

JUNIOR INFORMATION SESSION

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS:

Register and take the SAT and/or ACT before the end of your junior year

SAT DATES:

Registration deadline:

April 8, 2011

May 6, 2011

Test Date:

May 7, 2011

June 4, 2011

ACT DATES

Registration:

March 4, 2011

May 6, 2011

Test Date:

April 9, 2011

June 11, 2011

SAT Website: www.collegeboard.com

ACT website: www.actstudent.org

Both websites have practice tests, questions or words of the day and other helpful information. See the handout: "Worksheet on Differences between SAT and ACT." Choose the best test for you and prepare for it. If you do not do well, then take the other one the next time. If you still have not met the required score for the college you are applying to, then concentrate on the test you did better on. Sending the scores is free for four colleges. Don't waste money; send the scores to your top schools at the time you register for the test. (If you re-test, they will use the higher scores for admissions.)

COLLEGE VISITS:

- ✓ Visit colleges during the summer break of your junior year. You need to visit at least five colleges and decide on the three you will be applying to in September of your senior year.
- ✓ Review essay questions on previous college applications and use them as a sample for when you actually start completing applications.
- ✓ Complete a resume with your accomplishments. Make copies and have them ready for when you ask a counselor or teacher to write your recommendation.

COLLEGES:

- ✓ To find out about colleges and universities in Texas, check out www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/schools or www.utexas.edu/world/univ/state/.
- ✓ You need to get your entire college search completed before you come back from summer break.
- ✓ Carefully research colleges to find the best fit for you. Just because your friends are going to a certain college or your parents graduated from that school doesn't necessarily mean it is right for you.
- ✓ For colleges of interest, research admission requirements, the cost, size of campus, and other information at www.collegeboard.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- ✓ A handout on scholarship websites will be given to you so you can do research during your summer break. Compile a list to revisit your senior year when you are eligible to apply.
- ✓ Check the [EHS Knightwire](#) website at for scholarship information which is updated monthly. There are scholarships available for juniors. Refer to the Helpful Websites handout for resources for scholarships online.

