Here is the information presented at the Senior Info Night on Sept. 5, 2019
Are we ready for June 4th?

Let Us Help You!
Earning Your Diploma

To Earn Your Diploma You Must:

- Complete a minimum of **220 credits** including subject requirements
- Pass your 12th grade English course
- Pass your 12th grade Social Science courses
- Complete any graduation requirements that *have not yet* been fulfilled (ex: Health /PE)

*If a student doesn’t complete the above requirements, he or she will not receive* their diploma in June and **will not** participate in the graduation commencement ceremony.
How do I know where I Stand?

Visit your Student and Parent portal to view a copy of your unofficial transcript.

“Grad Status” will tell you what is still needed for graduation.

If it is inaccurate, contact your academic advisor (check guidance website for contacts).
Senior Activities

Oct. 4: Homecoming Parade/Game
Oct. 5: Homecoming Dance @ SCHS
Oct. 7: College Fair @ Capo Valley HS 6-8:30pm
Dec. 13: Senior Snow Day
Jan. 18: Winter Formal @ AV Irvine
Apr. 28: Achievement Awards
May 16: Prom @ House of Blues
May 21: Senior Awards
May 26: Senior BBQ
June 3: Senior Brunch
June 4: Graduation
Please contact South Coast Photographic to schedule an appointment
(949)699-0199
SUBMITTING

DO NOT SEND ANYTHING TO THE SCHOOL

Mail all materials and payment to:
San Clemente High School Senior Ads
c/o The Yearbook Company
7177 Brockton Ave., Suite 105
Riverside, CA 92506

Mrs. Mack
Yearbook Advisor
ALMACK@capousd.org

CLASS OF 2020 YEARBOOK
RECOGNITION ADS

Congratulations your 2020 graduate in the 2020 yearbook!

Due date is POSTMARKED by:

Oct 17th (early bird price)
Or Nov 14th (regular deadline) OR the LAST & FINAL CHANCE DATE DEC. 12th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mail EVERYTHING together: photos, message, order form and payment in ONE package postmarked by the deadline.
Or online at: www.TheYearbookCompany.com by midnight on the day of the deadline.

We reserve the right to edit or remove material inappropriate for a school yearbook such as but not limited to: firearms, inappropriate hand gestures, drugs or drug references, alcohol, and nudity (even baby bottoms) without prior notification.
Graduation Day

Graduation ceremonies will be held on June 4th at 4PM in Thalassa Stadium. All students will receive 6 guest tickets, free of charge, to give to family and friends. Additional tickets may be purchased beginning May 1st for $10 per ticket. Graduation rehearsal will be June 4th in Thalassa Stadium at 9 AM. Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for all graduates.

Cap and Gown distribution will be June 3rd at 10 AM at the snack bar in Thalassa Stadium. Graduation tickets will also be given out at this time. It is mandatory to attend Cap and Gown distribution during this time as no other arrangements for distribution will be made. The Capistrano Unified School District will provide every graduation candidate a cap and gown as a loaner at no charge. This is not a rental, rather each student/family that simply chooses to enroll in the loaner program emails the Activities Director, Matt Reid through School Loop mail and makes the request by submitting their name and height. An appropriate gown will be provided, free of charge. The deadline to arrange for the loaner is Friday, March 27th. Upon conclusion of the graduation ceremony, all students go to the diploma table to receive their personal diploma. (A diploma cover is all that is issued during the ceremony.) The cap and gown must be returned at this time in order to receive your diploma. Legally, we are not permitted to allow you to keep any of the loaner items.
Graduation Day

There are advantages to purchasing your own cap, gown, medallion and tassel:

Following the ceremony, you do not have to worry about turning items in.

Caps can get lost on the field at the conclusion of the ceremony when graduates all throw their caps in celebration.

You have the graduation outfit for family pictures throughout the weekend and following week as you attend graduation celebrations.

It may be passed down to other family members.
Graduation Day

Dates for purchasing your own cap, gown, medallion and tassel:

Sept. 30: Jostens Visits Classrooms

Oct. 4, Nov. 19, and Dec. 12: Jostens on campus to turn in orders

$30 for Cap/Gown/Medallion/Tassel

You can place your order for your Cap & Gown, your 2020 Graduation Announcements and your Class Ring by either in person above or going online to www.jostens.com or contacting your Jostens representative, Jack Nicholson, directly at his office at 714-751-0260.
College Information
Need help navigating your college and career options?

