

# SENIOR INFORMATION CLASS OF 2020



# Senior Activities



**Senior Dues – Pay before February**

**Senior Prom – April 25**

**Senior Picnic – May 20**

**Graduation – May 21**



# Know your Counselors

<b>Stacey Moseley</b>	<b>Lead Counselor</b>
Kimm Dwyer	A-Bru
Brittany Darden	Brv-Doc
Tracie Turner	Dod-Grig
Keisha Clarke	Grih-Jor
Angie McNeal	Jos-Mars
Jane Iribarren	Mart-Oz
Emily Bethell	P-Sae
Amy Hollie	Saf-Tes
Tiffani Jaqua	Tet-Z
Kassidy Villegas	College and Career

# School Communication

- **Parent Access Center**
- **Canvas**
- **Naviance**

- **Progress Reports – every 3 weeks**
- **Report Cards – every 9 weeks**

- **Principal's Newsletter "Highlander Happenings"**
- **Counselor's Corner – Website**
- **Emails, Phone calls, Parent Teacher Conferences**



# Single Sign On

- ▶ Students will now use the Single Sign On (SSO) to access CISD applications from home
- ▶ <https://sso.conroeisd.net/>
- ▶ Use their CISD username & password
- ▶ Will be able to access Canvas, CISD Google Drive, textbooks, etc..  
Through the SSO

# Student Log Ins through Single Sign On





CISD SSO Portal

Conroe ISD - Home Binder







Logged in as [User Name]

## Favorite Apps

**Mark Favorite Apps**


-   
Student Access Center
-   
Google Drive
-   
Canvas
-   
Naviance Students



## CISD Apps

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Canvas
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Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
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Pearson EasyBridge
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Discovery Education
-   
Edgenuity Students
-   
Office 365





# Canvas: Calendar


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
Today   September 2016


Week **Month** Agenda Scheduler +


 Account


 Dashboard

 Courses

 Groups

 Calendar

 Inbox

 Help

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29 Chap 1-5, Foldable  My Home  Overview of Functions – Day 2 WS	30 About Me Collage  Discuss Chapters 1-5 and finish worksheets  12:00a Read Ch 5; HW: pg 91 (13, 14, 31, 34, 41) 1:20a Early American History Packet (Red) Unit 1 Quiz (first 2 days) Unit 1 Applications WS; A Generic Function/Calculator WS	31 Discuss Chapters 1-5 and finish worksheets  TEKS Key words  Early American History Packet (Green) Safety-Quiz Unit 1 Quiz (first 2 days) Unit 1 Applications WS; A Generic Function/Calculator WS	1 Assign Chapter 6 questions Due: Nobel Prize, Discuss Chp 1-6 12:00a Barrons Topic 1-3 Review 12:00a QUIZ!!! Ch 3-5 Unit 1 Review WS Algebra Review – Factoring Cubes	2 Assign Chapter 6 questions Due: Nobel Prize, Discuss Chp 1-6 Unit 1 Review WS Algebra Review – Factoring Cubes	3
4	5 HOLIDAY  Labor Day! No School :)	6 Chp 6 Ques, Skin Diagram, Finish all 12:00a 1.3 & 1.6 12:00a Ch 3-5 Free Response Exam (45 min)	7 Chp 6 Ques, Skin Diagram, Finish all	8 Due: Ques 6 and Skin Diagram Assign Baseball Review for Test 12:00a Ch 3-5 Multiple Choice Exam 12:00a READ CH 6 - MOST important ch in the book	9 Due Ques 6 and Skin Diagram Assign Baseball Review for Test	10

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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

Calendars

Advanced Interior Design A

Anatomy and Physiology H A

English III DC A

Physics H A

Piwonka Master Course

PreCalculus PreAP A

Statistics AP A

R3

Undated items

Calendar Feed

# Parent Access Center

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New Look!

Canvas Log In:

Use same email and password as PAC

Receive a daily text when an assignment score is entered or updated.

Receive an email when an assignment score is inputted or updated.

