# LSHS Seniors Class of 2019

Wishing you the best senior year!!!

#### **LSHS Counselors**

- Sign-up to see your counselor LSHS Website
  - Personal Challenges
  - Schedule Discussions
  - College and Career Info
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- FISD Stud. Assist. Coord.
  - Mrs. PayneAsk Counselor to Sign you up
  - Personal Concerns



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#### Remind 101 and Twitter



101 Text @2019LSHS to 81010

\*SIGN UP TO RECEIVE UPDATES/NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE



# OVERVIEW LOTS OF INFO TO SHARE! LISTEN UP.... PLEASE!

Important Senior Dates/Resources **GPA** and Rank changes **College Applications** Letters of Recommendation **Transcripts** SAT/ACT Scores and Essays Financial Aid/Scholarships Community Service/NCAA Eligibility Military Opportunities Frisco ISD College Fair **Graduation Credit Check** 

#### Important Senior Year Dates

Most college application deadlines: November 1st-January 1st

FAFSA Opens October 1st

FEF Scholarship Opens/Closes Nov. 30th - Dec. 21st

End of 1st semester: December 21st

Prom: April 6

AP Testing: May 6th-17th

Senior Awards: May 14th

FEF Scholarship Night: May 22nd

Graduation Date: June 1, 2019 @ 5:00PM @The Star

## GPA AND RANK CHANGES

Students in the Top 10% will receive a rank and both GPAs (Weighted and 4.0 College) on their transcript.
All other students will only have the GPAs listed.

District will post GPA cut offs for each quartile so you know where you fall (TBD) (more info to come).

- Top 25%
- Top 50%
- Top 75%

### Why Changes?

You are more than your SAT/ACT test score, class rank and GPA

**Holistic Admissions Review Article** 

Colleges will now be required to look at your....

course selections, grades, test scores, extracurricular activities, work/life experiences, community service, interests, talents and passions

Read More About the Changes: Frisco ISD GPA Update

All About College **Applications** And Financial Aid

## College Visits





- Should be taken in fall
- College Reps visit LSHS during lunches
- U Check school calendar
- Meet with admission counselors
  - \*Call and schedule a visit
- Meet with financial aid personnel
- ☐ Bring back paper documentation from school personnel to give to attendance office
- Attend a college for the right reasons













#### Ready to Apply?

#### Narrow down your list of Colleges

2 Safety Colleges; 2 Probable Colleges; 2 Reach Colleges

- Safety: You already meet the college's admission requirements
- Probable: Your GPA, test scores and course selections are similar to students already admitted
- Reach: You have a chance of getting into this college, but your GPA, test scores and course grades are on the low side when you view the college's profile.

If you are interested in Collin, right now list it as one of your safety schools. You will get admitted. Please still explore/research other colleges because you may have to transfer from Collin to earn your 4 year Degree at another college.

#### Completing the College Applications

#### **In-State Colleges**

APPLY TEXAS THE COMMON APPLICATION THE COALITION APP

<u>WWW.APPLYTEXAS.ORG</u> <u>WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG</u> <u>HTTP://MYCOALITION.ORG</u>

#### **Out-of-State Colleges**

The state's application for public colleges

<u>The Common App</u> - You will need to let your counselor know when you apply so we can upload our information electronically via the Common App... .you will also request LOR from teachers via the Common App.

The Coalition App

The College's App

### The Application Process

- Visit each university's admission website. Find out the application requirements, deadlines and preferred methods of applying.
- Complete the online application before the deadline.
- Request official test scores from College Board (SAT) and ACT to the college you are applying to 3 weeks in advance.
- Send your official transcript to the college (s) from Parchment.
- Request letters of recommendation only if <u>REQUIRED!</u>

