

Welcome Juniors!!

1. Log on to a computer.
2. Go to Centennial's website.
3. Click the Family Connection button (below HAC)
4. Log in with your ID# and 8 digit birthdate (unless you have changed your password).
5. Minimize the screen and turn towards the screen to listen.

CLASS OF 2019

Junior Guidance

A-B

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Mrs. Marshall

Mrs. Lassiter

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Mrs. Thompson

Helpful Resources

#1 COLLEGE GO app



#3 RAISE.ME scholarship site

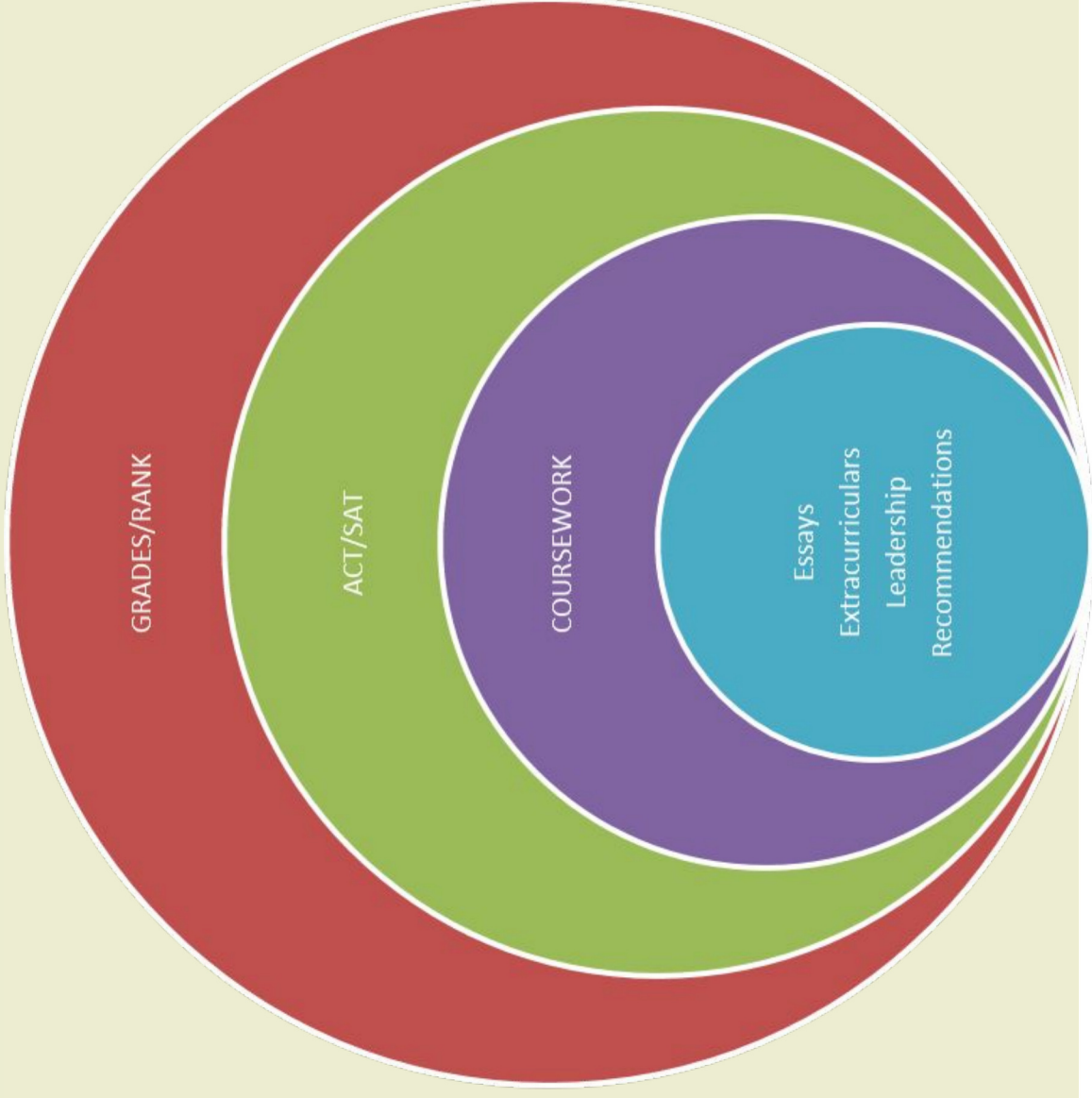
**#2: CLASS OF 2019
REMIND GROUP**



Community Service Reminders

- Not required, but recognition given for 100+ documented hours.
- Hours must be descriptively entered into X2Vol within the same school year. Any backlogged hours from 9th or 10th grade should have been entered by the end of August.
- Must follow district guidelines (nonprofit organizations only!) Not all *volunteering* qualifies as community service!*
- Hours cannot be completed during the school day, or be awarded for donating money or material goods. They must also accurately represent time spent serving the community.

WHAT COUNTS MOST IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS?



GPA game
reflections

JUNIOR YEAR IS CRITICAL

- All years matter because GPA/rank are cumulative.
- However, the class rank and GPA you have at the end of junior year is the rank and GPA that you apply to college with. *****Some colleges will recalculate GPA based on the courses they value most.*****
- This is your last opportunity to increase your class standing for college admissions reasons.

KNOW YOUR GRAD PLAN!

- Foundation with Endorsement, Distinguished Level of Achievement
 - **Multidisciplinary*** (default)
 - STEM
 - Business & Industry
 - Arts & Humanities
 - Public Service
- Endorsements are for high school graduation, not for college admission. Don't stress!

SELECTING A COLLEGE

Public Universities

Private Universities

Community Colleges

Technical Colleges

United States Military Academies



SELECTIVITY



SELECTIVITY SPECIFICS

- Highly Selective Colleges (ie. Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, Rice) admit fewer than 10% of applicants and look for highly ranked students with very high test scores (at least 1300 or 30); may also require additional testing and interviews.
