

PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER ISSUE 14

OCTOBER ALREADY....

The weather is starting to feel a little more like October is here. Before we know it, we will be on Thanksgiving break!

As we approach the end of Fall Semester 1 (formerly Quarter 1) we want to remind you of our finals schedule on October 9th & 10th. Please also be aware that students do not have class on October 11th, as its a professional development day for staff.

FINALS SCHEDULE

Period 1: 7:50 – 9:00

Period 2: 9:05 – 10:15

Period 3: 10:35 – 11:45

Period 4: 11:50 – 1:00

We have a lot going on in October as well as our Sophomore Interview/Naviance Family First Event tomorrow, Thursday September 26th, 2019 @ 6pm in room 1600. Your students will start their Sophomore Interview process TODAY in Advisory, and they will get their Naviance presentation on October 23th & 24th.

Our GLT hope you are all enjoying the newsletter thus far. Please feel free to let us know if we need to improve our communication in any way.

It takes a village :)

Have a great October!

Class of 2022 GLT

LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA (LCFF) ELIGIBILITY SURVEY 2019-20

Parent/Guardian:

Helix Charter High School is committed to providing the best possible education for all students and the best environment in which for them to learn. Spending a few minutes completing this survey is a way you can help bring more funding to your student's school.

Estimado padre de familia o tutor:

Helix Charter High School mantiene su compromiso de ofrecer la mejor educación y entorno de aprendizaje para toda su población estudiantil. Tomando unos minutos para llenar esta encuesta es una manera que puede ayudar a obtener más recursos para la escuela de su hijo.

LCFF ELIGIBILITY SURVEY 2019-2020

Please take a minute to complete a short survey to ensure the best possible education and the best environment for your student.

HOMECOMING 2019

HOMECOMING 2019 is just around the corner!!

It's going to be **THE HAPPIEST HOMECOMING ON EARTH!!**



HOCO THEME REVEAL VIDEO-[CLICK HERE](#)

The Homecoming game will be Friday, October 4th versus El Capitan. The Homecoming King & Queen will be crowned at halftime and there will be a fireworks display at the end of the football game.

The Homecoming Dance will be on Saturday, October 5th in the Science Quad from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now in the Finance Office; \$15 w/ASB card, \$35 w/o ASB card (ticket purchase includes an ASB card for the rest of the school year). All students attending the dance must complete a Clearance Slip before buying their ticket. Clearance Slips can be found at the Attendance Office.

Non-Helix students are permitted to attend the dance with an approved guest pass. Guest passes can be picked up in the Attendance Office.

Be sure to follow Helix ASB social media accounts and check your Helix email for updates and additional information. Get ready for the **HAPPIEST HOMECOMING ON EARTH!**



5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GETTING CLEARED FOR HOMECOMING

1. MUST HAVE 2.0 GPA
2. NO LOCKOUT'S
3. NO TRUANCY'S
4. NO MORE THAN 3 TARDIES
5. NO SUSPENSIONS

COFFEE TALKS

Don't forget about our upcoming Coffee Talk on Thursday October, 17th. We hope you are enjoying meeting with the Student Support Department. Stop by, enjoy some coffee, treats and an open conversation about the following;

MORE INFORMATION

- College Systems/Applications



- Summer Melt Program/SPACE
- College 4 Me
- Financial Aid
- Free Reduce Lunch Program/Benefits
- National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
- College Entrance Exams

Please take a minute review the detailed information and RSVP for the event by clicking [HERE](#).

WHAT IS QUESTBRIDGE?

About QuestBridge

Founded in 1994, QuestBridge is a national nonprofit based in Palo Alto, California that connects the nation's most exceptional, low-income youth with leading colleges and opportunities. By working with these students – beginning in high school through college to their first job – QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation's best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their careers and communities.

We know...

The vast majority of high-achieving, low-income students do not apply to selective colleges or universities.

We believe...

The right information can change the way outstanding low-income students see their future.

Please take some time to watch a pre-recorded webinar on the program including Questbridge Scholars which opens in Spring of junior year to apply for summer programs. It is just under an hour.

The earlier students learn about Questbridge, the more time they have to develop their resume, research the partner colleges and rank schools that they may match to.

We provide opportunities...

To these exceptional students to help them understand that an education at a top college is possible— and affordable.

We've helped thousands of students...

Gain admission with full scholarships or generous financial aid to QuestBridge college partners.

