



# Piner High School & SRJC Early College Magnet News

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2016

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## Happy New Year!

We trust that all students enjoyed the Winter Break and are ready to begin the spring semester at the JC is starting **Tuesday, January 19**. The juniors and seniors should have registered for their classes by now, but there is still time to submit concurrent enrollment forms if a student wishes to take another class. In a few weeks, I will send out a request to students to inform me of which class(es) they are taking.

Also upcoming in spring semester, sophomores will be taking **Counseling 270** on April 30 and May 7<sup>th</sup> --- details to follow. Freshmen will be participating in the field trip to UC Davis in March, as well an April field trip to SRJC. As for next year's freshmen class, we are now accepting applications from 8<sup>th</sup> graders, so if you know of any motivated 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are considering Piner as their school of choice for next year and have not yet applied, please remind them about ECMP. The deadline for applications is the end of January, however typically the application window doesn't formally close until mid-February. Spring promises to be a busy season!

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### Busing Issues

#### Students & Parents:

Please contact Karen Coster if the First Student bus is consistently early or late for pick-ups and drop-offs. While the bus company is usually quick to correct problems, we need to keep record of untimely arrivals and departures.

#### Spring Bus schedule:

M - Th: PHS pick-up at 7:00 a.m.  
M & T: SRJC pick-up at 9:30  
W & Th: SRJC pick-up at 9:15  
M & T: PHS pick-up at 1:00  
W & Th: PHS pick-up at 12:15  
M - Th: SRJC pick-up at 3:00

ECM  
sophomores  
at  
UC Berkeley

October  
21, 2015



## SRJC Textbook Vouchers

In order for students to get their SRJC textbooks from the campus bookstore, they need a textbook voucher. Those vouchers are now available at the front counter in the Piner main office.

Please email Karen Coster if your voucher is not available. Your voucher may have been withheld if you did not return all of your SRJC textbooks from fall semester.

## 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR... SPREAD THE WORD!

We are pleased to announce that we are now taking applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Please help spread the word to potential students and their parents about the benefits of the ECM program and encourage them to apply. Applications will be accepted through **mid-February** and can be found on the Piner High School Website: <http://pinerhigh.com> Click on "Early College Magnet Program" to view, download, and print the program application in either English or Spanish.

### **Parent Volunteers Needed:**

**Help chaperone the field trip to UC Davis on March 11. There will be about 95 students in attendance and we will need 4 parents to accompany us on the bus and the tour. It's a lot of walking but very informative.**

**Email Ms. Coster for more info.**

## WE'LL SAY IT AGAIN.....



### **Memorize your Santa Rosa JC I.D. number:**

When you register for classes at SRJC, you will need to give your SRJC identification number...

***Memorize it!***

### **An important reminder:**

All students taking JC classes need to check their SRJC account balance on "My Cubby" before registering for classes. Students are responsible for paying their health fee of **\$19** each semester they are enrolled for courses.

## Upcoming UC Davis Fieldtrip Info.

**9<sup>th</sup> graders:** You will receive a field trip permission form in February for our trip on March 11. There are strict guidelines for getting permission from your teachers so you need to be aware of the following:

- You must get all of your teachers' permission to attend. If 1 teacher does not sign, you do not go. Teachers **may** deny permission if you have lower than a "C" in the class.
- You will also need your parents to fill out a medical release form, should an emergency arise.
- If you do not return the completed permission form to Ms. Coster by the deadline, March 7, you will not be able to attend the field trip.

The trip is planned for **March 11**. Details will be available in about a month.

### A Message from Piner Counseling

Please plan on attending the 2  
college workshops on

Monday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.  
in the Piner Library:

Cash for College Night:  
"Everything You Wanted to  
Know About Financial Aid,"  
including assistance on filling  
out FAFSA forms

And

Thursday, March 10th, 6:00 -  
8:00 pm in the Piner College  
& Career Center: "How to  
Choose a College"

### Students & Parents: Check us out on Facebook!

Yes, the Early College Magnet Program has a  
Facebook page! You will find:

- Events
- Pictures
- Videos
- Reminders

Look for  
our  
logo.....



