

# ***Parent/ Guardian Newsletter***

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## **A Message from your SUCCE22 Team:**

It is crazy to think that by the end of this month, our students will have completed half of their Junior year!

Starting in January, we will begin to plan for their Senior year, which will be here before we know it. We encourage you to begin having discussions with your student regarding their plans after high school. This includes when they plan on registering and taking either the SAT, ACT, or ASVAB. We highly encourage you to start saving for college applications now!

We are here to help and guide you, and your student, along this path! Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.



## **Contact the Members of your Grade Level Team!**

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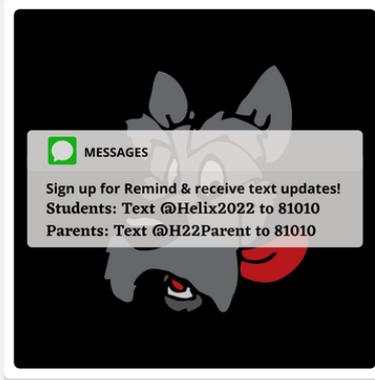
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**Click below to schedule an Appointment!**



## College Make it Happen: Looking for the Right College & Important College Updates

Last month we hosted a webinar for our Junior families in an effort to help families gain the knowledge and skills to help their student develop a plan for life after high school.

We specifically shared on how you can use Naviance and it's tools to look for the college that best fits your needs. In addition, we shared different updates regarding the college admissions process.



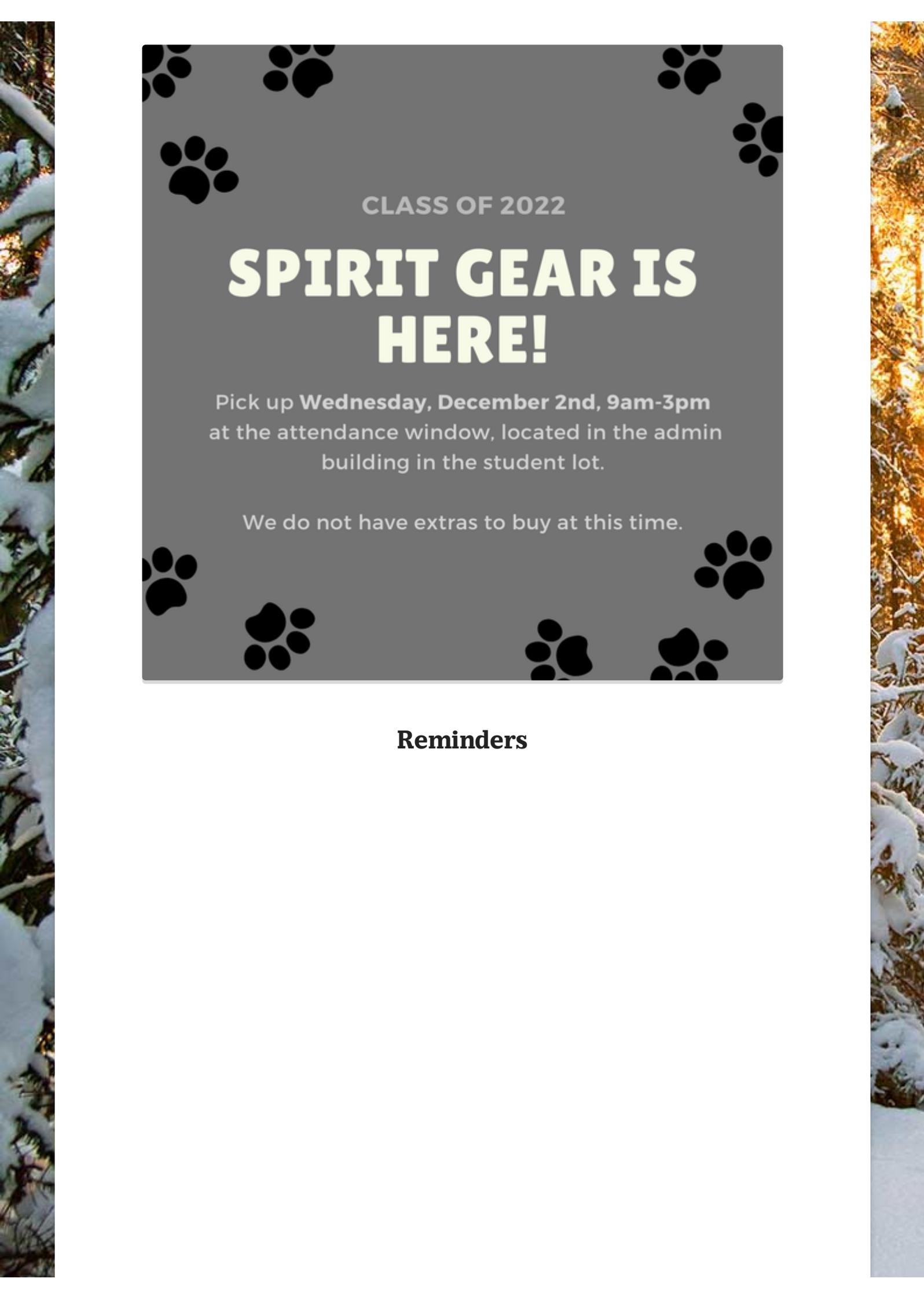
If you would like to check it out, visit the link below!

