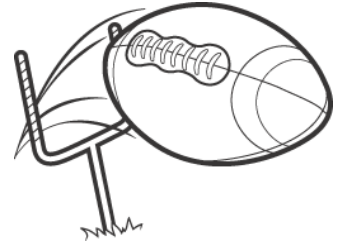


SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

- **Check with the colleges & scholarships you are applying for to see if they require SAT/ACT scores. Test scores may be optional for admissions but required for scholarships.**
- Students that qualify for free & reduced lunch can pick up a Fee Waiver for the SAT & ACT tests in the Counselors' Office.
- **Remember to contact the college or university you are planning to attend to check on TSIA-2 requirements.**
- NCAA- If you plan to participate in collegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II college or university, you need to register with the NCAA.
- **Application Deadlines to remember**
 - **Texas A&M- College Station- Early Action Engineering Deadline: 10/15/2022**
 - Regular Admission: 12/1/2022
 - **University of Texas-Austin- Early Action: 11/1/2022**
 - Regular Admission: 12/1/2022
 - **Rice- Early Decision: 11/1/2022**
 - Regular Admission: 1/4/2023
 - **TCU- Early Action: 11/1/2022**
 - Regular Admission: 2/1/2023
 - **Baylor- Early Action (non-binding): 11/1/2022**
 - Regular Admission: 2/1/2023
 - **Southern Methodist University- Regular Admission: 1/15/2023**

College Days

- Seniors have two days they can miss high school to visit colleges.
- You must pick up a form in the Counselors' Office prior to visiting the college, get it signed by your parents & a college representative.
- This form has to be turned in to the front office upon return to school.

You must sign-up for the SAT & ACT online at their website. It's not something we have sign-ups for in our office. If you need help, bring your Chromebook to us & we can help you. See more registration info below:

SAT Dates

**Cost- \$60

- ☑ 10/1; register by 9/2, late by 9/20
- ☑ 11/5; register by 10/7, late by 10/25
- ☑ 12/3; register by 11/3, late by 11/22
- ☑ 3/11; register by 2/10, late by 2/28
- ☑ 5/6; register by 4/7, late by 4/25
- ☑ 6/3; register by 5/4, late by 5/23

Register for a test online at www.collegeboard.org

ACT Dates

**Cost- \$63, \$88 with writing

- ☑ 10/22; register by 9/16, late by 9/30
- ☑ 12/10; register by 11/4, late by 11/11
- ☑ 2/11; register by 1/6, late by 1/20
- ☑ 4/15; register by 3/10, late by 3/24
- ☑ 6/10; register by 5/5, late by 5/19
- ☑ 7/15; register by 6/16, late by 6/23

Register for a test online at www.actstudent.org

Scholarships/Loans

📍The Thurgood Marshall College Fund has a variety of scholarships available.

Deadlines vary from October 1st to October 10th. Apply now at <https://www.tmcf.org/students-alumni/scholarships/open-scholarships/>.

📍Wendy's High School Heisman is recognizing outstanding male & female high school students who excel in Academics, Athletics, & Leadership. Seniors can apply now at <https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com>. The deadline is October 18, 2022.

📍Golden Door Scholars is an organization that provides large college scholarships, career and fellowship support, mentorship, and community-building opportunities for undocumented students. The application is open now & the deadline is 10/23/22. Go to <https://www.goldendoorscholars.org/apply-now>

📍The Coca-Cola Scholars Program gives out \$3.55 million in scholarships to high school seniors each year. The application deadline is 10/31/22. Go to <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/the-process/>

📍The Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship has awarded \$250 million in scholarships since 2000. The deadline is 11/17/2022. Go to www.jkcf.org for more info.

📍The Women's Energy Network of Houston are pleased to sponsor one-time awards to exemplary high school senior girls from the greater Houston area. Each year, YWE awards ten (10) young women a one-time \$10,000 scholarship to pursue a degree in STEM. The deadline is 10/23/22. Apply at <https://www.womensenergynetwork.org/Houston/Programs/Scholarships/Houston/Programs/Scholarships.aspx?hkey=4b016426-a348-4782-a6c5-5c2ab76de609>.

***You can search for **LOTS** of random scholarships at studentscholarships.org. They have different categories of

How to get Transcripts

- The easiest way to request a transcript is to email our assistant Tracy Coates at tracycoates@hjisd.net.
- You can also request transcripts in the Counselors' Office. Fill out the form & place it in the basket on the black bookshelf.
- Each paper transcript cost \$2. You **MUST** pay for these **BEFORE** you order them.
- Electronic transcripts are free. We can send electronic transcripts to MOST colleges in Texas.
- Mrs. Coates, our assistant, handles all transcript requests.
- Students can pick them up approx. 24 hours after requesting them.
- If you have any questions, email Tracy Coates at tracycoates@hjisd.net.

Balfour Information for Graduation

Balfour will visit with the seniors at school soon about caps, gowns, class rings, invitations & other items they have for sale in regards to senior year & graduation. They will give each student a packet & leave extras at the front office. You are also welcome to stop by Balfour's office located at 1320 Interstate 10 Access Rd, Beaumont, TX 77707, (409) 842-5324.

Operation Graduation

Operation Graduation is ran completely by seniors & their parents. It is a safe way to celebrate graduation after the ceremony for seniors. For more information, follow their page on Facebook & sign-up to receive their Remind messages:

[Facebook](#)- Hardin-Jefferson Class of 2023

[Remind](#)- opgrad23

Op Grad is **NOT hosted by school staff. We do not have any answers regarding Op Grad Info- sorry!

Helpful Financial Aid Websites

Where to go to fill out The FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

7 Things you need before filling out the 2022-2023 FAFSA

<https://studentaid.gov/articles/things-you-need-for-fafsa/>

FAFSA Tips & Common Mistakes to Avoid:
https://www.nasfaa.org/fafsa_tips

7 Easy Steps to the FAFSA:
<https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/fafsasimplification/index.html>

****The Financial Aid Application opens October 1st****

About the SAT

- ❖ Gives you more time per question than the ACT
- ❖ Good for strength in vocabulary & comprehension
- ❖ SAT reading questions are generally easier to follow because they are in chronological order
- ❖ Two math sections- one you can use a calculator & one you cannot
- ❖ Most math questions are multiple choice with four choices
- ❖ There are also 13 grid-in answers with no multiple-choice options
- ❖ Provides a list of basic formulas

Helpful Websites

<https://new.cappex.com/register/scholarship/info/> - more than \$11 Billion in Scholarships available

www.applytexas.org - where to apply for Texas colleges

www.chegg.com - get homework help, find internships & jobs

www.scholarships.com - free scholarship search

www.number2.com - online test preps that include free sample test & free "questions of the day"

www.collegeforalltexans.com - a one stop source of information to help students and parents plan, apply, and pay for college in Texas

www.khanacademy.com - a personalized learning resource for all students

About the ACT

- ★ You will have to answer more reading questions in less time, but they are less intensive
- ★ Good for strength in grammar, punctuation & sentence structure
- ★ You can use a calculator on the entire math section
- ★ All math questions are multiple choice with five possible choices
- ★ Does not provide any formulas
- ★ The ACT has a science section
- ★ Take the ACT if you prefer to answer more questions that require less thought

**More info available at <https://shorelight.com/student-stories/what-is-the-difference-between-the-act-and-sat/>



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