

# ACADEMIC NEWS

## SPIRIT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

### Santiago Canyon College Visits SCA

**Juniors, Seniors and Parents** are welcome to attend this meeting.

Representatives will be sharing about the many programs SCC offers and how attending a community college can help you achieve your academic and vocational goals.

If you're on the fence about college or aren't sure what to pursue, make it a priority to be at this meeting.

**Tuesday, March 27 from 3:45-4:30PM in the Fellowship Hall**



### Naviance: An Update

SCA began subscribing to Naviance, a college and career planning tool, during the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year. This annual service costs each student \$45/year. With the changes in administration over the past four years, Naviance's promotion and use have not been prioritized.

This school year, SCA has worked diligently to help inform and train parents and students on the benefits of Naviance. Training meetings have been held after school for parents and during small groups on chapel Fridays for students.

Recently, SCA sent out an email questionnaire to get feedback on the use of Naviance and how SCA could better utilize it and partner with families to help with college & career planning. The feedback, which was minimal, communicated that SCA families are not really interested in using Naviance. As such, SCA has not renewed its subscription, and all SCA accounts have been deactivated.

SCA is currently exploring options for the few families wishing to use Naviance and will provide information as it becomes available.

If you feel that SCA should renew its subscription, please contact the Academic Advisor ([advisor@spiritacademy.org](mailto:advisor@spiritacademy.org)) or reply to the email questionnaire sent out in February. Thank you!



#### Special points of interest:

- TerraNova Testing is Coming
- Academic Advising is Online
- Course Intents for 2018-2019

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## Terranova Testing is Coming

The second week of May is TerraNova testing week for 2nd grade through 11th grade students. Classes will not meet this week, though there will be “light work” assigned for the at home “satellite” class days. Here is a brief overview of the schedule and why the test is important for SCA.

**Parent Training:** May 10 (Elem) & 11 (Sec)

**Testing:** May 8 & 11 (Sec), May 9 & 10 (Elem)

**Overview:** Students will have a modified schedule for on campus days, starting at the normal 8:30AM start time and ending earlier than the normal end time. (Schedules will be released closer to the testing dates.)

### Why do we take these tests?

The data from these assessments is very important to SCA. It helps the administration know how students are doing academically. It also helps guide decisions on both curriculum and overall teaching strategies.

Scores also inform parents of their student's strengths and weakness and can be useful for guiding decisions on what might be needed in the way of tutoring or even placement as it relates to subjects such as higher level mathematics.



## SAT vs. SAT Subject Tests & ACT Online Prep

What is the difference between the **SAT** and the **SAT Subject Tests**?

The **SAT** shows what you know *overall* in the areas of ERW (English, Reading and Writing) and Math.

According to the [College Board](#) website, “**SAT Subject Tests** are college admission exams on specific subjects. These are the only national admission tests where **you** choose the tests that best showcase your strengths and interests.”

There are many great reasons you should take **SAT Subject Tests**. 1. Some colleges may require or use them to place you in the right level of a course. 2. You may distinguish yourself from others and show off your strengths. 3. Your performance can help show your college-readiness.

To help prepare in the ACT world, look for daily ACT preps. If that isn't enough, [ACT.org](#) allows you to prepare online! A 6-month subscription costs \$39.95. Look for “[ACT Online Prep](#)” on the ACT website to see a demo video and learn more.



SAT Date	Registration
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018



ACT Date	Registration
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018
July 14, 2018*	June 15, 2018

## Academic Advising is Online

SCA recently launched an updated version of its website ([spiritacademy.org](http://spiritacademy.org)) with access to current events, the school calendar, student life information, and an increasing number of administrative documents.

This includes many academic related forms. To access these documents, you will need to log in. Use [parent@spiritacademy.org](mailto:parent@spiritacademy.org) as the log in and **Warriors1** as the password.

Once you're logged in, you will have access to current **Transfer Credit** forms and related documents under "Academics" on the "Academics Resources" page.

On this page you can also schedule a meeting

with the Academic Advisor ([calendly.com/scaadvisor/30min](https://calendly.com/scaadvisor/30min)).

**SCA Graduation requirements** are available on the "Graduation Information" page under "Academics." You will most likely want to look at this alongside your 4 Year Course & Credit Worksheet. Contact the Academic Advisor if you have lost the link to your personal plan.

The Academic Advising department serves students and parents by providing support with academic records and processes transitioning to college. At our school, we believe that every student has the potential to succeed. Through our guidance and resources, we help students achieve their academic goals and prepare for their future.

## Course Intents for 2018-2019

We all know that when spring comes, the rest of the school year sprints through it to get to summer. So SCA has begun planning early in the hope that class schedules can be finalized and put in your hands sooner.

Many have already filled out the form. Thank you! For those who have not yet, please access the form(s) you need using the provided links and let us know which classes you intend to take next year. This form isn't a commitment! It is just a tool to help SCA plan.

### 7th & 8th Grade:

<https://goo.gl/forms/3d1du5unuVqsYFbN2>

### 9th Grade:

<https://goo.gl/forms/NuGRVzb1LYS6LDmH3>



### 10th Grade:

<https://goo.gl/forms/guF4WXHKGYjipZrc2>

### 11th Grade:

<https://goo.gl/forms/R14CtMOZEgl4EdjT2>

### 12th Grade:

<https://goo.gl/forms/tYyCG5qTVMJAbfot1>

## Orange County College Fairs

2017-2018

### US Public & Private Schools

Thursday, March 15

10:00AM-1:00PM

Sunday, April 22

1:30PM-4:30PM

Take advantage of the local opportunities to connect with college representatives and find colleges and programs that match your interests.

[Fullerton College](#)

[Anaheim Convention Center \(NACAC\)](#)

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## SCA Seniors are College-Bound

SCA is excited to announce that some of our Seniors have already been accepted for the 2018-2019 school year!

**Abby Card** has been accepted to **George Fox University** in Newberg, Oregon.

**Lauren Thomas** has been accepted to **Westmont College** in Santa Barbara, California.

Congratulations, students! We are so proud of you and look forward to all that you will accomplish in the coming years.



## UC Admissions Information & Dessert Night

**Sophomores, Juniors and Parents** are invited to attend. Please RSVP through the Evite.

Morgan Sibley worked as a reader of college application essays for UCI last year and wants to share her insights with prospective students. Come learn more about the UC college application process and enjoy some "sweet" time together.



**Tuesday, March 20 from 6:30-8:00PM at the Otto Home: 9 Seton Drive, Aliso Viejo**