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The Colt Newsletter: February 2020

The **Colt Newsletter** is published monthly to keep you informed of upcoming events at your school.

Principal's Message

Recently you should have received your child's report card via United States mail. If you have a concern or question about your child's grades, please reach out to us. As stated in the past, we are a team in your child's education. This month, we added **new staff** to the Colt Team. The newest teacher to join our great team is Ms. Farhia Mohamed, science teacher. Ms. Mohamed is a Crawford High graduate! Also joining our team is Ms. MaryCruz Guzman, who works as our School Clerk II along with Ms. Adrienne Randle. Also joining our team is Mr. Demetrius Grant, as Campus Security Assistant. Welcome to the team!

Each February, **Black History Month** is observed in the United States as a time of special awareness of African Americans' contributions to the nation throughout its history and the contributions of Africans to world history. This year Crawford High School commemorated Black History Month with daily Black History Facts shared during Advisory by our very own counselor Mr. Shaw. We also celebrated Black History Month by showing the film **Harriet** to over 1100 of our students. The students juxtaposed the film to the literary texts they are reading in their English classes. **Harriet** is a 2019 American biographical film about abolitionist Harriet Tubman, directed by Kasi Lemmons, who wrote the screenplay with Gregory Allen Howard. The film and Cynthia Erivo, the leading actor playing the role of Harriet Tubman, were nominated at the Academy Awards, Golden Globes and the Screen Actors Guild, as well as received an Oscar nomination for Best Original Song ("Stand Up"). On April 10, the **African American Achievement (AAA) Summit** will be held at Mesa Community College. This student-centered event engages youth in workshops that discuss the African American identity, as well as building and maximizing access to college and careers. This great event will take place from 9:00 am through 2:00 pm. More information will be shared shortly.

Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors who **have not** completed their **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**, please join us on **February 25th** for a **FAFSA SWEEP in room 513 all day**. There will be FAFSA experts on hand to assist with anyone that needs to complete the FAFSA before the **March 2nd deadline**. To qualify for 2 years of free tuition at any California Community College through the SD Promise Scholarship, **you must complete the FAFSA**. All graduating students are eligible for this scholarship no matter the student's grade point average or what the family income is, but you must apply. Students who are interested in a Vocational field can also use the California Promise scholarship to pay tuition. If your student is not sure about college, it does not hurt to apply, it is a **FREE** application. Please join us on **Tuesday 2/25!**

A reminder that **Spring Break** takes place from Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3. School resumes on Monday, April 6. – **Dr. Villanueva**

Extended day classes: We are planning to offer Extended Day once again on **April 13 through May 28th**. We **will not** have summer school at Crawford. This is your student's last chance to make up a credit after school on our campus this school year. Please see a counselor for more information.

Construction Update: Our cafeteria will begin renovations in the month of March. The plan is to have only cart style service starting on Monday, March 16. Students will still be able to sit in the cafeteria but food will be served from food carts outside. The salad bar will not be available during renovations. We will have a newly renovated kitchen serving our students and staff starting in late August, 2020.

SAY SD Vaping Prevention: In March, our 9th graders will be receiving anti-vaping presentation through their Physical Education or ROTC classes. These will be interactive 45-minute presentation. Following the presentation, Rocio Hernandez, SAY SD Community Organizer, will present afterwards about the Escape the Vape Committee that our students can participate in. Vaping is harmful to the heart and lungs and we want to inform, educate, and be proactive against the use of vaping. Mr. Chavez, our Intervention Counselor, is coordinating these great presentations.

Coffee with the Principal: Please join us Friday, March 13, for our next Coffee with the Principal. Join us for great conversation & sharing of ideas and thoughts. Coffee & pastries will be served. Our meeting begins at 7:30 am in 513.

The next Colt Newsletter will come out the week of April 6, 2020.