Important Dates

February 21-25—President’s Recess (School is not in session)
March 2—Golden West College Preview Day Field Trip
March 8—California High School Exit Exam (Language Arts)
March 8—Irvine Valley College Preview Day Field Trip
March 9—California High School Exit Exam (Math)
March 15—SOAR Test administered at Estancia High School
March 22—Orange Coast College Preview Day Field Trip
March 23—Counseling Night for Parents
April 11-15—Spring Recess (School is not in session)
April 22—End of 3rd Quarter
April 25—Start of 4th Quarter
April 28—Spring Open House
April 11-15—Spring Break—No School

Counselor Assignments for the 2010/2011 School Year

9th Grade A-L Mindy Savage, M-Z Rhonda Reid
10th Grade—Mindy Savage
11th Grade—Rhonda Reid
12 Grade and Puente—Dan Nafarrate
College/Career Counselor—Molly Warmsley
ROP/Career Specialist—Jennifer Sweet

(Contact details on page 6)
Advanced Placement Testing

Are you enrolled in an Advanced Placement class? If so, it is time to register for your AP exams. Each test is $87 and payment is due by March 4. Checks should be made payable to Estancia High School and turned into the ASB office along with the attached registration form. Registration forms were also distributed in all AP classes. Students who qualify for a fee waiver will need to photocopy their school ID card and attach it to the fee waiver form (see attachment). The fee waiver form and registration form need to be turned into the ASB office along with the reduced fee. If you have any questions regarding AP testing, please contact Mrs. Barloon in the Counseling Office at (949) 515-6545 or via email at kbarloon@nmusd.us. Good luck on your AP exams in May!

SOAR Placement Testing

Students who plan to attend either Orange Coast or Golden West College in the fall must take the SOAR placement test this spring. The SOAR test assesses the students knowledge in the areas of Math and English. The results are mailed home and can be used as a guide to which level of class they should enroll in. The test will be offered at Estancia on Tuesday, March 15th at 3:15pm. If the test fills up or students are unable to attend here at Estancia may take the test at Orange Coast College later in the spring. See OCC’s website for dates and times.

Orange Coast College Early Enrollment

Seniors who participate in a 1/2 credit counseling course at Orange Coast College this spring receive early enrollment privileges. Students who complete the short class will be enrolling as returning students in the fall and have a better selection of classes to choose from. Completion of this class also eliminates the need to attend mandatory orientation held during the summer. Students interested must see their counselor to get a Petition For Part-Time Early Start Program Form.
Kuder Testing

As you may know, we have been providing our juniors the opportunity to participate in the Kuder Career Planning Program in order to enable them to start exploring colleges and careers online. Juniors are being tested on their interest and skills and are learning to navigate the program online. Juniors are excused from their elective period and tested in our computer lab. Students and parents will be able to access their accounts from home or any computer on campus after they have completed the testing.

Community Service Opportunities

President's Day Recess and Spring Recess provide the prefect opportunity to earn community service hours. Take advantage of having an entire week off of school and volunteer at local non-profit organizations. Need ideas? You can volunteer at the library, recycling centers, soup kitchen, youth sports, your church, etc. Make sure to bring a Community Service Verification Form with you and have an adult in charge sign the form. Below are two new opportunities to earn community service hours.

Whittier Elementary is in need of student tutors after school. Whittier Elementary's school day ends at 2:20 p.m. and they would love Estancia students to help tutor their students. Tutoring in all subjects is needed. If you would like to help, please contact Mrs. Dorian at Whittier Elementary at kdorian@nmsd.us.

Volunteer to work Roots Day at the Upper Newport Bay on Saturday, February 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Help with the efforts to restore the bay. Meet at 2301 University Drive at 9 a.m. Contact Matt at (949) 640-0286 to volunteer.

Help with the Newport Mesa Spirit Run on Saturday, February 26. Volunteers are needed to help with event set-up, parking, registration, t-shirt booth, volunteer check-in table, and event breakdown. Visit www.nmspiritrun.org/volunteer to sign up.

Have you registered your email address through School Loop? If not, make sure your email address is on file. Miss Chamberlin sends emails monthly regarding new community service opportunities. For more information regarding the community service graduation requirement, please visit our school website and locate the “Community Service” Quick Link.

Remember that 40 community service hours are required for graduation.

That’s only 10 per year!

Also, a minimum number of hours are required to attend certain school activities such as dances.

Hours must be turned in a week in advance to purchase tickets.

Don’t wait until the last minute and be left out!
The Estancia National Honor Society (NHS) Chapter honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Aside from academics, the NHS chapter completes an annual service project and is actively involved serving the community.

The minimum requirements for NHS consideration:

- Cumulative 3.0 GPA
- 40 hours of community service prior to your application
- Submit a Community Supervisor Letter of Recommendation
- Submit two Teacher Recommendation forms

Based on the applications received, a panel of teachers selects the students to be inducted into that year’s chapter of the Estancia NHS. NHS students are recognized at the EHS Awards Night, and also wear the NHS honor colors at graduation.

Any student who think they may qualify for membership in the National Honor Society can see Mr. Valenzuela in Room 265 for an application.
Topics Will Include:

High School Graduation Requirements
Community Service
Credits/Grades
School Loop (Online Grades)
Academic Interventions
College Requirements
SAT/ACT
Financial Aid for College
College Scholarships
Mentoring Program

Where:
Estancia High School Large Gymnasium

When:
Wednesday, March 23rd 6pm

Estancia High School
Counseling Department
2323 Placentia Avenue
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Phone: 949-515-6604
Fax: 949-515-6571

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Molly Warnings
College/Career Counselor

You’re Invited!
Meet the Counselors!

Question/Answer Session After Presentation
Counseling Department Information

Counseling Department hours – 7:30am-3:30pm and by appointment.
Linda Fullmer – lfullmer@nmusd.us (949) 515-6504-Secretary
Daniel Nafarrate – dnafarrate@nmusd.us (949) 515-6554-12th grade and Puente
Rhonda Reid – rreid@nmusd.us (949) 515-6680-Juniors and Freshmen M-Z
Mindy Savage-msavage@nmusd.us (949) 515-6555-Sophomores and Freshmen A-L
Molly Warmsley - mwarmsley@nmusd.us (949) 515-6556-College/Career Counselor
Jennifer Sweet-jsweet@nmusd.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

Visit the Counseling Department webpage through the school website to get important information about scholarships, upcoming deadlines and other useful college information. Facebook users can join casadecollege.