September 19, 2017

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The AVID overnight trip is here! For this trip the students will tour UC Santa Cruz and CSU Monterey Bay. The dates for this year’s trip will be **October 5th and 6th.** Below is a rough itinerary for the trip—times of course are subject to change (due to Bay Area traffic, etc.). Please take a moment to peruse the itinerary and completely fill out the permission slip. Failure to complete the permission slip will result in your student **not being able to attend the field trip**. The permission slip is due back on **Thursday, September 28. Please include: the permission slip, a current copy of grades from Aeries, and $20 to cover lunch both days.**

**Itinerary:**

**Thursday, October 5:**

6:00 am Depart PHS – **breakfast items will be provided**

10:00 am Arrive at UC Santa Cruz – Admissions presentation at 10:30, Student Panel at 11:00 and Tour at 11:30 Lunch on campus at 1:00 **(Students will submit $ beforehand for this)**

2:30pm Leave UC Santa Cruz for hotel check in

4:00pm Bonding/Dinner at Santa Cruz Boardwalk – **dinner will be provided**

9:00pm Return to hotel

Reservations have been made for all field trip participants at **America’s Best Value Inn: 505 Riverside Ave., Santa Cruz, CA (831) 426-2899**. Accommodations for the students have already been paid.

**Friday, October 6:**

7:30am Continental breakfast at the hotel - **provided**

8:30am Depart hotel for CSU Monterey Bay

9:30am Arrive at CSU Monterey Bay – Admissions tour at 10:00

11:30pm Lunch on campus **(Students will submit $ beforehand for this)**

1:00pm Depart from CSU Monterey Bay

4:30pm Arrive back at PHS

\*NOTE: Please be prompt picking up your student. Rides home will **NOT** be available and **no adult supervision** will be provided 30 minutes after drop-off time.

\*Chaperones for this trip are Laura Hedegard (AVID 4 Teacher), Katie Hunter (Counselor) and Jim Spratling (Counselor).

**What to bring:**

-Towel/swimsuit (if you plan on going in the water at the beach)

-Toiletries

-Change of clothes (I recommend warm clothes—Santa Cruz and Monterey can be cold!)

-Comfortable shoes for touring the campuses

-Snacks

-Money (snacks/spending money for campus bookstores or boardwalk)

**Behavior Expectations:** Students on this trip are representatives of Ponderosa High School and the AVID program. **Excellent behavior is expected**. All students are subject to the same rules/regulations as if they were on campus. Any student who violates these rules, will have the same consequences as if he/she were at school. Also, students who violate school rules could be removed from the AVID program. Please speak with your student about these expectations to ensure a positive and rewarding trip!

**Academic Expectations:** Students who are not currently earning a C or higher in all classes MAY be excluded from the fieldtrip. Fieldtrips are a privilege, and if a student is struggling in one or more classes, then the student should be in class to prevent that student from falling farther behind. I will be meeting with each of the students who fall in this category and will (based upon individual progress) determine whether or not the student has made significant progress to raise his/her grade prior to the trip. Students will be notified the Tuesday before the trip date whether or not they will be eligible to attend the trip.

**\*Students MUST prearrange their absences with each of their teachers, especially since they are missing two days of school to attend the trip. The permission slip attached MUST have each teacher’s approval in order to be accepted. In addition, students need to attach a copy of their current grades from Aeries (dating any time between 9/21-9/28). Please keep this sheet, so that you have the contact information for the hotel and the chaperones.**

Thank you so much for allowing your student to participate in such a great opportunity! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or Katie Hunter: [lhedegard@eduhsd.net](mailto:lhedegard@eduhsd.net) or [khunter@eduhsd.net](mailto:khunter@eduhsd.net). We will check our emails often while on the trip.

Sincerely,

Laura Hedegard