



El Toro High School

Guidance Newsletter

November 2020

COUNSELING NEWS

October was a busy time for our seniors and Guidance department: college applications, FAFSA/Dream Act applications, workshops, letters of recommendation and more! Some of our seniors have completed their applications for early decision/action and many more have started the application process. Great job Class of 2021! *Don't forget to check college websites upcoming application deadlines!*

Seniors—

Did you miss the October Saddleback College Application workshop? If so, we are offering one make-up session on Friday, November 13th @ 1 pm. Students, be on the lookout for an email from Mrs. Manese, sometime the first week of November. It will contain the link to sign-up for the workshop. This is critical for any senior planning to take Counseling 100 in the spring or who is considering Saddleback College for Fall 2021. Want priority registration? Then you don't want to miss this workshop! The best part is that the application is free.



Guidance Canvas Classrooms – The counselors have been working hard on creating Canvas classrooms for each grade level. The students will be able to find a variety of information that will help them navigate through their years at ETHS: high school planning, college & career, mental health wellness, and resources. Invites will be emailed out to the students on December 1st. Please encourage your student to check it out!

Freshman - The counselors will be holding **MANDATORY** 30-minute individual Zoom meetings with each freshman & their parent/guardian to go over graduation requirements, A-G requirements, an academic plan and select classes for next year. An email was sent out to Freshman parents with information on how to sign up for these meetings through Calendly. **Please note:** meetings are available from November 1st to January 29th.

For up-to-date events, please visit our [Guidance calendar!](#)

Upcoming Dates – *Please note that due to the current pandemic, dates & times are subject to change*

November 1st to January 29th:

- Freshman Meetings

November 11th

- Veteran's Day – No school

November 13th:

- Saddleback College Application workshop make-up day. See above for more information

Week of November 23rd:

- Thanksgiving break

November 30th:

- CSU & UC applications due

ETHS Guidance Team

Meet Mrs. Geller and Ms. Lewis!



Hi my name is Gisela Geller and I am the counselor for students with last names of D-H. This is my 32nd year of counseling and I have worked at El Toro since 2013. I enjoy talking to students and seeing them create their own futures. I have two kids and they are both in their twenties. My daughter, went to El Toro and I was her counselor her senior year when I arrived at this school. My son went to Trabuco Hills. In my spare time I like to read, exercise, take walks with my husband and our lab, and travel to different countries to learn how other people live.



I am Diana Lewis, Student Service Technician, serving students with the last names H-O and AVID 12th graders. I have been at ETHS since 2016. When I first started at ETHS I bought some raffle tickets to support the swim team and won the Audi TT convertible they were raffling off. A great way to start at ETHS!!

I am also one of the General Manager of ETHS Esports Team. We play Rocket League and Overwatch in Fall, and League of Legends in Spring. I have 3 adult children, 1 granddaughter and a grandson on the way.

Future Guidance Dates

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December 16th – 18th

- Finals

December 21st – January 1st:

- Winter break

January 18th:

- MLK Day – no school

January 27th:

- Junior Parent Night

February 1st:

- Junior Meetings begin

March 25th:

- Sophomore Parent Night

April 12th:

- Sophomore Meetings begin