- Selective Colleges (ie. SMU, A&M, UT, OU, UTD) are looking for students ranked in the top 10-25% with strong test scores (at least 1100 or 24)
- Somewhat Selective Colleges (ie. SFA, Midwestern, Texas State) target students in the top 50% with average test scores (at least 1000 or 21)
- Non-Selective Colleges (ie. Collin College, technical/trade schools) accept 100% of applicants; **no SAT/ACT needed
- Top 10% Rule (7% at UT this year)

TESTING, TESTING, TESTING!

■ College Admissions Tests – ACT/SAT

- Universities require either; many students take both.
- Use school code **442-633**
- Register online
- Register with your legal name as it is on your photo ID you will bring to the test (DL, passport, current year school ID)



■ Placement Exam – TSI (Texas Success Initiative)

- No impact on admissions
- Only for Texas public schools (both 2 and 4 year)
- Can be exempt with strong SAT or ACT scores
- Taken after applying to college and before orientation

ACT

- Measures: English Usage, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning.
- Optional Writing section – check your college’s requirements/recommendations
- May be used to replace or in addition to the SAT Reasoning Test
- Cost is \$46 or \$62.50 with the *optional* Writing Assessment
- Register on line at www.act.org

SAT

- Math
- Evidence-based Reading and Writing
- Optional Essay
- Total score: 400–1600
- Section scores for Math and Evidence-based Reading and Writing: 200–800
- 3 hours (without essay)
- 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)
- \$46/\$60

SAT – READING/WRITING/LANGUAGE

- Multiple choice, based on passages rather than prior knowledge
- No sentence completions; focus on multiple-meaning words
- Passages will draw from significant historical or scientific documents—may include informational graphs, tables, & charts (but no math required)
- Passages will include complex structure and vocabulary
- Passage-based grammar—including punctuation
- Tests ability to identify evidence of a position

SAT -- MATH

- Mostly multiple choice, but some grid-ins $\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow$
- 2 sections
- Calculator only allowed on the longer section (see website for approved calculators)
- Several questions could be about a single scenario
- Basic Math Operations, Algebra I & II, Geometry, and Trigonometry (covered in Pre Cal)

Write answer in boxes.

