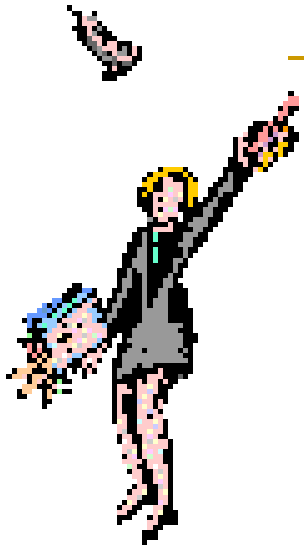


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# Welcome Senior Parents!

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# Senior Parent Night



September 19, 2011

## Ronald Reagan High School

MRS. PEEL

A-BO

MRS. QUIROZ

BR-FA

Mrs. DOWE

FE-J

MR. EIDSON

K-MO

MRS. PRATT

MU-SE

MRS. TANNER

SH-Z

DR. JACKSON

STAN COUNSELOR

# Overview & Goals

- Relieve Some Stress (not add to it!!)
- Upcoming Senior Conferences
- What We Can Offer You
- College Selection & Application Process
- Importance of Being Organized





# School Profile



- 96% of Reagan grads attend college (73% - 4 year institution, 23% -- 2 year institution)
- Median GPA – 90
- Top Quarter – 99+ GPA
- RHS SAT scores 40-50 points higher than state, national averages
- 2011 – 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist
- 15 Commended Scholars, 10 National Hispanic Scholars
- Profile accompanies transcripts

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# Senior Conferences

- Individual/Small Group meetings
  - Senior Worksheet
  - College/Career Information
  - Senior Booklet - On Line
  - Available Scholarships
  - Senior Newsletters are on the web-site
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# Senior Booklet

- Senior Calendar—Important Dates
  - SAT / ACT / THEA Testing Dates
  - Application Information
  - Scholarships
  - Financial Aid
  - Helpful Websites
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# Choosing a College

- Trips to College Campuses (2 days allowed-forms available in the attendance office)
  - College Rep Visits @ Reagan during lunch
  - College Night – October 26, 2011 @ BAC, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
    - Financial Aid Sessions at 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM
  - Preferred Demographics
    - Size of school                      --Majors offered
    - Size of city                         --Public vs. Private
  - Resources
    - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
    - US News & World Report
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# You're Ready to Apply!

- Filling out the Application
- Sending the Transcript
- Sending Test Scores (SAT, ACT, and AP)
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There's a college for everyone!!



# The Application

- Texas Common Application--[www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- Common Application –[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
  - 456 colleges and universities across the nation
  - Mandatory contact - Ms. Miller in Counseling Office
- Letters of Recommendation (addressed stamped envelope for teachers)
  - 10 business days to write
- Resume – List Everything!
- Essays
  - Make It Your Best                      --Proofread!
  - Get it Critiqued                      --Make Yourself Shine!
- On-line is Preferred in Many Cases

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# Forms due to Counseling Office

- Transcript Release Form
    - 18-year-old student can sign off
    - Under 18 yellow form needs parent signature
  - Diploma Application Form-This was turned in the first week of school.
    - In Main Office
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# Sending Transcripts

- Ordered with Mrs. Miller in Counseling Office
  - Recommend bringing all documents that are to be sent with transcript
    - School / Counselor Report- turn in to Ms. Miller when ordering transcript
- \$5 each (1<sup>st</sup> one free)
- **Please allow 5 school days for processing**
- Don't forget the release form!
- Final Transcripts ordered in May

# Test Scores



- You can take SAT/ ACT multiple times
  - You must send your scores from the testing agency.
    - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) –SAT / AP, [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)- ACT
  - SAT @ Reagan on Oct. 1st and Dec. 3rd  
ACT at Reagan on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Dec. 10th
  - Short window to send scores for free after taking test.
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# Financial Aid

- FAFSA – first word is “Free”; all students should fill one out.
  - IRS
- Beware of scholarship scams
- [www.college-scholarships.com](http://www.college-scholarships.com) is an example of a free scholarship search engine.
- Frost Bank Reps are going to give you more information.



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# Available Sources

- College Handbook
  - Reagan Career Center
    - Index of Majors and Graduate Degrees
    - College Catalogs
  - Compendiums – Minnie Piper Stevens Foundation
    - Frost Bldg at 410 & Nacogdoches
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# Tips for You & Your Senior

- Stay organized
- Keep a current calendar of senior events
- Listen to announcements
- Look for Senior Bulletin on-line and through E-Blast
- Attend College Night - October 26th @ BAC, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- Read the Senior Booklet – Reagan Counseling Website
- Stay ahead of deadlines!!!!



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# **GOOD LUCK!**

**And remember, we are here to help!  
Graduation is around the corner.  
(May 31, 2012)**

