

ESTACADO SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME 2020 SENIORS: Your academic counselors hope you are getting off to a great start this school year and are looking forward to working with you, wishing you a successful year. Many opportunities await you after graduation—college, technical college, military, etc. We encourage all of you to consider educational training past high school to better prepare you for your adult life.

First Job as a Senior: Making sure you have all the courses/credits required to graduate for your graduation plan (minimum, recommended, or distinguished) and make sure you are in the correct classes by visiting with your counselor. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY is to know how many credits you have and what requirements you need to graduate this year. To be successful this year, you must stay caught up, pass all your classes, have good attendance, and *keep the end in mind - graduation* on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: You will be receiving specific details on how to ask for letters of recommendation needed for college or scholarship applications, what is required from you, and if you will need to request a letter. Please give teachers, counselors, and any other school personnel such as administrators at least two to three weeks advanced notice that you need a letter of recommendation from them. **No letters of recommendation are written the first or last 6 weeks of school.**

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Check the “SCHOLARSHIP” bulletin board, website, Google Classroom and the counseling office for updated information on scholarship offers often. The counselor’s office and Mrs. Carroll may have forms and information will also be announced to your English and/or government and economics classes.
- Scholarships will be announced by dates on the Google Classroom and on morning announcements when available.
- Also, check with your counselor about additional scholarship information. It is up to you to apply for scholarships. Some of the best sources are:

www.fastweb.com

www.nelnet.com

www.NASE.org (Quick Links - scholarship)

www.aie.org

www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/aid/faidalphabet.php

www.collegetoolkit.com, and

www.collegeforalltexans.com

- Remember, **you NEVER pay for a scholarship** or for another to find you a scholarship!

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES: Yes, now is the time to submit your application! Complete all applications *before Thanksgiving* for meeting most college/university deadlines. Remember, **housing applications** are separate from admission applications and **MUST** be submitted early for best choices!!

Check out each **college's website** so you know their application and admission requirements, *deadlines*, and whether they accept the “ApplyTexas” application (<https://www.applytexas.org>) or prefer the Common Application, better known as the “CommonApp,” (<https://www.commonapplication.org>). Most all public colleges in Texas will accept and prefer the ApplyTexas, common application for Texas public colleges. Be sure you know if the college to which you are applying requires an essay as well. Save all your admission applications and essays to reuse in some form without having to completely redo them. Ask your **English IV** teacher to help.

KEEPING SENIORS INFORMED

Newsletters—will be made available once-a-month on paper through senior English classes and on the EHS web page at www.ehs.lubbockisd.org. The newsletter will contain information regarding upcoming dates, college information, financial aid/scholarship information, career information, and more. Stay informed!! For any questions you have during the year, feel free to contact your academic alpha counselor.

Announcements for seniors—will be made frequently. Listen carefully!!!
 Google Classroom for Seniors-keep up with the site!

Assemblies and classroom visits—During the month of September, visits will be made to senior Government/Eco classes. The LEARN counselor and your counselor will review with you college applications, recommendation letters, resumes, transcripts, financial aid and other important information. **L.E.A.R.N. Educational Talent Search** is a nonprofit organization funded by the U. S. Dept. of Education and **free financial aid counseling** is provided to students/parents. LEARN will provide a financial aid counselor Gloria Salazar who will be able to meet with you during the school day to discuss financial aid, college applications, and scholarship information. *A release form to see the LEARN counselor is required.*

The Senior Handbook will be made available to you online. If you do not have access to a computer at home, you may access it through the use of computers in the CIS Center and/or Estacado Library. The handbook includes information and calendar dates on all senior-level tests (SAT, ACT, TSI, AP, and STAAR), information for seniors, college preparation, career and military opportunities, and paying for college. *READ to stay informed.*

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

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| TODAY | English IV class visits |
| Thursday, Sept 19 | Senior Parent College 101 Information Night and Financial Aid Info Night in the Library 5:30 PM |
| Monday, Oct 7 | 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM - College and Career Night at the United Supermarkets Arena |
| Friday, Sept 27 | End of 1 st 6 weeks |
| Week of Oct 7 - 11 | Homecoming |
| Friday, Oct 11 | Senior Breakfast, Lubbock Country Club, \$17 |
| Wednesday, Oct 16 | PSAT Test date/TSI test for seniors |

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| T.B.A. | L.E.A.R.N. counselor on campus in the Counseling Office. Must sign up for a time in the LEARN notebook in the counseling office. Ms. Salazar will only pull you from your electives, so choose your times wisely. |
| Friday, Nov 1 | End of 2nd 6 weeks |
| Nov 11 – 15 | Finalize and submit all college applications with housing and scholarship apps , as necessary if not already submitted |
| Friday, Dec 20 | End of 3 rd 6 weeks/End of Semester 1 |
| Saturday, May 23 | May Graduation at the United Supermarkets Arena, 8:30 AM |

NCAA & NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTERS:

College Bound Student Athletes need to register with the NCAA and /or NAIA if planning to play Division I or II intercollegiate or NAIA athletics. You may register for NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.org. For NAIA, register at www.playnaia.org. Be sure to bring Copy 1 and 2 of the transcript request forms to your alpha counselor. When registering for the SAT or ACT, always request that your scores be sent to the NCAA and/or the NAIA if you are serious about playing college athletics. See Mr. Shepard for more information.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING—ACT and SAT

Colleges/Universities require that you take the SAT Reasoning Test and/or ACT as part of the application procedure. Many colleges accept either ACT or SAT; however, some colleges specify which test they prefer. It is a good idea to take both test and if time permits, retake the one you scored highest on. The SAT Subject Tests consists of various subject tests and are required by some colleges/universities. Visit the web for information, study guides, and to register on-line-- www.actstudent.org and www.sat.collegeboard.com . **It is your responsibility to know admission requirements for the colleges to which you are applying!**

ACT** CALENDAR

www.actstudent.org

Test Date:

Oct. 26
Dec. 14
Feb. 8
April 4
June 13

SAT CALENDAR

www.collegeboard.com

Test Date:

Oct. 5
Nov. 2
Dec. 7
March 14
May 2
June 6