 and have loved being a part of the Charger Family! I graduated from Chapman University with my Masters in School Counseling and from Loyola Marymount University with my Bachelors in Psychology. In my free time, I enjoy playing with my dog Tito, completing crossword puzzles, hiking, and spending time at the beach. I am also a big Angels Baseball fan and love listening to country music!

*Mrs. Stack*



Hi Charger Family! My name is Mrs. Max Stack, and I am the Student Services Technician for students with last names beginning with A-G. I moved to California with my family in 1998 from Baltimore, Maryland. I first served students as an Instructional Assistant in Special Education before becoming a Student Services Technician. I truly love putting the pieces of the scheduling puzzle together and assisting students, parents, teachers and the Guidance team. During my free time, I enjoy running, lifting weights, reading, and baking. My newest stay at home hobbies are learning to play piano and puzzles. Our family of four grew last year with the addition of a daughter-in-law and will grow next year as we become grandparents! For my ET family, I look forward to continuing to answer questions large and small and meet your scheduling needs.

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## Future Guidance Dates

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### February 1st

- Junior Meetings begin

### February 6th

- ACT Practice Test

### February 12th and 15th

- President's Day – No school

### February 18th

- Deadline to Drop/Level Down a class – Email your SST the Class Schedule Change form
- Virtual Parent Workshop

### March 2nd

- Deadline for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

### March 25th

- Sophomore Parent Night

### April 5th-9th

- Spring Break – No school

### April 12th

- Sophomore Meetings begin