

Counselor's Corner By Judy Campsey

This newsletter is a guide for your child's senior year. Please keep it because the newsletter has test dates and college visitation

dates for the fall and spring.

If you have questions feel free to all me at 663-2791.

Information to look for in the newsletter:

- Senior Parent Information Night
- Financial Aid Night
- College entrance testing dates
- Visitation dates for different colleges
- On-line resources
- Scholarships

ACT

2009-2010

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
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*October 24 th	September 18 th
December 12 th	November 6 th
*February 6 th	January 5 th
April 10 th	March 5 th
June 12 th	May 7 th

* This means the test will be given in Quanah.

SAT

2009-2010

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
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October 10 th	September 9 th
November 7 th	October 1 st
December 5 th	October 30 th
January 23 rd	December 15 th
March 13 th	February 4 th
May 1 st	March 25 th
June 5 th	April 29 th

SENIORS WILL ATTEND COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY IN CHILDRESS ON OCTOBER 1ST.

(THEA) Texas Higher Education Assessment

Seniors planning on attending Texas colleges or universities must take the THEA or the ACCUPLACER before being admitted.

The ACCUPLACER

The ACCUPLACER TEST is an approved alternative to the THEA. It is a computerized placement test that is offered at Vernon College. For an appointment, call Sharon Shelton at (940) 552-6291 ex. 2317.

Senior Parent Information Night

October 6th

Computer Lab

7:30 p.m.

Senior Parent Information Night is an opportunity for parents of seniors to learn about the following:

- How to Apply to Colleges
- Compare College Costs
- Testing
- Resources for Scholarships
- How to Start the Process for Financial Aid
- How to Arrange a Meeting with the Counselor for Individual Assistance

Financial Aid Night

January 25th

Quanah High School Library

6:00 p.m.

Tips from the Counselor

Visit prospective colleges, universities and technical schools to help make the final decision on what school to attend.

Quanah High School provides *one college day to seniors as an excused absence. The senior must complete and turn in a college day application at least one day prior to leaving if they arrange the tour. If I arrange the tour, the college day application needs to be given to me three to five days prior to the requested college visitation date.*

The college day application is on the Quanah ISD website under high school. Click on senior forms after opening to the high school website.

College visitation days are set up by the universities so prospective students can experience campus life. It usually includes a tour of the college and an athletic event. Individual tours can also be arranged if the college visitation date is inconvenient. Most tours can be arranged online by visiting the college website.

College Visitation Days

1. Angelo State University
October 31st
February 20th
March 27th
2. Midwestern State University
November 7th
February 13th
3. Tarleton State University
November 7th
4. Texas A&M – College Station
February 20th
5. Texas Tech University
October 19th
6. University of Texas
October 12th
March 6th

7. West Texas A&M Univ.
November 14th
March 6th
April 2nd

4-Year University Activity List

1. Complete the Common Application for Freshman Admission to Texas Public Universities online at www.applytexas.org.
2. Apply for housing.
3. Take the THEA or ACCUPLACER
4. Take or retake the ACT or SAT to improve your score.
5. Start applying for scholarships. Scholarships are awarded for many things besides just academics such as community service, athletic ability and organizational involvement (FFA, FCCLA and National Honor Society). Look at your strengths and apply for those scholarships.
6. Apply for financial aid. The Free Application For Federal Student Aid can be completed as early as January 1st. Application will be in the library in December.

Junior College or Technical School Activity List

1. Complete the application for admission.
2. The ACT or SAT is NOT required at most junior colleges and technical schools.
3. Take the ACCUPLACER if it is required. Check with the college or technical school about the requirements.
4. Apply for housing
5. Apply for financial aid.

On-line Resources

Financial Aid and Scholarships:

1. Adventures in Education
<http://aie.org/index.cfm>
2. Cappex
www.cappex.com
3. College Bound
www.collegebound.net
4. College Net Scholarship Database
www.collegenet.com/mach25
5. Compendium of Texas College
www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/aid/faidalph.html
6. Fast Web Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com
7. Free Application for Federal Student Aid
www.fafsa.ed.gov
8. Free Scholarships
www.freescholarship.com
9. Minnie Stevens Piper
www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/
10. Sallie Mae
www.salliemae.com
11. Scholarship Hunter
www.scholarshiphunter.com
12. Free College Scholarship Search
www.scholarships.com/link

13. Smart Students Guide to Student Aid

www.finaid.org

14. Texas Resources

www.thecb.state.tx.us

15. Texas Financial Aid Information Center

www.collegeforalltexas.com

Test Preparation Websites:

1. College for Texans

www.collegeforalltexas.com

2. Number 2

www.number2.com

3. SAT test preparation

www.collegeboard.com

4. ACT Preparation

www.actstudent.org

5. Test Prep Companies

www.kaptest.com

www.petersons.com

College Information

1. Christian Colleges

www.findachristiancollege.com

2. College search

www.peterson.com

www.collegebound.net

www.MYCAP.com

Choices other than College

1. AmeriCorps

www.americorps.com

Scholarships

1. Coca Cola awards 50 students \$20,000 scholarships and 200 students \$4,000 scholarships.

Students must apply at

www.coca-colascholars.org

This scholarship targets community service school activities, as well as good academics. The deadline is *October 31st*.

2. AXA Achievement Scholarship awards \$10,000 to 52 students (one from each state, Washington D.C and Puerto Rico) and \$15,000 scholarships to 10 national recipients. The national scholarship winners will also be offered internships with AXA offices and a laptop computer.

Applicants are required to be:

1. U.S. citizens
2. Current high school senior who plans to enroll full-time in a 2 or 4 year college
3. Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidence of outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the

community or the workplace.

4. Be recommended by an unrelated adult who can attest to the student's achievement.

The deadline is *December 15th*. For more information go to www.axa-achievement.com