Registration

Student		Grade	12	Cohort	2020
Counselor	Darden, B C	Homeroom	407	HR Teacher	Elder, M J

Attendance

Early Checkout / Late Checkin Hours	0	Semester 1 Absences	0
Total Absences	0	Tardies	0
		Semester 2 Absences	0

Transportation

Bus Routes

Bus To School	3088	Stop Time	6:18	Route	AM
Bus From School	3088	Stop From	3:07	Route From	PM

Emergency Information

Physician	
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Other Information

Lunch Money Available	\$3.50 (08/19/2019)
Student ID	
Student Username	
TX Student Portal Access Code	
Naviance	Family Connection
Email Contacts	
Calendars	Progress Report and UIL Eligibility Calendar • 2019-20 School Calendar
Last Login	8/14/2019 7:01:00 PM

PAC Log In:

Register at

[www.pac.conroeisd.net](http://www.pac.conroeisd.net)

Student ID# needed to register

Student ID and User name



# Graduation Requirements

- ▶ **Complete the required 26 credits**  
Senior Credit letters will be sent home by the end of September for all senior students.
- ▶ **Pass 5 EOC tests-Alg I, Bio, Eng I & II, US History**  
Retests are offered in December and other designated times throughout the year

# Evening Tutorials 2019-2020

- ▶ **Math & Science tutoring provided by TWHS teachers.**
- ▶ Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning August 27, 2019, between 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Room 302
- ▶ Students must sign in on the iPad
- ▶ Bring something to work on while there
- ▶ Come and go as needed



# Advanced Placement Tests 2019-2020

**Both Steps Must be completed.**

## Step 1: Register

- ▶ [myap.collegeboard.org](http://myap.collegeboard.org)
- ▶ Enter join codes for each subject
- ▶ See Mrs. Shepard in Grade Level Office for the join code if you are taking an exam only test
- ▶ Students must enter their CISD Student ID in their Profile

## Step 2: Pay

- ▶ SchoolCashOnline – Webstore (not available for purchase at this time)
- ▶ \$100/ exam (\$55/exam for Free & Reduced)
- ▶ Pay for Fall semester and Exam Only courses by November 3, 2019
  - ▶ Fall Semester & Exam Only will have a \$40 late fee applied after the November 3, 2019 deadline.
- ▶ Pay for ½ credit spring semester classes in January (Government, Macroeconomics, Human & Psychology)

**Deadline is  
November 3,  
2019, with no  
Penalty**



# GPA Exemptions

- **Recommended for juniors and seniors with a 4.0 GPA or higher (weighted) who participate in activity based classes.**
- Must be 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of a course with “B” average
- Course is excluded from GPA calculation
- See your counselor for more information and an application during Course Registration.
- **Deadline is September 6, 2019 for fall semester**





# Upcoming Counselor Guidance Lessons in Wednesday Advisories

- ▶ **Sept 11:** Introduction of Breathing effectively on Wednesday announcements; For all other Wednesdays not listed below, we will continue our education in mindfulness and stress reduction.
- ▶ **September 18: Social Media** – Education about how social media can impact your life as a teenager and as an adult in the future
- ▶ **October 9: Goal Setting** – How to become a young adult before you leave TWHS and set short and long term goals
- ▶ **November 20: Motivation** – How to stay motivated to be successful whether in school, in extracurricular, or in life
- ▶ **December 11: Screen Time** – How this impacts your life; phone use, video games, tv, computers, etc.



# Upcoming Counselor Guidance Lessons in Advisories

- ▶ **Jan. 22: Self-Regulation** – How to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression
- ▶ **Feb. 19: Empathy** – How to learn to show empathy for others, along with recognition of other cultures
- ▶ **March 25: Social Skills** – How to be a good friend, how to interact with teachers, how to interact with an employer, how to interact with a college professor in the future (How to handle conflict will also be included)
- ▶ **April 15: Self Awareness** – The big finale of all the lessons; All of these concepts are intertwined to help students become more self-aware



# Post Secondary Options

Four year college

Two year college

Military

Career/Tech

Workforce

# Planning for College



**We recommend applying to:  
5 First Choice Fit Schools—5  
schools which the student  
loves, can be admitted, and  
are within the budget**



# College Research

- ▶ Use NAVIANCE STUDENT to do research.
- ▶ Is the college a good fit for your student?
- ▶ Visit the college.
- ▶ Talk to people who have gone to the colleges where your student is interested in.
- ▶ Do they offer majors and programs that interest your student?

# Campus Visits

- ▶ Students are allowed **TWO** days to visit college campuses that will not count against exemptions.
- ▶ Upon their return, they must provide our attendance office with a statement from the college on college letterhead with the date and signature from a college official.



# TWHS Resources

## ▶ NAVIANCE STUDENT

college search, essay and resume help, admissions requirements, and more!