[Family First Presents...](#)

[helixcharter.zoom.us](https://helixcharter.zoom.us)

[Visit the Class of 2022 Canvas Page](#)

Updates, announcements, Advisory recordings, past newsletters, and many other resources can be found here.



CLASS OF 2022

# SPIRIT GEAR IS HERE!

Pick up **Wednesday, December 2nd, 9am-3pm**  
at the attendance window, located in the admin  
building in the student lot.

We do not have extras to buy at this time.

## Reminders



## Final Exams

Fall Semester 2 Exam Week will be from 12/14-12/18.

Teachers will submit final grades for Fall Semester 2 on 12/21

Students will receive final grades for A/B day classes as well as everyday classes.



## Winter Break

Winter Break will be from 12/21-1/4.



## Spring Semester Term 1

The first day of Spring Semester Term will be on Jan. 5th.

Students will continue to attend their A/B classes but their everyday (AB) classes will be changing. Have your student refer to their StudentVue portal for their new schedule.

## School-wide Announcements



### Have a future Scottie in your Household?

Class of 2025! We are excited to get you started on the road to becoming a Scottie. Don't worry - you haven't missed anything yet. Information on required actions for entering the lottery will be available in December.

Please note that all activities such as orientation and registration will be conducted virtually, and the details will be posted as soon as that information is available. The most up-to-date information will be posted here on our website.

For now, you can check our [Enrollment/Lottery](#) page for information regarding Helix's Attendance Boundary and Lottery Priorities.



# ANNOUNCEMENT

In preparation for the Dec. 12 start date for cheer, cross country, field hockey, football, boys/ girls volleyball, and boys/girls water polo, the Dawg House will be open for athletic clearance the following days and times:

**M/W/F 7:30-11:30 am and T/Th 1-3:15pm**

**Make sure you bring your online clearance confirmation and physical with you!**

**Check [www.helixathletics.net](http://www.helixathletics.net) for more information on the clearance process**

## Instructions for Athletic Clearance

### Textbook/Calculator/Library Book Collection

December 14-18th

8am-3pm (except from 12:30-1:30pm).

PAC Foyer

Items checked out such as calculators, textbooks and library books will be collected on Monday-Friday, December 14th-18th from 8am-3:00pm. **Students should have their student name, ID number, and teacher name on each item. (Use tape, post it, or paper and attach to each item).**

8:00 am - 9:30 am: Class of 2021 (Seniors)

**9:30 am - 11:00 am: Class of 2022 (Juniors)**

11:00 am -12:30 pm: Class of 2023 (Sophomores)

12:30pm-1:30pm - no collection during this time

1:30pm-3:00pm - Class of 2024 (Freshmen)

PAC Foyer

- Students will enter the parking lot at Lowell/Normal St. - park and walk to the Performing Arts Center (next to the Administration building). Staff will be at the walk up windows to collect materials.
- All physical distancing guidelines must be followed for the health and safety of all involved.
  - All students and parents/guardians must wear masks
  - Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet apart
- All vehicles will exit the lot via Orien Ave.

