



# Spirings Studio

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## September High School Newsletter August 31, 2017

Happy September Students and Parents! We have really enjoyed working with you so far this year as your school counselors. Our hope is to keep you informed and empowered all year and we thought a monthly newsletter might help keep information in one place, instead of getting so many emails. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us!

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**SENIORS!!!**

- Now is the time to start solidifying your post-secondary plans whether that's college, apprenticeships, military etc. See the counselors if you want to talk about this.
- If you're interested in the military talk to a counselor about the ASVAB and getting connected with a recruiter.
- October 1st the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aide) will open. Parents you will need your 2016 tax information for this. The earlier you fill it out the better. More info on a help night at PPCC in the next newsletter.
- If you weren't happy with your SAT score you can take it again. You'll sign-up on your own at [act.org](http://act.org) or [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org)

**Juniors!!!**

- This is a great year to start thinking more about your future. Search colleges and programs. Research careers or military.
- Bulk up your resume by getting a job or volunteering.
- You'll take the SAT in April and it isn't too early to start preparing now. There are free practice questions on [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

**Sophomores!!!**

- Keep exploring ideas for your future through taking different types of classes.
- It's never too early to start exploring college, military and other future options. [CollegeInColorado.org](http://CollegeInColorado.org) has lots of great resources.
- Remember your grades matter in high school, be on top of your work!

**Freshmen!!!**

- As you know the graduation requirements are changing for you. Instead of just earning 24 credits, you will also need to demonstrate mastery. We are still clarifying exactly what this will mean. In the meantime you need to be focused on earning a 70% or higher in all your courses. We will be in touch with additional information before the end of the semester.
- If you are having a hard time transitioning to high school, please come and speak with us or with your teachers. We do not want you to flounder alone.

<b>Concurrent Enrollment (CE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student's who are interested in taking PPCC classes in January need to pick-up an application from Mrs. Pethtel, due September 12th.</li> <li>• Current CE students will have an advisement appointment scheduled with Mrs. Pethtel before Fall Break to register for Spring classes.</li> <li>• UCCS Pre-collegiate program is for students who are first generation college and/or military dependant. Info sessions in September.</li> </ul>	<b>September's Highlighted Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://fastweb.com">fastweb.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://monstercollege.com">monstercollege.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://Collegeincolorado.com">Collegeincolorado.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://Collegeboard.com">Collegeboard.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://Fafsa.ed.gov">Fafsa.ed.gov</a> It's important to make sure you type this in right because there are fake sites that want you to enter you credit card. The real FAFSA site will never ask for payment info.</li> </ul>
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## Important Dates

September 5	4-5:30pm	Parent Training
September 12		Concurrent Enrollment Apps Due
September 14		Career Fair
September 19	7:45am	UCCS Pre-Collegiate Info Meeting
September 21	3:30pm	UCCS Pre-Collegiate Info Meeting
September 22	6-8pm	High School Community Night
September 25		Picture Retakes
September 30	7-10pm	High School Fall Dance
October 3	5:30pm	Senior Parent Meeting with Herff Jones
October 3	6-7:30pm	High School Parent Community Night

