



City Academy

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Attention Parents and Students:

Rocky Mountain Association for College Admission Counseling Will be holding their annual college fair on **Saturday, October 11, at Juan Diego Catholic High School** located at 11800 S. 300 E. Draper, UT. The fair will take place from **1:00-3:30 p.m.**

There will be over 100 Colleges and Universities attending, from across Utah and the country with admission counselors to provide information and answer questions.

There will also be informative workshops held prior to the fair from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Topics will include: Science, Technology and Engineering Programs, Pre-Med and Pre-Health Programs, College Athletics and Recruiting, College Essays and Personal Statements, Financial Aid and Scholarship Searching.

More information and a current list of colleges attending can be found at the following link:

<http://www.jdchs.org/pdfs/student-services/07CollegeFairAttendees.pdf>

We are now into the second half of the quarter. It is as important as ever that students are using planners, taking advantage of homework help and other after-school academic programs, and communicating with their teachers about their progress.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE SURE THAT YOUR STUDENT IS READY FOR HIGHER LEVEL MATH CLASSES?

The first line of action of course is to ensure that your student is participating actively in class, practicing regularly by keeping up with the assignments given, and working with other family members or peers; however, students at City Academy also have *one other* opportunity to better their math skills. An online math program called ALEKS is being provided free of charge to all students. This program is available 24/7 from home or school. Students simply need to login and choose a topic to work on. The program is user friendly and offers explanations to topics that students may need help with. Students are highly encouraged to use ALEKS to their advantage and get themselves better prepared for the challenge of higher level math classes. To find out more about ALEKS, watch a 2-minute video at the following link: http://www.aleks.com/video/quick_tour.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCT. 15
PSAT for some 10th,
11th Graders
Late Start All Others
9:50 a.m.

OCT. 21-23
UBSCT make up for
11th-12th graders.
Regular schedule for
all others.

OCT. 29
End-of-Quarter
Early Release:
12:55



PSAT Reminder:

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be given to some 10th and 11th grade students on Wed. Oct 15 at 8:10. We have spoken with the students who should be participating and practice test booklets have been distributed to all those students.

The PSAT gives students preparation to take college entrance exams. Students can utilize information from their scores to improve their future performance on the SAT or ACT. 11th grade students exceeding qualification requirements will be eligible for National Merit Scholarships.

NOTE: This will be a late start day for all other students. The regular school day will begin at 9:50 a.m.

Thanks
Linda McGrath
City Academy School Counselor

City Academy Students Take Part in Sugar House Art Installation

On September 18th, 19 students and 4 staff members from City Academy took part in a Human Knitting Machine with artist Davina Pallone (see photo on front page).

Davina is a long-time friend of Sara Moses, our own office manager. She and Sara (who is a knitter and knitting teacher in her spare time) came up with an idea for a knitted fence, to be installed temporarily in Sugar House. The city gave the artist permission to incorporate two trees on the corner of 2100 South and 1100 East, and connect to the chain link fence enclosing the construction pit there.

Davina came to City Academy and described to students her vision of a 6-foot-tall knitted fence, which could

only be created if she had 36 volunteers. Many of our students (mostly non-knitters!) and lots of Davina's friends signed up and participated in this unique project. Instead of using knitting needles, we created a 36-foot-long Human Knitting Machine (see photo).

Davina's art piece focuses on community, change, and our emotions about ownership and public space. It certainly took good humor and a team effort to knit this BIG item, and we were amazed at how well it worked! This was such a fun afternoon, and Davina and Sara are so grateful for the students' and parent's help and enthusiasm!

The knitted fence was showcased as part of the Sugar House Stroll last Friday, and will remain on-site for a little while longer. Please head over and take a look! This exciting project (and City Academy!) was mentioned in the Salt Lake Tribune and Catalyst Magazine. Photos courtesy of James Stoddard.



Links to news articles can be found here:

[http://www.sltrib.com/ci_10619719?
IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com](http://www.sltrib.com/ci_10619719?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com)

[http://www.catalystmagazine.net/pdfs/1008/
calendar_1008.pdf](http://www.catalystmagazine.net/pdfs/1008/calendar_1008.pdf)