Students who do not submit materials by December 18th - will receive an email notice over the Winter Holiday informing them to turn in materials. Students will not be able to check out new materials until Fall Term items have been returned.



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**Helix College Center Announcements**

You're  
Invited!

HOLIDAY

ZOOM  
HANGOUT

Join us & receive help completing  
your Dual Enrollment Documents

TUESDAYS

1:45 - 2:45pm

Meeting ID: 981 0613 2319

Passcode: HelixCC

THURSDAYS

7:30 - 8:30am

Meeting ID: 952 5476 9151

Passcode: HelixCC

COLLEGE CENTER

## Is your student interested in taking the SAT and/or ACT?

### What is the purpose of taking either exam?

Demonstrate college readiness

Used for awarding merit-based scholarships

### How to sign up:

ACT: [act.org](https://act.org)

SAT: [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

### Things to note:

Fee waiver is available for students who qualify who free/reduced lunch (Apply today!).

### When should your student take it?

We recommend **taking** the exam after they finish Algebra 2 but they can **register** when they are ready to do so.

### Which exam should your student take?

They can take one or the other, or both. I would suggest they take a practice test and see which one best highlights their abilities.

Most schools do not prefer one exam over the other.

### **Differences:**

ACT includes a Science section (SAT does not)

SAT includes one Math section where you can not use a calculator

### **How to prep:**

Khan Academy

SAT/ACT Youtube Videos

Attend workshops



[How to Register for t...](#)

[drive.google.com](https://drive.google.com)

## **Helix Students in the Spotlight!**

### **Helix Speech and Debate Team wins big!**

During these times, when so many of the activities that students are used to participating in are shut down, there are some students continuing to do the activities they love, albeit in a modified manner.

The Helix Speech and Debate Team has kept busy by competing in online competitions. The team has competed in three online tournaments over the course of six weekends, with some of the 40+ members of the team participating each weekend. Our first league tournament comprised three of those weekends with the **Varsity team placing 3rd in overall sweepstakes** and the **Novice team being recognized in the AA division** (schools with larger entries). It has been an interesting experience and, although it is not quite the same as live onsite tournaments, it has been pretty rewarding.

We thank you for your continued support!

We would like to highlight the following Juniors for their individual success:

#### **Duke Invitational**

- 4th place - Varsity Dramatic Interpretation – **Owen D.**

#### **San Diego Opener**

- 1st place - Varsity Dramatic Interpretation – **Owen D.**
- 1st place - Varsity Original Advocacy – **Victoria P.**
- 1st place (4-0 record) - Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate - **Daniel M.**
- 2nd place - Varsity Original Advocacy – **Ruby A.**
- 2nd place - Novice Student Congress - **Jadelyn T.**

- 3rd place - Novice Original Oratory – **Isabelle J.**
- 4th place - Varsity Original Oratory – **Owen D.**
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### League 2 A, B, C

- 2nd place - Varsity Original Advocacy – **Ruby A.**
- 3rd place - Varsity Original Oratory – **Owen D.**
- 3rd place - Novice Expository Speaking – **Isabelle J.**
- 5th place - Varsity Dramatic Interpretation – **Owen D.**
- 8th place (3-1 record) - Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate - **Gracie G.**
- 8th place (3-1 record) - Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate - **Daniel M.**
- Semifinalist - Novice Original Oratory – **Isabelle J.**

## Helix National Honor Society rises to the challenge

The Helix National Honor Society runs a booth at the La Mesa Oktoberfest every year to read with and donate books to local children and families. The Read with a Scottie program has donated over 500 books to attendees each year for the past three years.

