



HAWKTALK EXPRESS

MARCH 2024

The Hawktalk express is a newsletter from your Madison counseling department emailed home monthly. Grade specific information along with important dates, events, and resources are included in every hawktalk express.

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ALL STUDENTS

SPRING BREAK:

Madison will be closed from Monday April 1st-Friday April 5th. School will resume

CCTE FREE TUTORING:

Is your student in a CCTE course? If so, they can qualify for FREE tutoring! Students qualify if they earned a C, D or F in their math class Semester 1, currently have a CCTE course on their schedule, and are currently enrolled in a Math class this semester. Please [click here](#) for more information.

CAL-SOAP NEWSLETTER: [Click here](#) to access Cal-SOAP's March newsletter.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Catamaran Resort Hotel & Spa, and Bahia Resort Hotel are accepting applications for their seasonal opportunities! Jobs are open to students **15 years of age** and up! Please [click this link](#) to apply. There are sign on bonuses for students that stay employed for at least 30 days.

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FINANCIAL AID HELP

Here are some helpful links for the FAFSA:

- [Better FAFSA Toolkit for Students & Families](#)
- [Pro Tips for the 2024-25 FAFSA® Form](#)
- [6 Things Students Need Before They Fill Out the 2024-25 FAFSA® Form](#)
- [How To Submit the 2024-25 FAFSA® Form if Your Contributor Doesn't Have an SSN](#)
- [Federal Student Aid Estimator](#)

Cap & Gown Reminder

IF your student has not ordered their cap & Gown, it is VERY important that they do so as soon as possible. Students who do not order one cannot participate in our graduation ceremony in June. [Click here](#) to order. Students can purchase for \$40 or borrow for FREE.

Diploma Name Google Form

Please have your senior fill out their [official name](#) for their diploma. If they



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have already done it, there is no need to complete it again. Due: 3/29/24

Core Academy Dates

There are only TWO more core academy dates for seniors to clear absences and tardies. They are on 4/13 and 5/11. Attending a Core Academy clears 12 period absences OR 12 Tardies. Additionally, students can clear 2 tardies for every 30 minutes they attend tutoring in a teacher's classroom or the Library. They must submit the blue form to attendance to clear it. Period absences can **only** be cleared by attending Core Academy. Make sure they are clearing everything so they can participate in all senior activities!

SDCCD Promise Nights

Are you interested in learning more about the San Diego Promise program for students in Class of 2024? Join the virtual information sessions that explain the program that offers up to two years of free college, tuition, health fees, and grants for class materials for eligible students at San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges. Click here for the RSVP information.

PRINCESS PROJECT SAN DIEGO

Interested in getting a Free Prom Dress? Please [click here](#) for locations and dates on local pop-up shops!

PARENT INFO SESSION 504s/IEP

Does your student have a 504 Plan or IEP and plan to enroll in Mesa College in the Fall? Join this virtual 1 hour workshop to provide you with support in helping ease the transition to college for your student. [Click here](#) for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Horatio Alger Scholarship: Due March 15th. The Horatio Alger Association seeks to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students who have demonstrated integrity, determination in overcoming adversity, academic potential, the personal aspiration to make a unique contribution to society, strength of character and financial need. Please visit [this website](#) for more information and to see eligibility details.

California Retired Teachers Association: Due March 20th. This Scholarship Foundation's objective is to recognize and reward outstanding academic achievement and leadership. Awards are made to graduating seniors from high schools in the San Diego Unified School District who intend to pursue an education at an accredited four-year college or university. [Click here](#) for more information.



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San Diego Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Application: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. recognizes and honors female students who are committed to academic excellence, positive leadership, and community service. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Madison Scholarship Newsletter: [Click here](#) to access several scholarships available to Seniors

Xello: Have your students login to their Xello Account for district posted scholarships.

Additional Scholarships: Occasionally counselors will post scholarship opportunities in the Class of 2024 Google Classroom page. It is very important for students to check this to stay up to date with any events and important information. If your student is not in it, please have them join using this code: **7dmxgsz**

SDCCE SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING PROGRAM:

This program provides basic instruction in the shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) process on steel plates and shapes. Topics include orientation, safety, measuring tools, material types, metal cutting and preparation, and SMAW procedures and practices. Workplace skills including math, communications, and business ethics are integrated into the

curriculum. Students successfully completing this course will be prepared for entry-level positions. With the completion of this Summer course INDT 601 and the INDT 602 in the Fall or Spring you will have the opportunity to the American Welding Society certification exam. This is an industry certification recognized by many local employers in the welding industry. [Click here](#) to sign up for the interest form.

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UNDERCLASSMEN AWARDS:

Awards for grades 9-11 will take place on Wednesday March 27th at 10:45am. Students will receive an invitation and parents will be sent a school messenger if their student is receiving an award. This ceremony will take place in our Football Stadium and doors will open at 10:25am

SUMMER PAID OPPORTUNITY AT UCSD HEALTH SCIENCES

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the OPTIMUS & SPARK programs at UC San Diego that give high school students the opportunities to delve into cancer and regenerative medicine research while earning a stipend. Students in grades 10 and 11 are welcome to apply.

Thank you for reading through our Hawktalk Express! Next one will be sent out in the beginning of April. Happy March 😊