Thank you to the following  
parents for chaperoning the UC  
Berkeley field trip:

- Amarily Flores
- Dani Foster
- Thearyda Hou
- Jeff Johnson
- Judy Poulsen
- Christine Snyder

We couldn't do it without you!

**FYI: Piner Counseling's web site has useful information on colleges, scholarships and more. Please visit: <http://www.mrcoxatpiner.com>**

### Upcoming Events

- SRJC classes begin – **Tuesday, January 19**
- ECM fall applications due – **Mid-February**
- College Financial Aid workshop – **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- “How to Choose a College” – **Thursday, March 10**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- UC Davis Fieldtrip for 9<sup>th</sup> grade ECM Students (Parent chaperones will be needed) – **Friday, March 11**, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 10<sup>th</sup> graders & Parents Informational Night **Wednesday, March 9**, Santa Rosa Junior College (Details and exact location are forthcoming)
- SRJC Fieldtrip for 9<sup>th</sup> grade ECM students – **Thursday, April 14**, 8:30 – 2:00

### SRJC Academic Calendar:

We have included the SRJC Academic Calendar for your convenience as well as for planning purposes.

<b>SPRING SEMESTER 2016</b>	
January 18	Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes)
January 19	CLASSES BEGIN
January 24	Last day to register/add without instructor's signature or add code
January 31	Last day to drop semester length class and be eligible for a refund
February 7	Last day to register/add with the instructor's signature or add code
February 7	Last day to drop a class without “W” symbol
February 11	Mandatory Professional Development Activity Institutional Day (No Classes/No Services)
February 12	Lincoln's Day Holiday (no classes)
February 13, 14	Saturday and Sunday classes will meet
February 15	Washington's Day Holiday (no classes)
February 28	Last day to opt for P/NP
March 14 – April 10	Midterm progress available in student portal
March 21 - 27	Spring Break (no classes)
March 25	Professional Development 1/2 Flex Day (No classes or activities)
April 24	Last day to drop a class with “W” symbol
May 21-27	Final Examinations
June 6	Spring semester processing finalized

# Academic Probation --- You want to avoid it!

As a reminder, one of the conditions of admission to the ECM Program is that students must maintain good grades as both a Piner and SRJC student. Should a student fall behind in his/her coursework, resulting in a GPA of 2.5 or lower, the student will be placed on academic probation. Also, the student must receive no Fs in Piner core classes (English, math, science, history) or JC classes. Since grades for first semester have been submitted, probation letters will be distributed in a week or so.

Stated below are the conditions and expectations that students are held to while participating in the Early College Magnet Program (ECMP):

- While enrolled in the ECMP you must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA), and receive no letter grades of “F” in any of your Piner High School core classes or JC class. If you cannot maintain a 2.5 GPA, you will be put on academic probation, which will last for one semester. If you raise your GPA above a 2.5, in the following semester, you will be removed from academic probation. However, if your grade point average remains below a 2.5 for a second semester, you will be removed from the ECMP and assigned to another pathway within Piner High School.
- If your GPA falls below a 2.5, a contract will be signed by your parent/guardian, student, coordinator and counselor, establishing a weekly progress report system to encourage home/school communication.

## **A final request:**

It is very important to keep student ECM records current in order to stay in touch with parents and students. Please take the time to send any updated email or phone information to Ms. Coster a.s.a.p.

[kcoster@srcs.k12.ca.us](mailto:kcoster@srcs.k12.ca.us)

Thank you!

## **A message from Ms. Stevens**

CSF, the **California Scholastic Federation**, is an organization that recognizes student academic achievement at the high school level. The government / economics teacher, Ms. Stevens, oversees the Piner chapter of this organization and is seeking qualified students to join CSF. Since all ECM students are academically-oriented, you should all be enrolled in this group! CSF’s primary mission is to award scholarships towards college. (Ms. Coster received a \$500 scholarship as a high school senior!) What should you do?



- Please stop by J102 to see Ms. Stevens for more information.
- Look over the membership application attached to this newsletter.
- Visit the CSF web site at: <http://csf-cjsf.org>

**California Scholarship Federation, Inc.  
CSF Semester Membership Application  
Piner High School  
2015-2016**

Print NAME _____	Student ID# _____
Contact Number _____	Graduation Year _____

**A. To qualify for CSF membership this semester, follow these guidelines:**

1. You must earn a **minimum of 10 points** from last semester's grades.
  - a. The first 4 points must be from LIST I, [unless you are a senior applying in February or June].
  - b. The first 7 points [including the four points described in **a**] must be from LISTS I and II.
  - c. The remaining points may come from any list [I, II, or III].