#### Letters of Recommendation

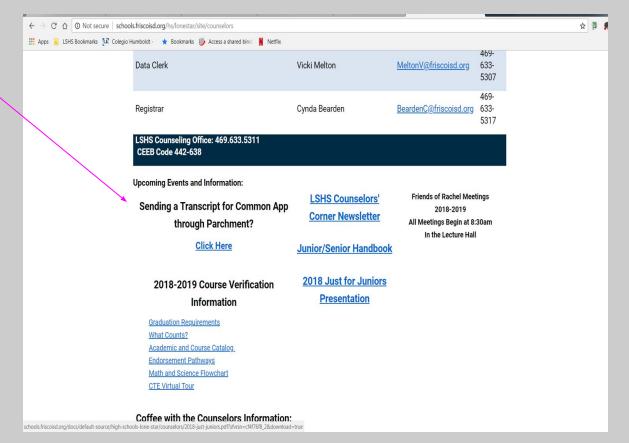
- If your school requires one from your counselor, you MUST email or sign up to see your counselor. We don't know you need it unless you tell us.
- They are not required for EVERY school so do your research!
- Schedule a meeting to discuss your Letter of Recommendation request with your teacher 3 weeks before it must be submitted online.
- At the meeting provide your teacher with the application deadlines, resume and any other requested materials from the teacher. If the letter must be mailed, provide an addressed stamped envelope. Use the school's address for the return address.
- Follow up with the teacher and write a thank you note.

#### Ordering transcripts/Updated Transcripts

- Make sure you create an account in your name in Parchment. If your parent's have also created an account, Parchment will not allow you to create an account. One account per family.
- Go to Lone Star Home page Counselors Official Transcript
- Parchment <u>"How To Order a Transcript"</u>
- Request all transcripts through Parchment. Read the instructions
   carefully! (for Common App, please see the link on the LSHS website)
- If the college does not use parchment, submit transcript to our registrar
  Cynda Bearden (<a href="mailto:beardenc@friscoisd.org">beardenc@friscoisd.org</a>) in the notes section tell her
  where you would like for her to submit your transcript to (examples: Texas
  A&M and Texas Tech do not use Parchment).
- Senior transcripts and rank will be updated at the end September.

### HOW TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT FOR THE COMMON APP USING

PARCHMENT:



#### SAT and ACT (School Code: 442638)

Still Need to Test?

\*Sign-up by the deadline; Fee Waivers available for students on Free or Reduced Lunch: See Your Counselor.

\*Always register for the optional essay.

<u>WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG</u>

WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

### College Essays and Interviews

Complete all of the required essays.

If you want to be considered for a scholarship or a special program, <u>complete the</u> <u>optional essay.</u>

Use your creativity when responding to the prompts.

Have someone proof and give feedback on your final draft.

When given the opportunity, always interview for admissions and scholarships.

#### **Applying for Financial Aid**

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Application is available October 1st! <a href="https://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>
- 2. Fill out the CSS/Financial Aid Profile <a href="https://profileonline.collegeboard.com">https://profileonline.collegeboard.com</a> (Most private colleges require)

If you Qualify, you may receive the following:

- Loan- low interest and pay back after you graduate from college
  - Employment- an opportunity to receive an on-campus job
    - Grants- free money that does not have to be paid back
- Scholarships- free money that usually requires maintaining a certain gpa

## Scholarships \$\$\$\$\$

FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE!

Check with each college for available scholarships. Some colleges require you to complete a scholarship application. Entering freshman scholarships usually award the most money. \$\$\$\$\$\$

FEF-Frisco Education Foundation Scholarships

Use Fast Web, Big Future (College Board)

Parents place of employment

Churches and Community organizations

## FEF Frisco Education Foundation Scholarship

Application goes live November 30th at 10:00AM

Deadline to submit application is December 21st at 4:00PM

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The LSHS Class of 2018 was awarded a total of \$69,353.08 in scholarship money!

#### Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

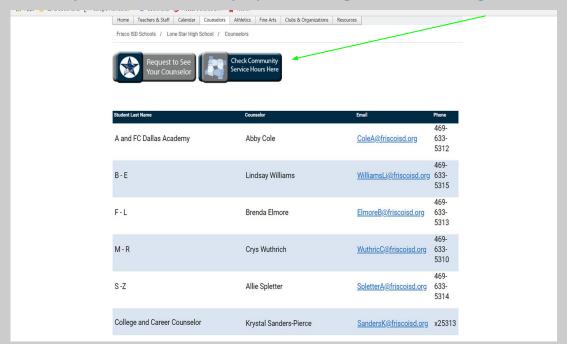
- Placement test. NOT an entrance/admissions exam.
- Required by Texas <u>public</u>, colleges and universities (2 & 4 year schools)
- Identifies college readiness in Math and English
- Passing grade on TSI required in order to take college credit-bearing classes.
- Timing and process varies by college. You will receive more information after you have applied.