Answer: $\frac{7}{12}$

Grid in result.

Fraction line

Decimal point

Answer: 2.5

Answer: 201

Either position is correct.

Acceptable ways to grid $\frac{2}{3}$ are:

SAT – OPTIONAL ESSAY

- Many colleges recommend or require it – see SAT website for info about specific colleges
- 50 minutes
- Read a 600-700 word passage.
- Explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience.
- Support your explanation with evidence from the passage.
- You won't be asked to agree or disagree with a position, or write about a personal experience

SPRING TESTING AT CHS

- Sign up early for ACT & SAT if you wish to test at CHS.
- The SAT will only be given here in March & May, so they'll fill early
- The ACT will be given here in February, April, & June.

If you earn a perfect overall score on either test, let your counselor know!

ACT/SAT TIPS

- Register using the same information on your picture ID.
- Upload acceptable photo:
<https://sat.collegeboard.org/register/photo-requirements>
- Keep track of the time and pace yourself
- Read the directions, questions, & answers carefully.
- Answer the easy questions first; they get progressively harder.
- Use logic on the more difficult questions.
- Review your work.
- Answer every question before time runs out!
- Be precise in marking your answer sheet.
- Erase mistakes completely.

PREPARING FOR ACT & SAT

- Link on the homepage of Family Connection directs you to free and inexpensive test prep resources for SAT & ACT. ***Khan Academy***
- Face to face classes available on FISD campuses through partnership with Princeton Review – see document library in Family Connection for more information.

PSAT/NMSQT

- Given to predict success on the SAT Reasoning Test and to qualify for National Merit scholarships
 - October 11th, Wednesday
 - All Juniors will test on this day
 - You do not have to register
 - A calculator will be provided
 - Same format as the SAT
 - Pick up a practice booklet today!

PSAT TEST

- 2 hours, 45 minutes
- Questions start easy and get harder.
- PRACTICE!
- Results can be used to predict college matches – don't blow it off!
- Score report can be used to improve before the real SAT

Component	# of Items	Time Allotted
Reading	47	60
Writing/ Language	44	35
Math	48	70
Total	139	165

CAREER INVENTORY- ASVAB

- Could be useful in deciding on a major
- Funded by the military, but not specific to military jobs.
- CTE Center after school on October 17th or April 17th
- You will receive an email from the CTE Counselor when it is time to sign up.

COLLEGE VISITS

- Call the college admissions office for an appointment
- Check web for Preview Days
- Go when students are in session, if at all possible.
Consider 10/6, 10/9, 11/20, & 11/21 when CHS is closed, but colleges are open.
- Bring a list of questions (see FC for ideas)
- Get paper documentation
- Two excused absences are allowed in 11th and 12th grades for documented college.

POTENTIAL COLLEGE ATHLETES

- Athletes hoping to play sports at a D1 or D2 college must register with NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.org by the end of Junior year.
- Be aware that there is an academic component to qualifying with NCAA.
- Verify with your counselor that you are in NCAA approved classes.
- Remember that the admissions office decides whether you get in, not the coaches!

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW.....

- Continue to make good grades in challenging classes
- Take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 11th
- **Attend College Fair on September 13th at Lebanon Trail HS from 6:00-8:00 PM. Save time at the tables by completing the online registration you received an email about on 9/1.**
- Visit College Campuses
- Research options online
- Take the SAT or ACT in the spring or early summer if you plan to attend a four year university.
- Investigate career options

AT FAMILY CONNECTION...

- Edit your profile and check that your email is accurate
- College Search
- Add colleges to “My Colleges”
- View visit schedule
- View scattergrams
- About Me- Do What You Are (personality test)



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Something Useful?

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