2. You must **use no more than 5 courses** to qualify.

3. NO CSF points are given for physical education, courses taken in lieu of physical education, subjects repeated to improve a grade, courses involving clerking and office/teaching assisting, and courses taken on a pass/fail basis.

4. CSF points are granted as follows:

*A grade of A = 3 CSF points*

*A grade of B = 1 CSF point*

One additional point shall be granted for a grade of A or B in an AP, IB, or Honors course, up to a maximum of two such points per semester.

*A grade of C = 0 CSF points*

*A grade of a D or F* in any course, even in one you cannot use to qualify, disqualifies you from membership at this time.

**B. Also remember:**

1. Semester membership is based on work done in the previous semester. [Under very limited circumstances summer school may also be used; you should check with your advisor before listing any summer school work.]

2. You must reapply each semester.

3. Courses you may use are listed on the reverse side. They are divided into LISTS I, II, and III.

**C. List the courses you are using to qualify in the proper location below. Consult lists on reverse side.**

LIST I Courses	Grade	Points	LIST II Courses	Grade	Points	LIST III Courses	Grade	Points

**Total Pts. From List I**  
[must be at least 4, except for seniors applying in Feb. or June] \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Pts. From List I and II**  
[must be at least 7] \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total of Pts. From all**  
[must be at least 10] \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring this form and \$5.00 membership payment to Ms. Stevens in J102. If you are a Senior, submit verification of grades from your counselors to the CSF advisor for Life Member status.** Revised Sep/2014

### **LIST I**

Academic American Government  
Academic Economics  
United States History 1-2 [AP]  
Academic United States History 1-2  
Honors World History 1-2 [HP]  
Academic World History 1-2  
English Language & Composition [AP]  
English Literature [AP]  
Honors English 1 [H]  
Honors English 2 [H]  
Academic English 1  
Academic English 2  
Academic English 3  
Academic English 4

Calculus A/B [AP]  
Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus [H]  
Honors Algebra 1 [HP]  
Honors Algebra 2 [HP]  
Honors Geometry 1 [HP]  
Academic Algebra 1  
Academic Algebra 2  
Sheltered Algebra 1  
Academic Geometry 1  
Academic Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus  
STATS [AP]

Biology 1-2 [AP]  
Physics 1-2 [AP]  
Chemistry 1 [AP]  
Biology 1-2 [H]  
Academic Biology 1  
Chemistry 1  
Physics 1

Honors French 4 [H]  
Honors French 1 [P]  
Honors French 2 [P]  
Honors French 3 [P]  
French 1  
French 2  
French 3

Spanish Language 4 [AP]  
Honors Spanish 2 [HP]  
Honors Spanish 3 [HP]  
Spanish 1 [H]  
Spanish 2 [H]  
Spanish 3 [H]  
Spanish 4 [H]  
Spanish 1  
Spanish 2  
Spanish 3  
Spanish 4  
Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1  
Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2  
Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3

### **LIST II**

Health Science & Biotechnology 1  
Health Science & Biotechnology 2  
Health Science & Biotechnology 3  
Space Science

Academic Physical Science 1-2  
MESA – Math, Engineering, and Science

### **LIST III**

AP Studio Art –[AP]  
Art 1  
Art 2 [P]  
Advanced Art 3 [P]  
3– D Design  
Commercial Art and Design  
Digital Photography

Ceramics/Sculpture 1  
Ceramics/Sculpture 2  
Ceramics/Sculpture 3

Drama 1-2  
Drama 3-4 [P]  
Drama Production  
Film Study  
Concert Choir

Culinary Arts 1  
Culinary Arts 2  
Culinary Arts: Intern / Catering

Global Information Systems 1  
Global Information Systems 2  
Global Information Systems 3

Early College Foundation  
Computers for College and Career  
Computer Applications

Project Make  
Future STEM Educators

Algebra Readiness

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