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How to Earn a Full Ride to Top Colleges



CTE EDGE PATHWAY'S LATEST NEWSLETTER

Take a minute to learn more about our AMAZING CTE EDGE Pathways

PRUDENTIAL SPIRITS OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

The **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service.

Are you a middle level or high school student making a difference through volunteering? Apply today for national recognition, a scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C.!

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors students in grades 5-12 for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service.

Applications are now open for 2020 awards. Here's how it works:

- By **November 5, 2019**, students must submit their completed applications, and signed student/parent agreements, to a certifier. (Certifiers can be school principals or the head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or a Points of Light Global Network member.)
- By **November 15, 2019**, certifiers select and certify top applicants for state level judging.
- On **February 4, 2020**, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards announces state-level winners for 2020.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

The Spirit of Service



COLGATE UNIVERSITY

It's never too early to start planning and thinking of College opportunities.

Colgate is committed to making a life-changing education as affordable and attainable as possible. Beginning in the fall of 2020, the University is embracing a [no-loan initiative](#) as part of a continued commitment to support talented students from all economic backgrounds.

The no-loan initiative will eliminate federal loans from financial aid offers for all current and incoming students with a family income up to \$125,000 and household assets typical of that income range, lessening the burden of student debt after graduation. This initiative stands in addition to our longstanding promise to meet 100% of admitted students' demonstrated need.

For more information please visit the link below.



[Admission & Aid | Colgate Unive...](#)

www.colgate.edu

Learn about admission and financial aid procedures at Colgate University, schedule a visit, request info from a representative, and get tuition and fee figures.

CAL SOAP COLLEGE FIAR

WHEN

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23RD, 6PM

WHERE

1895 CAMINO DEL RIO SOUTH
SAN DIEGO, CA

MORE INFORMATION

Students and parents do not need to pre-register; simply show up! Meet representatives from 100+ colleges, universities and non-profit organizations at this free event



Events | San Diego Cal-SOAP

www.calsoapsandiego.org

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER STUDENT ATHLETE TEXT MESSAGING

Eligibility Center begins texting program September 16

Starting the week of Sept. 16, the Eligibility Center will begin messaging prospective student-athletes via text with updates relating to their Eligibility Center accounts.

The text messaging program, which has been under development for more than a year, is designed to more effectively communicate information about the certification process to high school student-athletes seeking certification, as well as increase each student-athlete's rate of response to certification tasks. The program is also designed to decrease the number of emails sent from the Eligibility Center and minimize inquiries to the Customer Service team. During the certification season, which runs through summer to mid-September, an average of 250,000 prospective student-athletes come through the EC, seeking certification or information on certification. Of those, approximately 100,000 register with a certification account annually.

Each account can require a dozen or more direct contacts from the EC, usually via email, in order to assist each student in moving their certification process forward.

We are excited about this technical enhancement and look forward to expanding this service in the future. Thank you for all of your collaborative efforts on behalf of student-athletes!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON NCAA](#)

FINANCIAL AID....START LEARNING TODAY!

Financial aid is available from a variety of sources—Financial aid can come from federal, state, school, and private sources to help you pay for college or career school.

Besides financial aid, students should also think about what you can do to [lower your costs when you go to college](#).

Check out this video to learn about grants, loans, and [work-study](#) jobs and how they can help fund your education. (Captioning available in English and Spanish; just start the video and click on the CC symbol at the bottom.)

Types of Federal Student Aid



2019 Annual Statewide Financia...

events.com

2019 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops on Aug 1, 2019 at California, USA

COLLEGE.....JUST AHEAD

If a college tuition bill is in your (or your student's) future, these are worth a listen on your next commute.

You can download them in iTunes or wherever fine podcasts are downloaded.



[#209: Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream](#) - In this episode—one of my new favorites—I interview Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab, Professor of Higher Education Policy & Sociology at Temple University, and author of *Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream*. One of the coolest things about

Dr. Goldrick-Rab (besides the fact that [she was on the Daily Show with Trevor Noah](#)) is that she doesn't just understand the monumental challenges students face in paying for college, she also outlines really clear ideas to help move us toward better solutions. We cover:

- Why has paying for college become such a problem?
- Which students are most impacted by needs insecurity and why don't students tell their stories of struggle?
- How is the current financial aid system broken, and what are some solutions?
- How can students avoid getting into debt without getting a degree?
- Advice for students currently applying to college
- A really specific way that you, dear listener, can make a difference.

