

Senior Activities

Senior Dues – Pay before February

Senior Prom – April 25

Senior Picnic – May 20

Graduation – May 21

Know your Counselors

Stacey Moseley	Lead Counselor
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

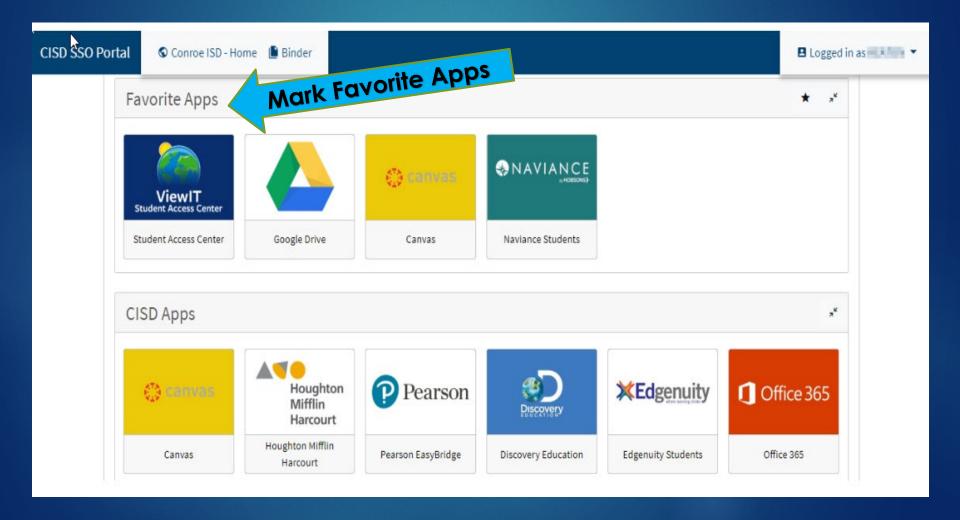
School Communication

- **▶** 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

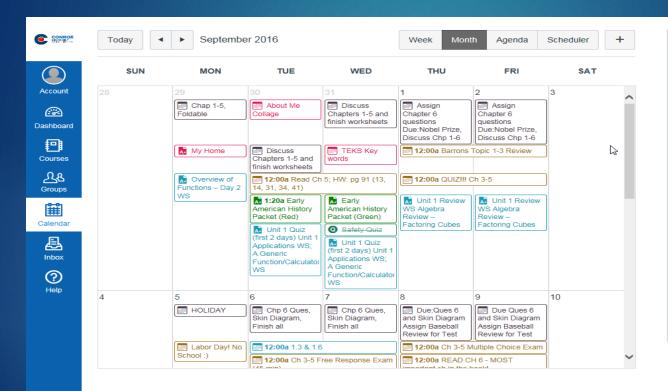
Single Sign On

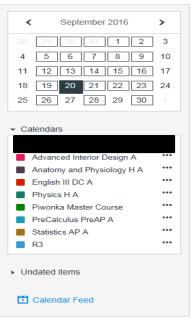
- Students will now use the Single Sign On (SSO) to access CISD applications from home
- https://sso.conroeisd.net/
- Use their CISD username & password
- Will be able to access Canvas, CISD Google Drive, textbooks, etc.. Through the SSO

Student Log Ins through Single Sign On

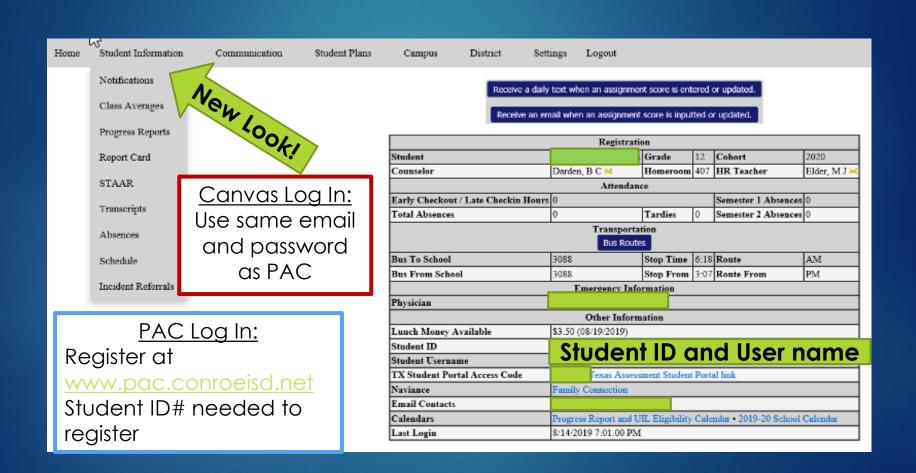


Canvas: Calendar





Parent Access Center



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
- 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

Deadline is November 3, 2019, with no Penalty

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)

GPA Exemptions



- Recommended for juniors and seniors with a 4.0 GPA or higher (weighted) who participate in activity based classes.
- Must be 3rd or 4th 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

Common Application: www.commonapp.org

Coalition: 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".
- 6th semester rank and GPA will be released Sept 15th
- 7th semester rank and GPA for mid-year reports will be released Feb 1st
- 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 <u>ALL</u> 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 to send SAT scores to the colleges. Go to 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 <u>school</u> 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. 28th at 9:00 AM in the LGI.
- Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) after October 1st. 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
- ► FAFSA filing assistance will be available on Oct. 24th 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
 - 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 eligibile to complete the FAFSA due to citizenship status. 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

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 <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u> or <u>http://www.playnaia.org</u>
- 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."