Futureology, a free CUSD service, is here to help you and your family make informed choices by providing personalized guidance during the process.

www.cusd-futureology.org
College List Check In

Thursday, Sept 19th 12-2pm
SCHS Library
Academic Advisor Visits

Tuesday, Sept. 17th and Wednesday, Sept. 18th

Academic Advisors will visit all 12th grade Social Science classes

What will they do?

Give information regarding college application timelines and procedures, and to advertise some of the upcoming college-related events and services.
College Cafe STARTING OCT. 8TH

Get help with college essays and applications!

- Student Choice Tutorial in the Guidance Office

- Tuesdays & Thursdays
  3-5pm in the Library
  (Sponsored by SC Ed Foundation)
PLAN FOR ALL

- Tuesday: Oct. 22nd
- Wednesday: Oct. 23rd
1:1 Visits with Seniors

• With English Classes, Academic Advisors will meet with EVERY Senior!

NOVEMBER 4-8, 2019
College Rep Visits

September 19  University of Alabama       Tutorial
September 19  Arizona State University   Lunch
September 24  Chapman University         Tutorial
September 25  Oregon State University     Tutorial
September 25  Northern Arizona University Lunch
September 26  Pacific Lutheran University Tutorial
September 27  University of Washington   Tutorial

All held in Little Theater. Please check website for new additions.
Get up-to-date info by visiting...

www.sctritons.com

Great video of class of 2019 graduation!
Click the Guidance Tab for lots of great pages!
Where do I go?
General Guidance Info & News

TUITION GUIDANCE TEAM

At City College, we work to make it easier to find the information you need. We offer comprehensive planning resources to help you choose the right courses for your needs. Schedule changes and updates are posted at the college website and social media accounts. Click here to learn more.

What does it have? Links, info, contacts, and more!

Graduation Requirements

Futureology - City College and Career Counseling

City College students have access to RESI-1 and 2 College and Career Counseling. RESI can help answer your questions, provide resources, and give you specific planning for college or career planning process. Check out their website for more info: RESI.citycollegela.edu. Maintaining your chances of College and Career success with a variety of workshops run City City.

Graduation requirements are listed below:

City College

Graduation requirements: 220

Futureology - City College and Career Counseling

Links, info, contacts, and more!
Community College

Benefits for attending a Community College

- Only requirement to enroll is a high school diploma
- Transfer programs to Four-Year Universities
- Certificate Programs (2 or 3 semesters to complete)
- Tuition is significantly less than a Four-Year University
- Honors Programs

Looking to Apply to Community College

- Saddleback College (http://www.saddleback.edu)
- Irvine Valley College (http://www.ivc.edu)
- Orange Coast College (http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu)
- Santiago Canyon College (http://www.sccollege.edu)

Counseling 100 (Taught here on our Campus…Spring Semester date TBD)

- Credit for High School and Saddleback will be awarded
- High priority registration for participation in the course
Starting Sept. 17th, Saddleback Counselor Available for appointments
Tuesdays 12:15pm-3:15pm and Wednesdays 9:45am-12:45pm
Sign up in Guidance for a time slot (spots fill up quickly)

Counseling 100/Promise Program IMPORTANT DATES
October 30: C100 Application Workshop (12pm-1pm in the Library)
November 19: Promise Application Workshop (12pm-1pm in the Library)
December 9: C100 Registration Workshop (12pm-1pm in the Library)

www.sctritons.com/saddlebackcollegeconcurrent
Applying to a CSU school?

• You will create your account HERE
  www2.calstate.edu/apply
• The submission window for applications is Oct. 1-Nov. 30, 2019
• Application fee is $55.00 per campus
• San Clemente CEEB Code 052814
• One application for all 23 campuses.
• CSUs will only request an official transcript once they have offered you admission in March 2020.
A look at the CSU Application

• **VISIT:** www2.calstate.edu/apply to get specific information for sending your SAT/ACT/AP and other pertinent test scores to the schools you are applying for

• Use an unofficial copy of your transcript from student portal to self-report your classes and grades on your CSU application

• Complete information, pay your application fee online, and submit it by November 30th

• **Send official transcripts ONLY** when directed to do so. CSU campuses will make their decisions based on what you self report.

