

High school students can learn about 'Running Start'

❑ Identical programs will be held Jan. 7 and 21

Clark College will host Running Start information classes Wednesdays, Jan. 7 and Jan. 21, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Clark College gymnasium in the O'Connell Sports Center.

"These are the kick-off sessions for sophomores and juniors — and their parents — who want to know more about Running Start and what the next steps are to begin the program in fall 2009," said Running Start Manager Linda Calvert.

The same information will be presented at both sessions, so students

and parents only need to attend one of the programs.

"This session will provide a great chance to hear current Running Start students describe their experiences in the program, including advantages and disadvantages," Calvert said. "We'll talk about the eligibility criteria, testing procedures, deadlines and more."

Running Start allows eligible juniors and seniors to take classes to earn college credit while they fulfill their high school graduation requirements. Running Start students attend regular Clark classes during the day or in the evening. The tuition is covered by the school district. Students pay for books,

transportation and miscellaneous class fees.

"Successful Running Start students are generally self-motivated, emotionally mature, and looking for additional academic challenges," Calvert said. "They also have excellent study and time management skills. They have college level skills and maturity. Some students are so motivated that they earn their associate's degree from Clark at the same time that they earn their high school diploma."

Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. For more information, visit www.clark.edu/runningstart or call 992-2366.