

Senior Newsletter, August 2008

Seniors of 2009,

Welcome back! You are finally Seniors! Your counselors are excited about this upcoming year and we are planning some great events for you to help you prepare for life after high school. Frequently, you will be receiving email reminders about college visits, scholarship opportunities, and anything “Senior”. Please keep your email address updated with your counselor. In addition, visit the FMHS counseling website often for information. Our address is: <http://fmhs.lisd.net/counseling>. Information about requesting transcripts, earning extra credits, careers, scholarships, college, etc. can be found on this site.

September Timeline

- Apply to colleges! Go to www.applytexas.org if you are applying to any Texas public university or to www.commonapp.org if you are applying to many U.S. private colleges or universities.
- Apply for scholarships! This should be a part-time job. A couple hours of filling out applications and writing essays could be worth **THOUSANDS** of dollars!
- Give recommendation forms to teachers & counselors **two weeks** in advance of the date you need them.
- Retake the SAT and/or ACT if necessary.
- Check deadlines for college, scholarship, and housing applications.
- Sign up for college visits at FMHS.

Important Dates

Sept. 15—Senior Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m., FMHS Auditorium

Learn how to help your senior through the college, scholarship & financial aid process.

Sept. 17&18—Senior Meetings

Counselors will meet with seniors to go over college, scholarship & financial aid process.

Sept. 23—Nortex College Fair, 6:30 p.m. at UNT. College reps from all over the U.S.

Oct. 15—Performing & Visual Arts College Fair, 7:00—9:00 p.m. at SMU’s Owen Fine Arts Center.

TAKS Retest Dates

Tuesday, Oct. 21—ELA

Wednesday, Oct. 22—Math

Thursday, Oct. 23—Science

Friday, Oct. 24—Social Studies



Scholarships

Wendy’s Heisman—Open to Seniors who excel in academics, athletics, and student leadership. Must have a “B” average. Awards at all levels—school to national, up to \$10,000. Apply online at www.wendysheisman.com by Oct. 1st.

Horatio Alger—Open to Seniors who intend to pursue a bachelor’s degree, have critical financial need (\$50,000 or lower adjusted gross income per family), involvement in co-curricular & community service activities, 2.0 g.p.a., U.S. citizen. Apply online at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships by Oct. 30th.

Emory Scholars Program—Merit-based scholarship for Emory University. Covers 2/3 to full tuition. Must be nominated by counselor. See Ms. Lewis if you are interested in attending Emory and would like to be nominated.

NYU Steinhardt School of Education Future Educator Scholarship— Merit & need based scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 annually. Must be nominated by counselor. See Ms. Lewis if you are interested in majoring in Education at NYU.

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College Classroom Visit Schedule (Must register for these in the counseling office)

Date	Time	College	Meeting Room
9/15	1:30 p.m.	Messiah College	1225
9/16	9:30 a.m.	Creighton University	1225
9/17	9:00 a.m.	Maryville University	1225
9/18	9:00 a.m.	Pomona College	1225
9/18	11:00 a.m.	Purdue University	1225
9/18	1:30 p.m.	Bradley University	1225
9/19	1:00 p.m.	Notre Dame University	1225
9/22	1:00 p.m.	Elon University	1225
9/23	9:30 a.m.	University of Colorado – Boulder	Access Lab Library
9/23	1:00 p.m.	Vanderbilt University	Access Lab Library
10/1	10:30 a.m.	Duke University	1225
10/10	12:30 p.m.	Lafayette College	1225
10/16	10:30 a.m.	Southern Methodist University	1225

College Lunch Visit Schedule

DATE	COLLEGE
9/8	University of Alabama
9/16	University of Arkansas
9/17	Kansas State University
9/24	Schreiner University