



KEEP CALM AND WRITE THE ESSAY

DSA Counseling Newsletter

February
2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

2018-2019 Common App Essay Topics

- 1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.*
- 2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?*
- 3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?*
- 4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.*
- 5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.*
- 6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?*
- 7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.*

February 2nd

No School for students
Last Day for Honors vs Non-honors

February 9th

Choice of Studies closes online at noon

February 16th

Last day to drop a class without penalty

February 19th and 20th

No School

March 9th

End of 9 week grading period

March 14th

Concurrent Enrollment Info Meeting
12:40pm and 3pm in the Counseling Center

March 15th

Brown Bag Parent Meetings



Junior Brown Bag Series

Juniors, once this spring and once in the fall, you will be participating in DSA's Brown Bag Series. During these lunch sessions, you will be receiving important information about the college application process, scholarships, testing, and much more. These meetings are held in small groups with your counselors. In addition to a presentation, you will receive a folder packed with vital information for your senior year.

You have been assigned a cohort and date to report to the counseling office for this mandatory event, **see the schedule on the next page**. Bring a bag lunch with you to eat during the meeting (hence the name Brown Bags). The meeting begins at the start of lunch. You may not switch dates with another person. Make plans well ahead of time with your majors, teachers, friends, etc to have this lunch time free. If you need another copy of the schedule come to the counseling office to pick one up.



Junior Parents Brown Bags

Parents: we are offering two **Parent Brown Bags** sessions so that you can hear the exact same information your students heard!

Parent Brown Bags
Thursday March 15th at 7:30am or
Thursday March 15th at 3:00pm

Choice of Studies Next Steps

February-April

During these months:

- * the master schedule will be built
- * we will accept our incoming high school students and get their course requests
- * counselors will build schedules for those students who did not make their class choices online during the Jan 22 – Feb 9 window
- * the counselors will hand touch all schedules for correct class placement



May 4, 2018

Current 6th and 7th graders will receive their 18/19 schedule.

May 7, 2018

Each class will meet in the Concert Hall. All students will receive a hard copy of their 2018-2019 schedule along with directions. Since 18/19 Infinite Campus is not available for parents or students to view at home until July 2018, this hard copy is the only way to view a student's 18/19 schedule.

May 7, 2018 – May 25, 2018 at noon

Students may go to the Counseling Office to sign up to see their counselor. They may not wait for a counselor. They must sign up and go back to class. Counselors will pull the students out of class in the order they signed up. Students may speak with their counselor about possible class changes. All students must make sure to leave the office with the dated and timestamped new schedule. Make sure to keep this schedule for your records.

All schedule changes for the 2018-2019 school year must be made by noon on May 25, 2018. After this date, no adding of classes, no switching periods, adding a student assistant, adjusting of levels (example: AP US History to regular US History or 7th grade math to 8th grade math) will be made.

All 9th and 10th graders must be enrolled in a minimum of 7 classes. They may have one period off.

All 11th and 12th graders may have 2 periods off in the fall.

Brown Bag Spring Junior Cohorts

Your cohort must report to the Counseling Center on the assigned day listed below. Bring a brown bag lunch with you. We will begin promptly at 12:40. Those juniors arriving after 12:40 will not be allowed to join and will be assigned another date of the counselor's choice. You may not switch dates with another person. You are not invited on a day you are not assigned. Make plans well ahead of time with your majors, teachers, friends, etc to have this lunch time free. This is mandatory.