## ▶ College and Career Center Room 251

## ▶ College Rep Visits on TWHS Campus (see the college visit schedule in Naviance Student – for students only)

## ▶ Test Prep Courses – offered through CISD

# College Rep Presentations

Students sign up in NAVIANCE  
STUDENT under the “Colleges” tab

A pass will be sent or students can  
show their registration and can  
leave class to come to the  
presentation.



# CISD College Night

- ▶ October 7
- ▶ 6:30 - 8:30pm
- ▶ Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe.
- ▶ College, Trade School, and Military representatives from all over the nation are in attendance.

# Applying to College

- ▶ Look up the college on Naviance and go directly to their admissions page. Review their admissions requirements and their applications.

- ▶ Application options:

Apply Texas: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

Common Application: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

Coalition: [www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)

Some colleges use their own direct applications



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- ▶ BEAT deadlines – Goal is Oct. 31st
- ▶ Have someone proofread the application and essay
- ▶ Have student save all log-ins and passwords on their phone
- ▶ Have SAT/ACT scores sent to the colleges from the testing agency (allow 4-6 weeks).
- ▶ Students must request transcripts to be sent to the colleges on Naviance (allow 5 school days)
- ▶ Recommendation letters are requested using forms in the CCC (allow 15 school days)

# Rank and GPA

- ▶ Rank and GPA are posted on Naviance under “About Me”.
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> semester rank and GPA will be released Sept 15<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> semester rank and GPA for mid-year reports will be released Feb 1<sup>st</sup>
- ▶ Honor graduate rank and GPA will be released at the end of Marking Period 3. **All credit earning classes are included in this rank.**



# Top 10% Rule

- ▶ Top 10% of graduating class automatically admitted to any Texas public university or college (except UT-Austin)
- ▶ Must apply with a complete application by deadline.
- ▶ Not necessarily automatically admitted to a specific major or school of interest (i.e. Engineering or Architecture, etc.)
- ▶ UT-Austin will automatically admit students who rank in top 6%



# Alternative Admissions

- ▶ Some colleges have alternative admissions programs which provide a gateway to entrance at the college

CAP—Apply to UT and start at one of their feeder schools. After 1 year, automatically get into UT Austin with certain GPA

Blinn Team—Apply to A&M and get accepted at Blinn in Bryan. After 2 years, automatically get in A&M with a certain GPA

PSA —Apply to A&M and get accepted at A&M sister schools. After one year, automatically transfer to A&M College Station with certain GPA

Gateway—Apply to Texas Tech and get into the fall class after completing summer school with a certain GPA



# Common Mistakes on College Applications

- ▶ Not Proof Reading
- ▶ Not Following Directions
- ▶ Redundancy
- ▶ Incomplete Applications
- ▶ Sending information not requested (extra letters of rec., etc.)
- ▶ Sending applications at the last minute or after the deadline
- ▶ Failure to have SAT/ACT scores sent from the testing agency
- ▶ Not checking application status to make sure all application information has been received

# Application Help

- **Students can come in to the College and Career Center during lunch, before and after school, or during their advisement, early release or late arrival times.**



# Transcripts

## Official

- ▶ Order in Naviance Student
- ▶ Signed and sealed by the registrar.
- ▶ Mailed or sent electronically by TWHS.
- ▶ Never given directly to students or parents – TEA rules.
- ▶ Includes Rank and GPA.
- ▶ No ACT or SAT scores.

## Unofficial

- ▶ Order in CCC.
- ▶ Copy of the transcript with no signature or seal.
- ▶ Not sufficient for applications.
- ▶ May be given directly to student or parent.
- ▶ There is a \$1.00 fee and you must show ID.

# Transcript Fees

- ▶ The first 3 official transcripts are provided at no charge.
- ▶ There is a \$3.00 fee for each additional transcript.
- ▶ The total bill will be calculated and totalled in the spring
- ▶ The fee for each unofficial transcript is \$1.00 payable when the transcript is requested in person in the CCC, Room 251.



# College Testing

## ► Community College placement exam (TSI)

Required for **ALL** Texas public colleges and community colleges unless exempt by SAT or ACT scores. Check with the college.

## ► SAT and ACT

Middle-End of Junior year/ Beginning of Senior Year

Students MUST request testing agency to send scores to colleges

Go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to send SAT scores to the colleges. Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to send ACT scores.

It is best to have the scores that you want by the end of junior year so that senior year can be focused on applications. Send your scores when you test to save money and time.

