



## COLLEGE CORNER

### Welcome Back to the Best 6-12 Magnet School Campus in the South West with National Recognition!

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#### Special points of interest:

Seniors are receiving **College Acceptances and Scholarships**.

Check with your student regarding their status.

**FAFSA for Seniors** opens up after January 1, 2016. Speak with your Senior about the FAFSA / TASFA materials needed.

Current Juniors will be making their **FAFSA** application in October of their Senior year (**New change!**).

**AP Exam Registration** conversations and forms will be sent home with students this month. The forms must be signed and returned by the required date.

**STEM Night**– 2/25/2016.

We all can be proud of our school campus results in continuing to achieve the high standards we set for our unique 6-12 International Studies Magnet School. Numerous accolades are displayed at our campus. We also expect our students to show school pride in adhering to the dress code voted on previously by our parents and faculty.

It is good to remember with the cold winter months ahead to assist your student to be appropriately dressed. All students are to have solid Navy (9-11th grade) or Maroon/Red (6-8th grade) jackets/outerwear. Seniors wear black jackets. As soon as students enter their advisory



Volunteer to help your school. Be a VIP.

class, they are to remove all outer wear which do not adhere to our school dress code.

Our students continue to make a positive difference in the world with their Capstone work; action oriented research making global connections with a selected world issue. The capstone work was displayed along with the advisory displays of “Weaving the Fine Arts into Daily Life Around the World”

The I-FEST was a successful evening in which 1,000 of our

students and their families celebrated as a community in sharing International performances, food, Capstone work, and Advisory work connected with our four Magnet Pillars :

- \* Investigate the World
- \* Recognize Perspectives
- \* Communicate Ideas
- \* Take Action.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our annual International Studies Magnet Event.

Our students return back to focusing on their academics on a wide range of exciting activities associated with our International Studies Magnet Program.

New this year is “STEM Night” on February 25, 2016. Watch for Flyers and additional details.

### PSAT and PSAT-NMSQT

Our 9th-11th grade students took the new PSAT exams on October 14, 2015. The Test includes Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing skills important for college success.

The PSAT tests similar college readiness skills as the new SAT exam. You will

learn more to assist you in helping your student by visiting the Skills Insight at [collegeboard.org/psatskills](http://collegeboard.org/psatskills). College Board will send the score reports to schools during the month of January.

There is an easy to use online, personalized free

college tool. Access is available by using the access code printed on the student’s paper score report.

Our Juniors are using the PSAT Results and Khan Academy to Prepare for the School Day SAT administered on April 12, 2016.

## Naviance College and Career Support (6-12)

Sharpstown International School gives you the right tools for success. Are you working with your student to use the Naviance tools daily/ and/or weekly? All students have tasks to complete in Naviance. The September issue of the College Corner explained how the student logs into Naviance with a user name and a password. Please see your Dean-Academic Counselor about

Logging into Naviance. The Naviance tabs include Career, College/scholarships, About Me, and a Course tab. The career Interest Profiler is one of the activities for your student to do in Naviance. After answering the questions in the activity a list of careers are provided to the student based on the student's personality and interests.

1. Click on the "careers" tab on the Family Connection.
2. Click on the link for "career interest profiler".
3. Click on the "start Profiler" button to begin.
4. Answer the questions to complete the assessment.
5. Click on "view results" when the activity is completed. Take some time to read the results.
6. Begin exploring! Use the results to begin exploring careers that are of interest. You can explore links on the careers tab.

### Credit Recovery Intervention Plan

Sharpstown International School offers students a themed curriculum which is personalized. The PGP and other data are used to identify the students who need intervention. Please monitor your students grades in grade speed to help them to be academically successful.

Work with your student's teachers to partner in providing your child the best education. Students are required to attend tutorials if they are not successful in their coursework. Check your student's progress while doing homework. Academic success for our students will be evident as they advance from grade to grade. Saturday School is also provided in the Spring semester as an added intervention.

Our school will begin our Credit Recovery Program in the Spring to accommodate students who were not successful during their Fall semester. The students enrolled in Credit Recovery will be able to recover lost credits through successful completion of their coursework.

Ask for Ms. Platt Regarding questions about Credit Recovery.

# January 2016

| Sun                            | Mon               | Tue                          | Wed                         | Thu                              | Fri                             | Sat                            |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                |                   |                              |                             |                                  | 1<br>Holiday                    | 2                              |
| 3                              | 4<br>Teacher Prep | 5<br>Spring Semester Begins  | 6<br>MUN-San Antonio        | 7<br>MUN –Cont. MS Boys BB       | 8<br>MUN, Report Card A-Day     | 9                              |
| 10<br>• note: Girls BB on 1/14 | 11                | 12<br>Cycle 2 Awards MS      | 13<br>Senior Pictures/ Cap/ | 14<br>Cycle 2 Awards Ceremony HS | 15<br>UIL                       | 16<br>* note: UIL HS 1/15 & 16 |
| 17<br>• note: Boys BB on 1/21  | 18<br>Holiday     | 19                           | 20                          | 21<br>Senior Meeting 8am         | 22<br>AP Registration forms due | 23                             |
| 24                             | 25                | 26<br>Sr. Parent Meeting 6pm | 27<br>Early Dismiss.        | 28<br>Jr. Meeting 8am            | 29<br>Confirm AP List           | 30                             |
| 31                             |                   |                              |                             |                                  |                                 |                                |

AP Teacher : Student Conversations to confirm taking AP exams. Distribute forms, signed & return to Ms. Reuter.