



**TEXAS CITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**JUNIOR/SENIOR**  
**PARENT MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 2018**



# TCHS ADMINISTRATION TEAM

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# HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

*Parental involvement and support are the keys to student success.*

## ○ Parental Involvement

- Studies show that parental involvement makes a significant difference in how well students do in school. Stay involved and show consistent interest.
- *Family Access*
  - Family Access is a great start to being involved in student's education.
    - Go to [www.tcisd.org](http://www.tcisd.org) and choose "Parents"
    - Go to "Skyward Family Access"
- *Remind – Text the code below to 81010*
  - @class2019t (Class of 2019)
  - @pare2020 (Class of 2020)
  - @stings19 (College & Career)

# ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is very important in order to be successful in class and earning credits!
- 8 or more absences in a class period will result in credit being denied for that class.
  - Student will be required to make up the attendance hours by a set deadline (set by TCHS administration) in order to regain credit lost due to.
- 90% attendance required for:
  - Verification of Enrollment (VOE)
  - Eligibility to purchase Prom Tickets
  - Eligibility to purchase Senior Chords

# THINGS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS SHOULD BE DOING...

- Checking credits to make sure you are on track for graduation
- Studying and maintaining good grades
- Staying organized
- Prepare for the SAT and/or ACT
- Register to take the SAT and/or ACT in the Spring
- Make a college list
  - Plan your first set of college visits – Martin Luther King Day, President’s Day, Spring Break – are all good times to schedule a college visit
- Being involved in extracurricular activities & participating in community activities
  - Colleges not only care about what a student does inside the classroom, but also outside. It is not the number of activities a student is involved in that is important, but the quality. It is also important to keep a log of community service hours served.
- Talk to your counselor about plans after high school
- Check out *KnowHow2Go: The Four Steps to College* at [www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org) for more advice on actions you can take as you start thinking about education beyond high school.

# THINGS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS SHOULD BE DOING...

- Sign up for The College Board Opportunity Scholarship
  - Learn more at [opportunity.collegeboard.org](http://opportunity.collegeboard.org)
  - Student can begin today by signing up at [opportunity.collegeboard.org](http://opportunity.collegeboard.org). The first step is to make a starter list of six colleges you want to attend. Just by making that list, you can earn a chance for a \$500 scholarship.

# THINGS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SHOULD BE DOING...

- Checking credits to make sure you are on track for graduation
- Studying and maintaining good grades
- Staying organized
- Pay attention to college application deadlines
  - Verify the school received all required supplemental materials (transcript, recommendations, application fee/fee waiver, etc.)
- Apply for Financial Aid – Complete the FAFSA by February 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Watch for the email notice indicating your Student Aid Report (SAR) is ready
  - Review your SAR for errors and make any corrections needed
- Apply for Scholarships
  - Join the College & Career Remind to receive the Senior Bulletin and Scholarship Information
  - Additional Scholarship Resources
    - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
    - [www.scholarsnapp.org](http://www.scholarsnapp.org)
    - [www.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org)



# THINGS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SHOULD BE DOING...

- Visit your top school choices
- Ask teachers, counselors, employers for letters of recommendation
  - Provide the recommender with a resume
  - Allow the recommender 2 weeks to write your letter
- Pay attention to deadlines at the college you plan to attend, such as enrollment fee, housing deposits, school specific financial aid applications, etc.
- Once you have considered your admission decisions and selected your chosen school, notify Mrs. Sarno so you can be put on the list for the TCHS College Signing Day.

# SENIORS

Seniors will receive information from Balfour on purchasing their Graduation Cap & Gown and Graduation Invitations in *January 2019*.

# AP EXAMS

- Online Registration
  - January 8<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Exams will be administered May 7 – 18, 2019
- Cost:
  - \$75 per exam
  - \$20 per exam for students on free/reduced lunch

# DUAL CREDIT

- The Dual Credit Department through College of the Mainland offers a student-centered learning environment for high school students providing them the opportunity to earn college credit, become job ready and acquire skills necessary to become lifelong learners.
- Students can take academic courses, such as math, English, government and history, and hands-on classes, such as drafting, welding, graphic arts and cosmetology.
- Informational Meeting
  - **February 7<sup>TH</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in TCHS Cafeteria**

# SAT TEST DATES

- ***December 1<sup>st</sup>***
  - Late Registration Deadline – November 20<sup>th</sup>
- ***March 9<sup>th</sup>***
  - Registration Deadline – February 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Late Registration Deadline – February 20<sup>th</sup>
- ***May 4<sup>th</sup>***
  - Registration Deadline – April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Late Registration Deadline – April 19<sup>th</sup>
- **June 1<sup>st</sup>** (TCHS is NOT a testing location for this date)
  - Registration Deadline – May 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Late Registration Deadline – May 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Fee Waivers – available in the counseling office**  
(*see Ms. Madere – counselor secretary*)
  - Juniors and Seniors who are on free/reduced lunch are eligible for 2 SAT fee waivers

# ACT TEST DATES

## ○ *December 8<sup>th</sup>*

- Late Registration Deadline – November 19<sup>th</sup>

## ○ February 9<sup>th</sup> (TCHS is NOT a testing location for this date)

- Registration Deadline – January 11<sup>th</sup>
- Late Registration Deadline – January 18<sup>th</sup>

## ○ *April 13<sup>th</sup>*

- Registration Deadline – March 8<sup>th</sup>
- Late Registration Deadline – March 25<sup>th</sup>

## ○ June 8<sup>th</sup> (TCHS is NOT a testing location for this date)

- Registration Deadline – May 3<sup>rd</sup>
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# FINANCIAL AID

- The 2019-2020 FAFSA application can be completed at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)
- NEW! Students and parents can complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA using the myStudentAid app.



- Information/Documentation you will need to fill out the Financial Aid application:
  - Social Security Number (student and parent)
  - Driver's License Number
  - Federal Tax Information from 2017 (IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)
  - Records of your untaxed income (such as child support, interest income)
  - Information on cash; savings and checking; investments



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# TCHS IMPORTANT DATES

- Progress Reports (available on Skyward)
  - November 14<sup>th</sup> & December 5<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Holiday
  - November 19–23, 2018
- STAAR/EOC Re-Testing
  - December 5–7, 2018
- Semester Exams
  - December 18-20, 2018
- Christmas Break
  - December 21, 2018 – January 7, 2019
- Report Cards Issued
  - January 14<sup>th</sup>