Cohort #1	Anolin	Grace	Walch	Livingstone
Monday March 5th	Avkhadeev	John	Walls	Jordyn
12:40-1:20	Bankston	Paris	Walters	Lorianne
Counseling Center	Barthule	Jada	West	Thomas
	Bartlett	Alexis	Williams	Patrick
	Batura	Amani	Zulian	Leticia
	Beattie	Lillian	Zweck-Bronner	Jack
Cohort #2	Begeman	Grace	Tran	Sinh
Tuesday March 6th	Bendure	Jack	Tran	Song
12:40-1:20	Bennet	Halina	Trindl	John
Counseling Center	Berns	Tessa	Trujillo	Aviella
	Black	Andrew	Underhill	William
	Blackmun	Elizabeth	Villalobos	Halla
	Blair	Hannah	Wagner	Brielle
Cohort #3	Bloom	Aleah	Streete	Alec
Friday March 9th	Bohrer	Samantha	Sutton	Addison
12:40-1:20	Bottinelli	Sofia	Swan	Sophie
Counseling Center	Bowdouris	Nancy	Tan	Chloe
	Bramhall-Heck	Jack	Tavel	Edith
	Brenner	Benjamin	Todd	Evan
	Brody	Rachel	Toure	Thutmose
Cohort #4	Allen	Elizabeth	Schultz	Anna-Claire
Monday March 12th	Bose	Brandon	Scott	Sophie
12:40-1:20	Brogan	Renn	Siegfreid	Connor
Counseling Center	Bryant	Autumn	Stark	Sidney
	Burk	Brittania	Towne	Sabrina
	Burton	Adam	Williams	Veronica
	Lancaster	Eli	Lindstrom	Aidan
Cohort #5	Caiozzi	Nisha	Reilly	Samuel
Tuesday March 13th	Cappella	Lucia	Robinson	Taylor
12:40-1:20	Cardoza	Daniel	Rollin	Segren
Counseling Center	Cha	Ethan	Rowe	Cera
	Chambers	Lauren	Rowe	Clarissa
	Chaney	Cheyenne	Rudoff	Eleanor
	Clements	Natasha	Schachter	Katherine
Cohort #6	Cohen	Lawrence	Phan	Andrea
Wednesday March 14th	Cohen-Horne	Linda	Piper	Caley

12:40-1:20	Cook	Dean	Plymell	Rebecca
Counseling Center	Cornejo-Silva	Ana Maria	Porcaro	Elena
	Costello	Finnian	Raedeke	Anna
	Davis	Darr	Ragan	Olivia
	DeHerrera	Azura	Rasmussen	Lily

Cohort #7	DePuy	Isla	Ocana	Isabella
Thursday March 15th	Downing	Alexa	Patilla	Shadae
12:40-1:20	Duran Shedd	Isabella	Pfeifer	Juliana
Counseling Center	Eccleston-Al-Bazali	Sara	Nietch	Alexander
	Ellerbroek	Serenity	Noles	Caitie
	Embree	Tea	Montez	Alexandra
	Mason-Warren	Ava	Marder	Romi

Cohort #8	Empson	Aubrey	Mayes	Sydney
Friday March 16th	Fennell	Landon	McClure	Arabella
12:40-1:20	Fickert-Rowland	Jackson	McGrath	Molly
Counseling Center	Fine	Chloe	McIver	Mahogany
	Finley	Samuel	McPeek	Kyleigh
	Fonck	Zoe	Mehle	Carter

Cohort #9	Covert-Decker	Ruth	Nolop	Makenna
Monday March 19th	Ferrari	Christopher	Murray	Grace
12:40-1:20	Ferrero-Lampron	Acadia	Monaghan	Will
Counseling Center	Florencio	Giselle	Metzger	Galen
	Gill	Matthew	Molaei	Farinaz
	Greene	Elliot	Guevara	Gabriela
	Guess	Kira	Jackson	Desmond

Cohort #10	Fox	Mary	Luna	Sebastian
Wednesday March 21st	Fraterelli	Benjamin	Majors-Hernandez	Lorena
12:40-1:20	Fredericks	Jeffery	Marasco	Nina
Counseling Center	French	Mikayla	Martin	Frances
	Freudenberger	Emily	Martinez	D'Marco
	Gallegos-Lock	Nasiya	Mayer	Nathan

Cohort #11	Gerhart	Taryn	Kopperud	Claire
Thursday March 22nd	Gesler	Cole	Lanning (Cole)	Michaela (Eliot)
12:40-1:20	Gilliom	Alexandra	Leach	Kira
Counseling Center	Girsshevich	Aleksander	Lieberman	Olivia
	Gomez	Vanesa	Long	Z Evan
	Goren	Ven		

Cohort #12	Han	Alexander	Imperial	Alyssa
Friday March 23rd	Hiner	Grace	Johanningmeier	Devon
12:40-1:20	Hoehn	Claire	Johnson	Wyatt
Counseling Center	Honea	Camryn	Joram	Natalie
	Humphrey	Simon	Keedy	Samuel