

# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



CLASS OF  
2013

# Administrative Team

## ➤ Principals

- Gregg Colschen TWHS Principal
- Jeri Gambertoglio Associate Principal
- ~~Chuck Pincumbe Associate Principal~~
- Larry Klapesky A – Cr
- Shawne LeDee Cs – Hi
- Paul Fleming Hj – Mg
- Jan Nell Mh - Sc
- Dennis Muehsler Sd – Z

-- Jill Malpass AP for Instruction

## ➤ Counselors

Kelly Stewart	A-Chal
Tracie Breidenthal	Cham-Flan
Suzanne Smith	Flao-Johns
Laura Willard	Johnsa-Mayo
Jane Iribarren/Lyda Salmons	Mayp-Pic
Alli Chambers	Pid-Srn
Kathy Dudek	Sro-Z
Sheredian Vickers	College and Career Center
Denise Cipolla	Lead Counselor

# Tips To Be Successful at TWHS

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# Tip #1

## Establish Good Communication

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Students

Administrators

Counselors



Parents

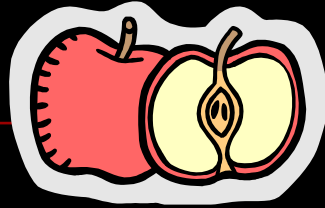
Teachers

# STUDENT COMMUNICATION

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- Students are encouraged to be self-advocates in preparation for life after high school.
- Parent interaction is encouraged when a student is having difficulty.
- E-mailing teachers is a good way to make an initial contact.
- As a team, students, parents, teachers, and counselors can help students become more self-sufficient when handling difficulties.

# I Need To See My Counselor



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

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# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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- Counselors are in the cafeteria every Wednesday and Thursday during lunch to answer questions and provide information.

# COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS

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- If you need to speak to your child's counselor, please either e-mail or call to make an appointment.
- For a conference with a teacher, please schedule the meeting through the counselor.

# Communication From the School

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- **Principal's Newsletter**

**Email [gcolschen@conroeisd.net](mailto:gcolschen@conroeisd.net) or [dleone@conroeisd.net](mailto:dleone@conroeisd.net) with your name, your student's FULL NAME and your email address to be included in the biweekly update**

- **Web Site**

- **[www.woodlandshigh.org](http://www.woodlandshigh.org)**

- **For email addresses: <http://twhs.conroeisd.net/>**

- **Counselors' Corner—find handouts and powerpoints**

- **Report Cards (every nine weeks)**

- **Progress Reports (every three weeks)**

- **Attendance Letters**

# Staffings

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- An individual conference that should include the following: student, teacher(s), parent(s), counselor, and principal.
- To set up a conference, contact your child's counselor in the Grade Level Office.  
A-L: 936-709-1472 Theresa Kestelik  
M-Z: 936-709-1473 Karen Powell
- Staffings are typically held at 7AM or during a teacher's conference period.

# Parent Information Nights

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- December 16, 2010

- PSAT Interpretation

6:00 and 7:00 p.m.—two sessions, LGI

- February 2011

- Registration for 2011-2012 Classes

# Tip # 2

## Utilize School Resources

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Teacher Tutorials



Student Tutors

# Tutorials

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- Before or after school tutoring with the teacher.  
Make arrangements with teacher.
- Mu Alpha Theta tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in room 335.
- Evenings 5:30-7:30, rm 109
  - Mon.—Math, Spanish
  - Tues— Math, Science
  - Wed—Math
  - Thur.—Math, Spanish, and Science
- Approved private tutor list is available from the counselors.

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# Tip # 3

## Get Involved



# Supplement / Enrich Your High School Experience

- Sports
- Clubs / Activities
- Employment
- Community Service
- Youth Groups



# National Honor Society

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- **Juniors are “tapped” during the Spring semester**  
**Final decisions concerning membership are made by the School Faculty Committee**
  
- **Membership is based on the following criteria:**
  1. **Scholarship** – GPA of 4.1 for the first five semesters of high school.
  2. **Leadership** – a student should exhibit leadership qualities and be involved in leadership activities each year

1. **Service**

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1. **Character**

1. **Essay**

# Tip # 4

# Plan for Graduation and Beyond



# High School Graduation Requirements

**ALL STUDENTS MUST EARN A MINIMUM OF 26 CREDITS TO  
GRADUATE**

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• ENGLISH	4.0
• MATHEMATICS	4.0
• SCIENCE	4.0
• SOCIAL STUDIES	4.0
• FOREIGN LANGUAGE *	2.0
• HEALTH	.5
• P.E. OR P.E. SUBSTITUTE	1.5
• FINE ARTS	1.0
• COMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS	.5
• TECHNOLOGY	<u>1.0</u>
	<b>22.5</b>
	<b><u>3.5</u> elective credits</b>
	<b>26.0</b>

\* See Course Description Handbook

# Four-Year Plans

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- Counselors will be in the World History classes this fall and spring to speak to sophomores and update their four-year plans.

