When Oroville students attended Discovery Day at Western they had an early start at 6 am. The weather was a perfect fall day going over the North Cascades Highway to Bellingham.

Once at Western the students were taken on a campus tour by one of six Western students. They then attended a panel discussion about academics, student life, and admissions. Maria Torres from Brewster, WA attends Western and is studying Political Science and Spanish. Maria was one of the students leading a tour and was on the panel.

The residence halls were open for the students to view and the outdoor center.

Calendar at a Glance

- December 4th
  SAT testing day

- December 11
  ACT testing day

- January 13th
  PAC/Financial Aid Night

- February 9th
  Oroville’s Career Fair

- February 24th
  All Grades Financial Aid Night

Cathy Kehm informed students about time management so that they can find time to study for PSAT/SAT.

Topics covered included how to deal with test anxiety, reading passage hints and math problem hints.

Students learned what they needed to bring on test day.

Cathy Kehm then talked about if a student should take the ACT how it is scored. Testing dates for both test where given to the students. Students where told that many scholarships require standardized test scores.

Students found out what the SAT scores mean for them and whether they should retest.
What is FAFSA and How Can It Help Me?

Financing your college education is probably one of the largest and most rewarding investments you will make in your lifetime—one that requires informed and careful consideration of the various financial aid options available to you in order to make sound choices.

As college costs continue to rise, figuring out how you and your family will finance your education may seem rather daunting. The good news is that there is an estimated $170 billion in available financial aid. Knowing what’s available and how to tap into it will make your planning a lot easier, and can help you achieve your educational goals.

A majority of students finance their education through a patchwork of grants, scholarships, work-study programs and loans, so it is generally a good idea to have a basic understanding of each. It is also highly recommended that you use any financial aid that you receive only to pay for necessary educational expenses, and that you borrow wisely—

don’t borrow more than you need or can reasonably afford to repay.

All college students are expected to contribute towards their education costs. How much you and your family will be expected to contribute depends on your financial situation — and is what’s called your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form the U.S. Department of Education (ED) requires to determine your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The government conducts a “need analysis” based on financial information, such as income, assets, and other family information, which you (and your parents if you are a dependent student) will be asked to provide.

Sources:
http://www.fafsa.com/understanding-fafsa/
Senior Parent Night

On November 2, Oroville High School Seniors and their parents had a chance to get help with preparing for college. They had help with filing their FAFSA, filling out online college applications, received scholarship applications, and signed up for THE WASHBOARD (Washington state students scholarship online match site).

(above) Rebecca Hightower answering questions from students and parents about FAFSA

(below) Students and parents working on college applications

(above) Mr. Thornton answering questions about Senior projects.
Eight Students go to Spokane Community College

On October 29th eight students went to Spokane Community College to learn about their culinary and cosmetology programs. After going through the cosmetology department they had lunch on campus catered by the culinary art program. Then the students were taken through the kitchens and bakery of the program.

Students learn what each quarter of the cosmetology program would be like from one of the instructors at the school.

You can also take a 3 quarter course in the bakery and learn to make your own yeast.

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