



College & Career Bulletin – January 2023

Hey Firebirds!

Counselor Visits - Registration for next year's classes has been on the agenda for the Counseling Staff. Heading into next year requires much planning and it starts with students letting us know what classes they want to take. We then take that information and plan out enough classes so students can take the options they are the most interested in. You still have time to speak with your student about their plans for next year. Have them log in to their StudentVue account to review or edit the classes your student requested for next year. Here is a link to our [Course Selection Form](#) and a link to our [Course Catalog](#).

If your student missed their day to register have them see Coach Whitt at the Attendance Window

College Preparation Information - Students who plan on attending college after high school should be taking decisive steps to ensure they are on the right track.

- Freshman - Strive for A's and B's and take Honors in areas of strength
- Sophomore - Improve your study habits and investigate potential career options
- Juniors - Investigate college options - take the SAT and ACT this Spring/Summer
- Seniors - apply to college and investigate scholarship options

Come to the College & Career Center for help!

ACT - is sponsoring a free Webinar: What Every Student Should Know About Picking a Major or Career Path - Thursday February 16th - 6:00 pm CT - Gain insights from an industry-leading career coach on what teens should know NOW about Career Planning - [REGISTER HERE](#)



SAT/ACT - Students who are going to a 4-year University after high school can boost their college application with a strong SAT and/or the ACT score. Eastmark High School will be giving the ACT to all Juniors in April. They are currently preparing for that test during A-Hour using the Methodize Prep. Juniors can re-take the test and should be registering to take the test in the Spring and Summer.

The ACT will be given to all Juniors here on our campus on April 4th, 2023, no need to register!

EVIT - East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) is a public career and technical education school providing more than 40 occupational training programs tuition-free to our Eastmark students. They are holding an **EXPO on Saturday, January 28th from 9 AM to 1 PM**. Attend and see all the great options available!

EVIT has expanded scholarship opportunities for Graduating Students. If you are interested in attending EVIT after Graduation, contact: Mr. Joseph Hapner jhapner@evit.com or email adulted@evit.com

Senior Information:

Financial Aid Assistance - Eastmark High School has partnered with Ask Benji. Benji is a texting chatbot designed to help you get answers to all your questions about the FAFSA. Benji delivers timely, personalized nudges, prompts, and information via text messages to students' cell phones across Arizona. These texts include next steps for FAFSA completion, invitations to nearby college readiness events and general college-going information. To get started, text **HI BENJI to 602.786.8171**. Arizona students who complete the FAFSA secure an average of \$10,000 per year in federal financial aid for college.

FAFSA - One of the most effective ways to boost educational attainment is to ensure that more students have the financial resources needed to pursue a postsecondary education or credential. One of the greatest tools in reducing the financial barrier is the FAFSA. Arizona's high school class of 2021 left an estimated \$104 million on the table by not completing the FAFSA, according to a [National College Attainment Network \(NCAN\) analysis](#). On average, Arizona students who fill out the FAFSA secure \$10,000 a year in federal financial aid.

FAFSA completion is also [strongly associated with postsecondary enrollment](#) with 92% of seniors who completed a FAFSA enrolling in a postsecondary institution—a university, community college or career and technical education.



Save the DATE!

Eastmark High School is excited to announce our **Business Panel's program** coming up on February 10th. We have been working hard to establish a working relationship with our local businesses, and have an impressive line of speakers to help students better explore their career options. On February 10th we will be hosting professionals in the areas of:

Health Science
Arts, A/V Technology, and Communication
Business Management and Administration
Architecture and Construction

Science, Technology, and Engineering
Human Services and Education
Law, Public Safety, and Corrections
Agriculture, Food and Nutrition

More details to come!

Preparing for College: Summer Programs

- [ASU](#) has summer programs for students interested in getting that head start on preparing for their future! Access ASU Summer Programs are available for students in grades 8th - 12th in a variety of topics including engineering, leadership, math and the arts. Programs are offered on all four ASU campuses and online, and formats range from day camps to residential programs, where students have the opportunity to live on campus.
- [Carnegie Mellon Pre-College Summer Programs](#) - we are looking for students who are excited by their subject of interest and who strive for success both inside and outside of the classroom. Our admission consideration is holistic and considers both the academic and extracurricular experiences of every student. Students are admitted on a rolling basis until the application deadline. Scholarship applications will be read collectively and decisions will be released on April 14.
- [Tufts University Pre-College Summer 2023 Programs- App open 12/1/2022](#) - We offer a program for every interest. Highly motivated high school students can choose from:
 - 1 to 3–week intensive programs exploring topics from engineering to fine arts, international relations, climate resilience, medical school, food sustainability, and more
 - 6-week Tufts College Experience
 - 6-week Tufts Summer Research Experience

Join the Virtual College & Career Center - Your CCC is now a Google Classroom that you can join! Get the latest on College information, Leadership and Volunteer opportunities, Scholarship information, and everything you need to prepare for after high school!

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