Obviously this year things looked a bit different and the National Honor Society students rose to the challenge in this new world and wanted to continue the Read with a Scottie program in a different way! Here's what they've done: the NHS Students recorded and uploaded over 45 videos of them reading some of their favorite children's books and created a Read with a Scottie YouTube playlist channel! Check it out: [bit.do/readwithascottie](https://bit.do/readwithascottie)



We are also sending the link to local elementary schools and some of the NHS students will be attending local elementary school class live zooms to read with the entire class. During the live session Helix NHS students will hold a raffle and donate a book to the class winner. NHS students are also volunteering to read with students (distanced of course) at Rolando Elementary on the weekdays!

It has been amazing to watch them create new and different ways to reach out to the community!

## Opportunities for your Student!



Mt. Helix Park's

# PLANTING DAY!

THIS SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 5, 9 A.M. TO  
NOON

Join us @ Mt. Helix Park  
as we kick off the  
California Native Planting  
Season. RSVP to Peggy  
Junker @  
pjunker@mthelixpark.org  
or (619) 741-4363

[Click here for more community service opportunities!](#)

# 2021 HAMILTON AWARD



## HAMILTON AWARD WINNERS RECEIVE

- \$500 Scholarship
- Annual Leadership Conferences
- College Application Guidance
- Scholarship & Financial Aid Assistance
- Individual & Group Support
- Peer Mentorship Across Cohorts
- Professional Network
- Internship Opportunities

~ LEARN MORE ~  
[hamiltonscholars.org](http://hamiltonscholars.org)



## HAMILTON SCHOLARS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The Hamilton Award recognizes high school juniors for their academic, personal, and service achievements. Every year, we select up to 35 students nationally to enter our five-year, no cost empowerment program.



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 27, 2021 at 11:59 PM PT

Send all inquiries to  
[program@hamiltonscholars.org](mailto:program@hamiltonscholars.org)  
Or call: (206) 774-0764



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Growing a Vibrant Region

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## COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Application available online:** December 2, 2020
- **Deadline to finish application:** February 3, 2021 (2:00 p.m.)
- **Applicants notified:** By June 1, 2021

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### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Even if you're not a straight-A, star athlete or student body president, we have scholarship opportunities if you have:

- Commitment to your education
  - Potential for success in college
  - Minimum GPA of 2.0
  - Participation in community service, extracurricular activities and/or work experience
  - Current residence in San Diego County (for at least one year)
  - Need of help to pay for school (including middle-income families)
  - A completed FAFSA or CA Dream Act and Student Aid Report (SAR). This is necessary for all applicants. Recommendation: Please start ASAP as this information is needed to fill out the application.
  - **The 2021-2022 academic year for FAFSA opens October 1.**
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Envision is UC San Diego's Society of Women Engineers' annual, **free month-long virtual program** that educates **high school girls** about the endless career possibilities in engineering and computer science. The program will include guest speakers from academia and current college students, hands-on computer science and engineering activities, and virtual lab tours from researchers at UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering. There will also be a short, **free program for parents** to help prepare their child for college and their pursuit in engineering. We encourage all families to attend!

Envision will be held on **Every Saturday from February 6th to February 27th** at 10AM-12:30PM (PST). The **Envision Parent Program** will be held **Saturday, February 27th** from 9 AM-10AM (PST).

Sign-ups are open now! All accepted applicants will be notified by the end of December.

If your students are interested, please have them fill out this form below:

[tinyurl.com/envision2021](https://tinyurl.com/envision2021)

If you or your students' parents are interested in the parent program, please have them fill out this form below:

[tinyurl.com/envisionparent2021](https://tinyurl.com/envisionparent2021)

There is no admission fee for Envision and all necessary materials will be provided. There are explicit directions on the [website](#) to help guide students through the registration process.

For more information, see our website at:

<http://ucsdenvision.wix.com/envision>

**Stay Connected!**

# Helix

## Night in the Village

**Wednesday, December 9 from 4 - 8 p.m.**

*Operating hours vary by business. Please plan accordingly.*

Helix Families and Alumni: Join us for a Helix community night in the La Mesa Village. Wear your Helix swag. See some friends. Support our neighborhood businesses.

*Please wear masks, physically distance and follow all local health guidelines*



**This event is supported by  
Helix PTSA and Helix Foundation  
and Alumni Committee.**

**PTSA**



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