#210: The Being Not-Rich Guide - In this one I interview Lauren Schandavel, a 4th year Public Policy student at the University of Michigan and creator of the "Being Not-Rich" Guide, a super simple and practical resource that helps students navigate the costs of college. In the words of [the Chronicle of Higher Education](#), the "Being Not-Rich" Guides grew out of two emerging themes on college campuses: "a political climate in which students take matters into their own hands, and a growing population of first-generation and low-income students on college campuses." If you like practical, you'll like this one. It also has tips for how students at other colleges can create their own Being Not-Rich Guide.

#211: Financial Aid Tips for International Students: Joan Liu is back! In this episode she draws on her years of experience helping international students navigate financial aid in order to attend college in the US. If you're an international student applying to schools in the US (or you work with them), this episode is a must-listen. We cover:

- How is the application process different for international students who need full financial aid?
- For counselors, how is working with a full-financial aid students different than other students?
- What are common mistakes students (and counselors) make in applying for financial aid?
- What do students need to know about getting full financial aid in the US?
- How do students figure out which schools meet full need?
- What can students and counselors do if a student doesn't get their need met?
- Where do students begin?

Happy listening

COLLEGE CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Concurrent Enrollment Courses** All students taking a college class that is not on the Helix campus this semester MUST submit a screenshot of their class schedule for Fall 2019 if they want to earn High School credit. Schedules should be submitted by October 20th to Ms. Morgan at morgan@helixcharter.net



- [FREE SAT/ACT Prep Class](#) Helix offers a Test Prep course to all Helix students (all grades welcome) every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:30 in Room 1300. Practice tests & Skill building practice is provided. There will NOT be class on: 10/9, 11/27, & 12/18
- **Spring College Classes** Thinking about taking a college class (not at Helix) next semester? Talk with your Grade Level Team or College Center staff to be added to the potential course list so that you can be approved early. Students on the list are not committed to take a class, but will be notified when the class schedule comes out and will be cleared to enroll if they so choose.

OCTOBER COLLEGE VISITS

Click [HERE](#) to view the list of upcoming college visits



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, October 12th -The Language Academy's Annual Fall Carnival

The Language Academy is in need of volunteers to help with set up, clean up and running carnival booths from 10 am to 5 pm or anytime in between on Saturday October 12th.

Sign up for a time slot here: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2957767/false#/invitation>

Friday, October 25th - Rolando Elementary School's Fall Festival

Rolando Elementary School is seeking volunteers for their annual Fall Festival. Volunteers are needed at the event anywhere from 3 to 8 pm for set up, break down, and running event activities. Meals will be provided for all volunteers.

Those who are interested can contact: darci.v.payne@icloud.com

Oak Park Elementary Fall Festival & Activities throughout 2019-2020 School Year

Oak Park Elementary and Music Conservatory is a music themed, culturally and

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Helix improved attendance in the month of August with over 121,000 of additional minutes of instruction attended compared to last year. There is also a trend of more students passing classes at a higher rate than last year. We know that attendance plays a huge role in this success. Keep up the good work Highlanders!

In September,

- Sept 3rd - all students with perfect attendance in August were recognized and received a reward by stopping by the Attendance booth at lunch.
- Sept 17th - all students with perfect attendance the first 8 days of September received a reward by stopping by the Attendance booth at lunch.

In October,

- September 30th - all students with perfect attendance will receive a reward at lunch.
- October 14th - all students with perfect attendance the first 9 days of October will receive a reward.

HCHS FAMILY FIRST EVENTS

- October 3: FAFSA/CADAA @ 6pm in Rom 1600
- October 17: EL Parent Night @ 6pm in Room 1600

ethnically diverse school
located in central San Diego.

Throughout the year there are several events that require a number of volunteers to make them successful. We would love it if you would help make these events great by volunteering your time and providing community service hours during the 2019-2020 school year.

Please email Cathleen Mingo, Oak Park Elementary and Music Conservatory PTA Volunteer Coordinator at volunteerwithyouroakparkpta@gmail.com if you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to sign your group up.

To volunteer sign up at <https://signup.com/go/RuxpaWI>

Saturday, October 26th - La Mesa Arts Academy's Fall Carnival

Volunteers are needed to perform various functions at LMAAC's Fall carnival on Saturday, October 26th throughout the day from 10 am to 10 pm. The carnival runs from 6 to 9 pm, but available shifts also include set-up and clean up.

Sign up for a volunteer spot here:
https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=996989014634294030#anonymous_invite_page

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HELIX DANCE PROGRAM

Showcasing the Dance Program!