## ► SAT Subject Tests

Take at completion of highest level of the subject

Required for admission to some colleges and for some majors



# Counselor Requests for Letters of Recommendation / School Reports

- ▶ Student completes the **Student Brag Sheet** and **Resume** (found on CCC webpage or Naviance Student Surveys.)
- ▶ Parent completes the **Parent Brag Sheet** (also found on CCC webpage or Naviance Surveys).
- ▶ Student completes Recommendation Request with the CCC staff in Room 251 and submits for Counselor

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Allow 15 school days for processing. Most Texas public colleges do not require letters of recommendation for admissions. Special programs may have other requirements.



# NOTE:

Counselor recommendation letters are sent directly to the college or scholarship organization.

*Recommendations are processed in the order in which they are turned in and by deadlines, so turn in your materials early!*

*You can check the status of your application materials on Naviance Student.*

# Teacher Recommendations

- ▶ Student comes to the College and Career Center and picks up a **Teacher Recommendation Request Form**.
- ▶ CCC will help student fill out student section and sign where indicated.
- ▶ Student will give forms and provide envelope and stamps to the teacher if the letter must be mailed.
- ▶ Allow 15 school days for processing



# Deadline Dates

Date due :

- ▶ October 15
- ▶ November 1
- ▶ November 15
- ▶ December 1
- ▶ December 15-  
January 15

Request Materials by:

September 22  
October 11  
October 25  
November 1  
November 22



# Financial Aid

- ▶ **We will hold a Financial Aid Information Session on Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the LGI.**
- ▶ Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) after October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is application for grants, student loans, parent loans, and many college scholarships. FAFSA is based on filed income taxes from up to two previous years. Website – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ▶ **FAFSA filing assistance will be available on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM in the College and Career Center with help from Lone Star College Financial Aid Office.**
- ▶ Create an FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov)

Student and at least one parent need FSA ID to act as your login and electronic signature for FAFSA.
- ▶ The CSS/Financial Aid Profile is required by many private colleges and universities. The CSS is a College Board tool; fees will apply. <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>
- ▶ TAFSA is the Texas Application for State Financial Aid if you are a Texas Resident but not eligible to complete the FAFSA due to citizenship status. [www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com)



# Scholarships

- ▶ Click on “College” tab in NAVIANCE STUDENT
- ▶ Click on “Scholarship List” at bottom of page
- ▶ Scholarships are added as we get information
- ▶ Also look on the individual colleges’ webpages for their own scholarships...these tend to be the largest monetary scholarships. Make sure you apply by scholarship deadline.
- ▶ Use national and state scholarship websites such as Fastweb, Sallie Mae, Scholly, Niche and [www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com)

# Letters of Rec/Forms for Scholarships

- ▶ Process is the same as College Application. Use the Request for Recommendation forms in the CCC and list the scholarship that you need the recommendation letter for.
- ▶ Allow 15 school days for processing.



# Community College

- ▶ Apply online in the spring by February 1
- ▶ TSI scores can be used for admission in lieu of SAT or ACT scores in Texas schools
- ▶ Confer with the college you plan to attend to complete additional testing if required
- ▶ Lone Star College reps will begin visiting our school every other week beginning Sept. 19th

# Career Guidance

- ▶ Go to the Careers tab in the NAVIANCE STUDENT program.
- ▶ Start by completing the Career Interest Profiler to see what careers you are interested in.
- ▶ Student can explore careers and see videos in the Road Trip Nation



# NCAA and NAIA Clearinghouses

- ▶ If you plan on playing sports in college, you must register with NCAA and NAIA Clearinghouses if it is Division I and II sports. This should have been done junior year.
- ▶ Register on [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) or <http://www.playnaia.org>
- ▶ Eligibility is determined by SAT/ACT scores and by GPA in certain core classes.
- ▶ SAT/ACT scores must be sent to the NCAA and/or NAIA as well as any colleges you plan on attending, be sure to choose them as a recipient.

# How can parents help?

- ▶ Make sure your child completes his/her own application and essays. It is obvious to colleges when students have not written the essays.
- ▶ Remind student about deadlines. Have them make a checklist which includes admissions requirements, application requirements, and deadlines. They should also make a list of contact information and log-in information
- ▶ Reduce your stress level – keep things in perspective.
- ▶ Read emails from the CCC as they come out
- ▶ Make your student responsible for all calls and e-mails sent to the college. Colleges want to hear from students.
- ▶ When in doubt about outside programs, e-mail the CCC.



**Information in this presentation  
on the school webpage in  
“Counselor Corner.”**