Important Information
March 2-FAFSA and Cal Grant Deadline
March 6-Irvine Valley College Preview Day
March 7-Golden West College Preview Day
March 10-SAT at Estancia
March 13-California High School Exit Exam-English for Grade 10
March 14-California High School Exit Exam-Math for Grade 10
March 19-EHS Counselors begin registering students for 2012-2013 courses
March 20-Orange Coast College Preview Day
March 26-EHS Counselors register students for high school at TeWinkle Intermediate
April 9-13-Spring Recess-School not in session
April 20-End of 3rd Quarter
April 23-Start of 4th Quarter
April 24-SOAR Testing
April 25-EHS Spring Open House & Incoming 9th Grade Parent & Student Orientation

Counselor Assignments for the 2011/2012 School Year
Grade 9—Jenny Hoffman
Grade 10 & Puente Program—Dan Nafarrate
Grade 11—Mindy Savage
Grade 12 with last name A-L—Mindy Savage
Grade 12 with last name M-Z—Dan Nafarrate
Special Projects/Attendance/Community Service—Jodie Palmer
ROP/Career Specialist—Jennifer Sweet
Meet Estancia’s New Counselors!

Ms. Jenny Hoffman
9th Grade Counselor

Jenny grew up in Duarte, California and graduated from Duarte High School. She earned her bachelors degree in Psychology from Claremont McKenna College. She taught 2nd/3rd grade at Kirkwood Educational Center in Downey while working on her masters degree in School Counseling at CSULB. Jenny was offered a job while interning at California High School in Whittier, working as the Puente counselor. In 2001 she took an opportunity to work at Oxford Academy in Cypress as a counselor, where she got to guide the first graduating class through the college admissions process. In 2005, Jenny decided to take some time off to raise her two young children, before returning to work part-time in 2007 at Woodbridge High School in Irvine. She also spent time instructing Applied Psychology courses at Saddleback College, teaching courses on learning and study strategies, test-taking techniques, and educational and vocational planning. She is excited to resume working as a full-time counselor here at Estancia High School with the class of 2015!

Ms. Jodie Palmer
Special Projects/Attendance/Community Service Counselor

Ms. Palmer grew up in Yorba Linda and attended El Dorado High School. She went on to CSU Fullerton and graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies and Multiple Subject Teaching Credential in 2002. She taught elementary school for four years and decided to go back to school for her Masters in Educational Counseling and PPS credential, which she earned in 2007. She worked as an Intervention Counselor at Chino Hills High School for four years before joining the Estancia Team in 2012. Her daughter, Brooklyn and the Lord are the joys in her life!
Estancia’s ROP Pathways Prove to be Huge Success

By Jennifer Sweet, Career Specialist

Every Estancia student enrolled in an after-bell ROP class earned an A or B during the fall semester and in fact, 89% of our students earned an A. Three of those students earned an impressive A+ in their class and will be nominated for Distinguished Student Recognition for ROP scholarships.

Our Eagle Alumni are also continuing in the pathways they started while here at Estancia! Two graduates received an A and B+ in the Medical Assisting Back Office program and are Certified Medical Assistants. Both of these student took two or three other medical ROP classes while at Estancia to prepare them for this extremely difficult class. These students will be able to seek employment in doctor’s office where they are qualified to take blood, give injections, etc. After taking Fire Science and Emergency Medical Responder, two of our graduates passed EMT with an A. One graduate took Dental Assistant Chairside & Radiology Internship and earned an A. She had already completed Dental Assistant Front Office her senior year.

Fall 2011 ROP Honor Roll

Britney Badger
Carlos Blanco
Jessica Cahuantzi
Jocelyn Castillo
Alejandro Castro
James DePersis
Erika Garcia
Sean Golden
Axel Lomas

Dara Lopez
Bernardino Marcial
Brenda Ochoa
Ryan Quinlan
Trever Ramey
Roger Rojas
Dylan Ulrich
Jessica Venham

Perfect Attendance
First Semester of 2011-2012 School Year

Preparing for College

Seniors

- **Financial Aid**- Submit your FAFSA online beginning January 1st. Seniors and their parents need to get a P.I.N number to submit the FASFA electronically. Go to www.pin.ed.gov. Cal Grant applications need to be completed and turned in to counseling as soon as possible. Deadline for both is March 2nd.

