

WELCOME BACK SENIORS!!!

Senior Newsletter #1

August 16, 2011

Testing

SAT TESTVisit www.collegeboard.com for on-line registration (A Fee Applies)

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>Late Registration</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Oct. 1, 2011 | Sept. 9, 2011 | Sept. 21, 2011 |
| Nov. 5, 2011 | Oct. 7, 2011 | Oct. 21, 2011 |

ACT TESTVisit www.act.org for on-line registration (A Fee Applies)

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>Late Registration</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 10, 2011 | Aug. 12, 2011 | Aug. 26, 2011 |
| Oct. 22, 2011 | Sept. 16, 2011 | Sept. 30, 2011 |

**SAT/ACT
Waivers**(You must receive
free or reduced
lunch to qualify for
a waiver)**See your
counselor****4 yr. colleges/ universities accept both the SAT and the ACT exam.**

A CEEB code will be needed for SAT, ACT, AP exams, and college applications. The CEEB code must be included on these applications. MacArthur's CEEB code is 446-132.

College Entrance Exams

SAT Reasoning- Attempts to measure your ability to do college-level work in the areas of verbal/math/writing. Each section of the test will be scored using the familiar scale from 200-800. A perfect score will be a 2400.

SAT Subject- It measures specific knowledge from specific subject areas. You may take up to 3 subject tests on a single test date. You cannot take the SAT Subject Tests and the SAT Reasoning on the same date. Many colleges use the SAT Subject Tests for admissions, courses placement and for advising students about course selections. Some colleges specify the SAT Subject Tests that they require for admissions or placement, while others allow students to choose which test to take.

ACT- Attempts to measure skills closely related to the content of courses in the high school curriculum in 4 areas; English, math, reading, and science. It reports the 4 scores, which are averaged together to form a composite score. Each of the 4 scores as well as the composite score can range from 0 to 36, with approximately 21 being the national average.

THEA- All students must take the THEA test prior to enrolling in 2 or 4 yr. Texas public college or university unless they are exempt. Its purpose is to assess the reading, mathematics, and writing skills that entering freshman-level students should have if they are to perform effectively in undergraduate certificate or degree programs in Texas public colleges or universities. Students with below passing scores on any section of the test are required to enroll in a developmental/remedial program each semester until they pass the THEA in all 3 areas. Students may be exempt based on their score on the SAT, ACT, and TAKS. Check with the

college you are planning to attend for test dates and for specifics, as exemptions may differ from college to college.

To DO:

Letters of Recommendation from your Counselor

You must fill out a senior activity form. The senior activity form will be distributed during English IV classes the first week of school. Fill out the form and return it as soon as possible to your English teacher.

College Night →

October 26, 2011
Blossom Athletic Center
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm



Colleges and University Information & Visits

August 29, 2011 Our Lady of the Lake University: Career Center, room B116 during all 3 lunches.

Important Information

- I. SAT/ACT scores must be sent directly from collegeboard.com/act.org. SAT/ACT scores are no longer printed on transcripts.
- II. When you receive a scholarship award letter, please bring the letter or a copy of the letter to Ms. Esparza, counselor. Ms. Esparza will total all of the scholarships from the seniors and announce the total amount of scholarship monies awarded to this senior class at graduation.
- III. Athletes must file NCAA forms on-line at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Have a Visa or Master card ready when you register (fee amount subject to change). Print a copy of SRF and authorization form and bring these to Ms. Salazar in room A103.09.
- IV. Remember to turn in all college admission or scholarship applications at least one week before the deadline in order to facilitate processing and mailing. Please adhere to the Counseling Office deadlines on all scholarship applications to insure timely process.
- V. Senior males must register with Selective Services within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Students may register on-line at www.sss.gov or at the local post office.

Transcript Request

Ordering a transcript: First you must fill out and turn in a transcript release form (forms are available on the senior website or in room A103.09) to Ms. Salazar, counseling clerk, in room A103.09. Then a transcript request form must be filled out and given to Ms. Salazar. The first transcript sent out to a college for admission is free. Additional transcripts are \$5.00. Transcripts for scholarships are free. Make sure to allow at least 2-3 working days for processing. Transcripts must be requested in person and in writing.

Senior Rankings

Class rank will appear on the progress report card that will be distributed on Friday, Sept. 16.