#### TSI Exemptions

- Students who meet the qualifying standards may be exempt from taking the TSI.
  - SAT- combined score of 1070 on critical reading and math with a 500 or better on the math and critical reading.
    - ACT- a composite score of 23 with a 19 on the math and English sections

## Community Service

- Community service is part of the holistic review process.
- Record your hours on the LSHS Community Service form and turn them in to Ms. Morefield in the counseling office.
- 100 hours of community Service are due by April 1st for graduation recognition.



NCAA **Military** Xello Frisco ISD College Fair Senior Credit Check

# NCAA Eligibility Center

Are you hoping to play Division I or Division II college athletics?

Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center

Request to have your transcript sent to the NCAA in Parchment or see Ms. Cole in the Counseling Office.

Set-up a meeting with your counselor and coach to discuss sliding scale (GPA, SAT/ACT test scores)

## Military Opportunities



Military academy appointments should have begun junior year. If you are interested and have not started the process see your counselor ASAP!

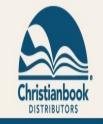
If you are interested in military enlistment or pursuing a JROTC program in college, visit with your counselor for more information. Military reps will be at lunches throughout the year for you to visit with.

# Frisco ISD College Fair for Seniors and Juniors

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
6:00PM-8:00PM
Liberty High School
Register at
www.gotocollegefairs.com



When you register for Go To College Fairs (a division of TRC), you are providing personal information. This information will be provided exclusively to those colleges and/or universities that you choose at the college fair. By allowing a college or university to record the electronic bar code on your admittance pass, the registrant agrees and gives permission that all personal information will be shared with those colleges or universities. TRC does not sell, rent, or lease any registrant information to third parties.



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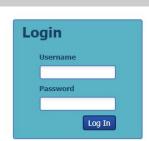
#### Xello

**Xello-** Replaced Family Connection. Research Colleges, Careers, Majors!! You can even do virtual tours of college campuses!

Login by going to the FISD Student Portal on www.friscoisd.org

Click Student Links at the bottom and select the Xello Tab

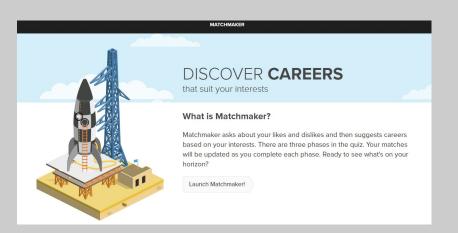


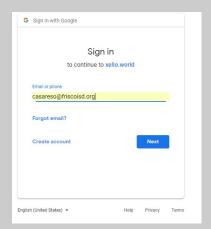


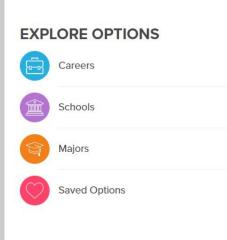
#### Xello

You will be prompted to enter your school Google Info to login.

Once you enter your info, you will be logged Into Xello. Lots to explore.







#### **Senior Credit Check**

4 credits of English

4 credits of Math

4 credits of Science

4 credits of Social Studies

2 credits of the same Foreign Language

1 credit of Technology

1 credit of Physical Education

.5 credit of Professional Communications

.5 credit of Health

4.0 credits of electives and/or endorsement

26 Total Credits are needed to graduate

### **Assignments for Today**

- Add Remind 101 text @2019LSHS to 81010; Follow us on Twitter @CounselingLSHS;
- Set-up Parchment Account (use personal email address);

Register for the 2018 <u>FISD College Fair</u> (print off electronic barcode) Sept 12. <a href="http://www.gotocollegefairs.com/">http://www.gotocollegefairs.com/</a>



- Explore Xello
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  - You will be prompted to enter your school Google Info to login.
  - Explore the program, Set-up Profile; Use College Search