- **Community College**- Sign up now for a class in the spring to receive priority registration in the fall. See your counselor for information. Take the SOAR placement test for English and math on April 24th at EHS. The SOAR is required to attend either Orange Coast College or Golden West College. Get permission slips signed to visit OCC, GWC and IVC in March.

Juniors

- **SAT**- Take the March 10th SAT here at Estancia. The SAT is required to attend a 4 year college directly after high school. The regular deadline has passed however students can still register by the late deadline of February 24th. Fee waivers are not accepted for late registration.

- **ACT**- Take the April 14th ACT. The regular deadline to register is March 9th.

- See an explanation on the next page on the difference between the ACT and SAT.

Another Graduating Class of Parents “Parenting Wisely”

On Monday, December 12, 2011 we had 17 parents graduate from the Parenting Wisely Program at Estancia. These parents participated in a series of 5 classes on Monday nights in the EHS library. Parenting Wisely is a program that focuses on six effective parenting skills to communicate and resolve challenges with adolescents. These parents worked together to create and implement effective discipline methods as they become more confident models for their children. We congratulate all the parents who participated in this program and who continue to be involved in their student’s success at Estancia!
Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their teachers as "Student of the Quarter" for their performance during the second quarter of the 2011-2012 school year.

Mrs. Atkins – Jocelyn Valdez & Emily Leahy
Mr. Bargas – Fabiola Alonso & Eric Molina
Mrs. Boeck – Stephanie Morales & Nohemi Perez
Mr. Bradely – Naomi Beth & Sava Ray
Ms. Broderick – Marena Hubbell & Danielle Ulrich
Mr. Burgess – Elmer Duran Gonzalez & Brittany Rodriguez
Mrs. Cannon – Molly McFarland & Brodin Pearce
Mr. Carpenter – Arelly Ocampo & Cheyenne Savela
Mrs. Caizalis – Mireya Reyes & Karolyne Dos Santos
Ms. Cho – Brenda Sotomayor & Jake Brown
Ms. Collins – Ava Avelar & Jessica Garcielazo
Mr. Conlay – Scott Baker & Brooke Thomas
Mrs. Cramer – Scott Silvers & Anthony Rodriguez
Mr. Cygan – Mireya Reyes
Mr. Daniels – Dayana Ozuna
Mr. DeLao – Francisco Alvarez
Mrs. de los Santos – Juan Padilla & Ricky Ormeno
Mrs. Dickey – Selena Garcia & Juan Corona
Mr. Dill – Brayan Barba & Luis Tolentino
Ms. Figueroa – Jonathan Guerrero & Jose Andres Aguilar
Ms. Hudson – Jaime Mendoza & Gisel Soto
Mr. Hunter – Edith Garcia & Pedro Trujillo
Mr. Kahawai – Kevin Peters & Marissa Lamerton
Mr. King – Nailea Acuna & Cristal Castro
Mrs. Lester – Sopheapath San
Mr. Liebengood – Randy Gallegos & Samuel Weber
Ms. Maranian – Kaya McAlister & Jesus Garcia
Mrs. Matthews – Erik Gaytan
Ms. Moore – Marco Solis-Naranjo & Gerardo Camacho
Mrs. Nedza – Cinthya Lituma
Mrs. O’Meara – Cesar Gasca Gonzalez & Yadira Lezama
Ms. Otto – Jeremy Lawrence & Jose Cardoso
Mrs. Owen – Endi Avelino & Katey Makley
Mr. Parcel – Jared Salinas & Cristal Castro
Ms. Patrie – Fidel Farias
Ms. Payne – Anthony Pastrana & Jacob Veater
Mr. Perry – Stephanie Nuno
Mrs. Perry – Raquel Espinoza
Mrs. Riley – Anthony Rodriguez
Mrs. Rockwood – Laura Reeker & Anthony Gray
Mr. Rodig – Valery Medina & Alejandro Lopez
Mr. Schade – Maria de los Angeles Calvo Ensastegui
Mr. Schilling – Aldo Rodriguez & Janette Venham
Ms. Schweers – Fabian Martinez
Mr. Shaw – Katie Makley
Mrs. Skinner – Charlie Griffen
Mrs. Smith – Alexi Carrillo & Adalberto Vazquez
Mr. Sorce – Victor Allende
Mr. Sterling – Celia Duran & Jennifer Lopez
Mr. Twogood – Jesus Acevedo
Mr. Valenzuela – Evelyn Ornelas & Vanessa Torres
Mr. Jon Williams – Alejandra Delgado
Mr. Kent Williams – Sabino Enciso
Mr. Yeomans – Juan Cortez
Mr. Yuuki – Danielle Ulrich & Cristian Salazar
Mrs. Zaremba – Johnathan Ball