# Tip # 5

## Take Tests, Tests, Tests!!!

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- TAKS
- PSAT
- ACT / SAT Reasoning / SAT Subject Tests
- AP
- THEA
- TWHS and ORHS only testing sites in our district

# Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)

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- Statewide Assessment
- Students must master all 4 subject areas:  
English/Language Arts, Math, Science,  
Social Studies
- English/Language Arts is given in March
- Math, Science & Social Studies are given in  
May.
- **Required in order to graduate.**

# PSAT / NMSQT

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- October 13, 2010
- Practice for SAT
- ALL 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> GRADERS WILL TAKE THE PSAT
- Interpretation Session will be in December  
Two presentations to choose from:  
6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
- **Juniors taking the PSAT:** This is the National Merit Scholar qualifying test.

# College Admissions Examinations

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- **SAT Reasoning Test** – Now contains a writing test.
- **SAT Subject Tests** - Many colleges use the Subject Tests for admission, for course placement, and to advise students about course selection.
- **ACT** – Contains an optional writing test. It is recommended that you take this.
- Test Prep classes—offered through CISD. Go to [cisdcollegebound.com](http://cisdcollegebound.com) to sign up

# Advanced Placement (AP)

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- Take in May after completing Advanced Placement course(s)
- Scored from 1 – 5
- Colleges may award credit based on scores (usually a 3 or higher). Go to AP Central on the [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) website to determine what the school will award.

# Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA)

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- Required for all students who will attend a Texas state college
- NOT an admissions test – used for placement
- Must take prior to registering for classes
- Exemptions may apply—TAKS, ACT, or SAT scores
- COMPASS can substitute at many schools.

# DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

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- Juniors and Seniors may take district approved dual credit classes at the Lone Star Montgomery College location. Students must prove college readiness by TAKS scores, SAT or ACT scores, or COMPASS scores.
- Tuition is \$45 per class.
- Courses are Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Business Law, Microcomputers, American Sign Language (other L.S.campuses)

# CAREER TECH PREP AND ARTICULATION

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- Some career and technology classes will count as college credit at Lone Star College.
- The student must go to the college counselor after completing six hours of classes at Lone Star to apply for this credit. Certain grade restrictions apply. It must be done within fifteen months of high school graduation.

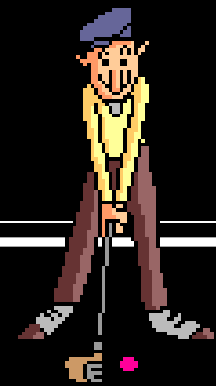


# NCAA Clearinghouse

## Juniors



- This certification process begins at the beginning of the junior year.
- Website—[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- Organization through which initial student eligibility for all Division I and II university athletic programs is determined.
- Eligibility is determined by SAT/ACT Scores and GPA.
- Certain core must be taken.  
(Junior high courses for high school credit and Credits by Exam will not count.)



# Tip #6

## Explore Colleges / Careers



# What are colleges looking for?

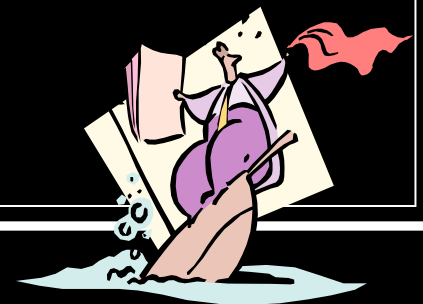
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- A rigorous course schedule.
- Genuine interest in the school.
- An interest in learning.
- Willingness to lead.
- Students who can make a positive contribution to the college.

# Family Connection: the link between TWHS and Future Planning

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- Sign up for College Visits
- Interest inventory and career information
- College Search
- Scholarship information
- College comparisons, websites, and contact info
- College application forms
- Transcript requests



# To Log on to Family Connection

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- Go go <http://connection.naviance.com/thewoodlands>
- Enter registration code
- You will be prompted to enter your email address and a password. Both parent and student may have their own account.