• CSU **does not require** letters of recommendations or Personal Statement
Applying to a UC School?

• You can create your account **NOW**. (save as you go)
  
  VISIT: https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login

• The submission window for applications is **Nov. 1-Nov. 30, 2019**

• Application fee is **$70.00** per campus

• San Clemente **CEEB Code 052814**

• **One ONLINE** application for all nine campuses.

• Admissions notifications (posted online): **March 1-30, 2020**

• Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR): **May 1, 2020**

• Request official high school transcripts through Parchment by **June 4, 2020**
A look at the UC Application

• **VISIT:**
  https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/
  to get specific information about applying as a freshman

• Use an unofficial copy of your transcript from student portal to self-report your classes and grades on your UC application

• Complete information, Personal Insight Questions, pay your application fee online, and submit it by **November 30**

• **Send official transcripts ONLY** when directed to do so. (March 2020) UC campuses will make their decisions based on what you self-report.

• UC **does not require** letter of recommendations. Berkeley **might** ask you for them during their decision making process.
Using a process called comprehensive review, the nine University of California undergraduate campuses look beyond grades and test scores to evaluate students’ academic achievements in light of the opportunities available to them, and their demonstrated capacity to contribute to the vitality and intellectual life at UC.

1. Grade-point average (a-g courses 9th-11th)
2. Test scores
3. Performance in and number of courses beyond minimum a-g requirements
4. UC-approved honors courses and advanced courses
5. Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) Top 9% in your school
6. Quality of senior-year program of study
7. Academic opportunities in California high schools
8. Outstanding performance in one or more academic subject areas
9. Achievements in special projects
10. Improvement in academic performance
11. Special talents, achievements and awards
12. Participation in educational preparation programs
13. Academic accomplishment in light of life experiences
14. Geographic location (to university)
UC Personal Insight Questions

- Students will have 8 questions to choose from. Each student must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions
- Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words
- All questions have equal value
- Students should select questions that are most relevant to them
- Answers are used to provide CONTEXT for the application reader
- Admission review is an additive process
- SHOW don’t TELL
Advice for the Personal Insight Questions

• Do not be campus specific. (I was a Triton, I will always be a Triton)
• Don’t stretch the truth, just be honest (Every one of my As was 103%)
• Ask yourself, is this relevant to me now? (I used to despise brussel sprouts)
• Tie it back to you. Always. (I know someone who climbed Mt. Everest)
• Use “I” or “my” statements (Cat is an awesome student. She’s the best)
• Sob stories do not guarantee admission
• Use specific /concrete examples
• It is not an essay, structure is not graded
• All of the value is in the content, not style
• Keep it focused on the student
• SHOW don’t TELL
AVOID these in Personal Insight Questions

- Acronyms
- Quotes/Dialogue
- Creative Writing
- Storytelling/scene setting
- Repetition
- Asking question
- Inappropriate use of humor
Additional Comments

• Use Additional Comments box for clarification and expansion of important details
• Describe anything else that you have not had the opportunity to include elsewhere in your application
• Limit of 550 words
• **DO NOT** use it to extend or add to your personal insight questions.
• The Additional Comments section is not required
Applying to a Private/Out of State University?

• San Clemente CEEB Code 052814

• Application Deadlines for private universities will vary by institution
  - Student must research and follow deadlines per institution
  - This includes campus specific scholarship deadlines

• Complete application for specific private or out of state university
  online by accessing the university website.

• Submit your OFFICIAL transcript by ordering it through Parchment

• Contact College Board or ACT to have your SAT, AP, or ACT test
  scores sent to the campuses to which you’ve applied.
Common App

Common Application – Be sure to check the Common Application network to see if the private/independent universities you are applying to are members. Over 700 universities have adopted the Common App as a way to streamline the process and help you apply to many schools.

VISIT: www.commonapp.org

You only complete one application online for all colleges that are members.

