

# 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

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Mrs. Marshall

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Ms. Green

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# 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](http://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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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