*Your email address and the password you select will be used to log on to Family Connection once you register.*

**Be sure to bookmark the website or save it to your desktop! Be sure and frequently check for messages, as Mrs. Vickers updates it often.**

# How to Visit College Representatives at TWHS

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- **College Visits are listed on Family Connection Website**  
<http://connection.naviance.com/thewoodlands>  
Go to **ABOUT COLLEGE – Visit Schedule**
- **Students MUST SIGN UP ONLINE four days before scheduled visit**
- **Print EMAIL received two days prior to visit**  
**THIS IS YOUR PASS**
- **Have your teacher sign this to give you permission to come to the session**
- **Return to class when you're finished**
- **Check Family Connection for area information sessions and follow the instructions for registering for those sessions.**

# Campus Visits

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- Arrange for visit in advance by completing the form on Family Connection under “document library”, or from the attendance office, and submit to the attendance office upon return. Two visits are allowed and will be not be counted against exemptions. For jrs. and seniors only.
- Attend college preview days if possible
- Be familiar with college bulletins BEFORE visiting so you can ask intelligent questions
- Try to visit the department with your major field of study



# What To Learn About the College

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- Classes (size, who teaches)
- Campus (clean and well maintained, secure, library facilities)
- Housing
- Social activities
- Admissions criteria
- Financial aid and scholarship opportunities



# The College & Career Center

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## **STAFF**

- **Sheredian Vickers**

**Counselor**

- **Audrey Allen**

**Secretary**

## **LOCATION**

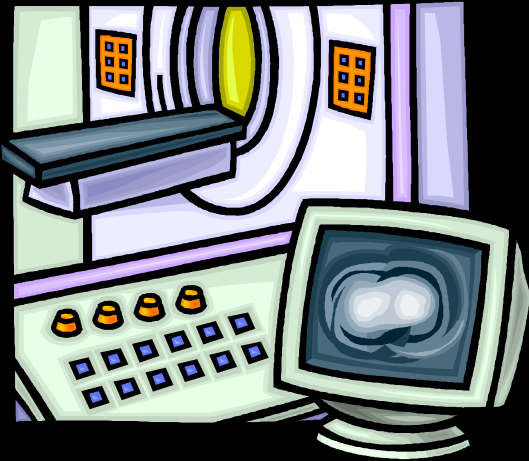
- **Room 254**

# Additional Resources

## ■ College Search Materials

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- College catalogs
- View books
- Campus CDs or DVDs
- College search software
- Admission applications
- Information on every college in the U.S. and most international
- College admission testing registration information
- College admissions officers



# More Resources

## ■ Scholarship & financial aid information

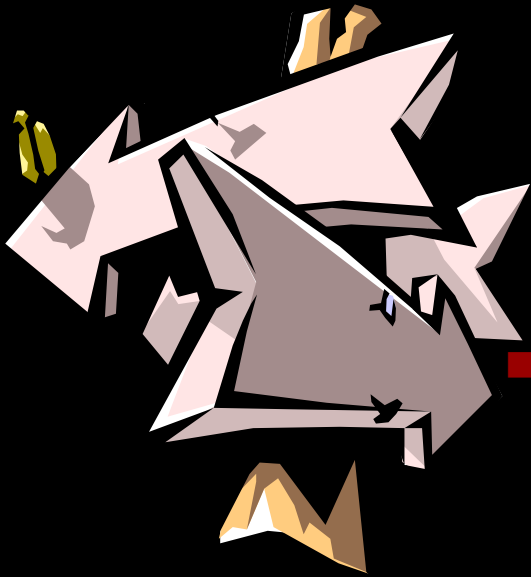
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- Online scholarship search - FREE on Family Connection
- Scholarship books
- Scholarship applications
- FAFSA information

(register January of SR. yr.)

## ■ Career information

- Details on entry level requirements for all jobs, including earnings and related jobs
- Career Guides/Handbooks
- Resume writing guides
- Job bank



# College & Career Center Late Nights

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**The CCC is open on the following Tuesdays from  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

## Fall

September 7

September 21—College Planning for Jr. Parents 7:00 p.m.

October 5

October 12—CISD College Night—Lone Star Convention Center

October 26

November 2—SPE Engineering Fair@TWHS 6-9 p.m.

November 9

November 17

December 14

# Spring

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- February 1
- February 15
- March 8
- April 12

# TIPS FOR SOPHOMORE YEAR

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- Get involved in an organization
- Get on Family Connection and do the interest inventory and careers exploration
- Turn in homework and make good grades  
Go to tutoring if necessary
- Get to know your counselor

# Sophomores--HOB Y

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- Sophomores are eligible for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Award. One sophomore student from each school in the nation will be chosen for this prestigious leadership camp, held in the spring.
- Students are nominated by a teacher or counselor.

# Tip # 7

## Ask Lots of Questions

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# THANKS FOR COMING!

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## GO HIGHLANDERS!!