Congratulations!
Many students score similarly on the ACT and SAT. However, the tests do assess different information and problem-solving skills, so it is not unusual to do better on one exam than the other. Key exam differences are outlined below. The SAT Reasoning Test is a standardized test college for admissions. The SAT is owned, published, and developed by the College Board. The test is intended to assess a student’s readiness for college. The current SAT Reasoning Test, takes three hours and forty-five minutes to finish, and costs $49. Possible scores range from 600 to 2400, combining test results from three 800-point sections (Mathematics, Critical Reading, and Writing). The ACT is a content based standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions. The ACT takes three hours and twenty-five minutes (including the essay) and costs $49.50 ($34.00 without essay). The main four tests are scored individually on a scale of 1–36, and a Composite score is provided which is the whole number average of the four scores. Taking the SAT or its competitor, the ACT, is required for freshman entry to many, but not all, universities in the United States. Most students take the SAT or ACT once or twice.

### SAT VS. ACT

#### Designed as an aptitude test, it tests your reasoning and verbal abilities

- **SAT**: Designed as an aptitude test, it tests your reasoning and verbal abilities
- **ACT**: Designed as an achievement test, tests what you’ve learned

#### Test Structure

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<td>Sentence completions, short and long critical reading passages, reading comprehension up to geometry and algebra II grammar, usage, word choice, and a mandatory essay</td>
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Visit School Loop to get important information about scholarships, upcoming deadlines and other useful college information.

**Counseling Department Information**

**Counseling Department hours** - 7:30am-3:30pm and by appointment.

- Secretary - Linda Fullmer (949) 515-6504  [lfullmer@nmsud.us](mailto:lfullmer@nmsud.us)
- 9th Grade - Jenny Hoffman (949) 515-6557  [jhoffman@nmsud.us](mailto:jhoffman@nmsud.us)
- 10th Grade and Puente - Daniel Nafarrate (949) 515-6554  [dnafarrate@nmsud.us](mailto:dnafarrate@nmsud.us)
- 11th Grade - Mindy Savage (949) 515-6555  [msavage@nmsud.us](mailto:msavage@nmsud.us)
- 12th Grade - Mindy Savage—Last names beginning with A-L (see above)
- 12th Grade - Daniel Nafarrate—Last names beginning with M-Z (see above)
- Attendance/Community Service - Jodie Palmer (949) 515-6556  [jmpalmer@nmsud.us](mailto:jmpalmer@nmsud.us)
- Jennifer Sweet - jsweet@nmsud.us (949) 515-6509 - ROP/Career Specialist

**Walk in times** - Counselors are available every day before school, at break, at lunch, and after school for student/parent “walk in” times.

**Non-walk in times** - during class time, students are only allowed to see their Counselors if they have been sent a call slip by counseling. The Counseling Team supports the teachers by limiting the amount of missed instructional time.

If a student or parent needs to meet with a Counselor, they can make an appointment through Linda or email or call the counselor directly.

**Emergencies** - if a student has an immediate need to talk with their Counselor (i.e. personal/social/emotional issues), they may be sent to the office with a hall pass from a teacher or they can walk in so we can address students immediately.

Students and parents do not need to see a Counselor for the following requests and can be adequately served by Linda Fullmer:

- Copies of transcripts (official/unofficial)
- Copies of their class schedule and/or grades
- Making appointments (New and current students, parents, etc.)
- Community Service forms
- Sports forms
- General information