If you use the Common Application YOU MUST INVITE your Academic Advisor as the “Counselor” in order for them to complete the secondary school report and mid-year report on your behalf. Failure to record their correct email will result in your Academic Advisor not receiving the official email invitation. We have a Common App tutorial on our website.
College Testing

ACT
- October 26, 2019 - (Deadline: September 20)
- December 14, 2019 - (Deadline: November 8)

SAT
- October 5, 2019 - (Deadline: September 6)
- November 2, 2019 - (Deadline: October 3)
- December 7, 2019 - (Deadline: November 8)

Check out your school’s details: Superscore VS single test date
Cal Grant

SCHS automatically submits GPAs of all 12th graders to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to be considered for Cal Grant.

To be opted out of this consideration, please pick up a waiver form from the Guidance Department and turn it in by Friday, Sept. 20th.
Senior Classes Important?

YES!!!

- UC and CSU assumes you will pass with a “C” or better. If not then your acceptance could be rescinded.
- Private Schools ask Academic Advisors for reports as the year goes on. Any changes could change their admission decisions.
- Could change your status in NHS and CSF
- End of the year awards
  (Up to the 2020 Spring Semester 12-week grade reporting period)
  - Scholar of Scholars
  - Valedictorian (GPA 4.0+)
  - Academic Distinction (GPA 3.5 - 3.99)
Most common mistakes

1. Waiting until the last minute
   ○ Start Early. The more time you have the better your application will be.

2. Forgetting Account/Login information
   ○ Multiple sites could get confusing
   ○ Try to keep the login information the same
   ○ Write it down.

3. Student does not use the correct name
   ○ Make sure to use your legal name
   ○ Information from different places all need to match with your correct name.
4. Not getting emails from the university
   ○ Make sure the email is valid, working, you check it often, and there is not a ton of spam.
   ○ Advice: Create a new email account just for college applications
   ○ You don’t want to miss out on your dream school because you missed a deadline due to not getting the email.

5. Selecting your classes incorrectly
   ○ Incorrect A-G coursework
   ○ Not inputting the 12th grade classes
Most common mistakes

6. Not reviewing application before submitting it.
   ○ Review and Read your application
   ○ Take your time filling the application out the first time
   ○ Once you hit submit it is gone

7. Not going all the way to the end and hitting the Submit button
   ○ You should get a confirmation email 24-48 hours after submitting

8. Having parent take the lead on the application
   ○ Admissions people can sense if your parents did it for you
   ○ It’s fine to get advice, but the student needs to do the work
Most common mistakes

9. Student did not read the directions carefully
   ○ Before you get started, be sure to read everything

10. Students miss deadlines
    ○ Make sure you know what the deadlines are
    ○ Get them done as soon as possible
    ○ Universities are VERY strict with deadlines

Take your time, Start Early, and Review.
Letters of Recommendation

- Starting Friday, Sept. 13th, go to the Guidance tab and select “College”
  - There are 2 TYPES of LoR packets: Academic Advisor & Teachers
  - Academic Advisors (Private/out of state) Complete the Recommendation Request Packet
  - Teachers: Complete Letter of Rec File
  - Parent Input Form
  - Letter of Recommendation request packets are due October 4th

- Select a teacher that you feel knows you the best and can speak to who you are as a student.
- Contact the teacher as early as possible.
- Do not wait until the last minute
- Be sure to THANK them. Teachers write the letters on their own time.
Financial Aid

Online Application  https://fafsa.ed.gov/

- All forms of free federal money start with FAFSA
- Window to apply opens October 1st, 2019 (start early, based on 2018 taxes)
- FAFSA needs to be completed by March 1, 2020 to be considered for a Cal Grant
- Everyone should fill out an application. Only way to guarantee consideration for every type of aid possible, regardless of income level.
- Student must fill it out. There is a parent portion.
- Must obtain a FSA ID# before you can apply.
Financial Aid

• Starting Second Semester…

Saddleback Community College offers FREE workshops to help walk students through the FAFSA process. Student **does NOT need** to be planning to attend Saddleback in order to attend. If parent chooses to attend, he/she **must be accompanied by the student** as well.

**CONTACT SADDLEBACK COLLEGE FOR MORE INFORMATION**
scfinaid@saddleback.edu
Final thoughts

● Do your “homework”
● Create an email account just for college applications.
● Start EARLY!
● Double and triple check everything.
● Be aware of deadlines and follow the directions.
● Senior classes are important.
● This is a crazy process.
● We are in this together.
My Senior Needs More Help

GOOD NEWS!
We Have a Plan

Resources Galore!!!!

Check Emails & Website