

# Senior Parent Meeting

What's next?

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Graduation Plans and Requirements
- Mega Lunch
- EOC Testing
- Exemption Policy
- College Planning
- SAT, ACT, TSI, AP Exams
- Paying for College
- Free/Reduced Lunch Application

# Introductions

- Pat Hartnett- Counselor (A-F)
- Gini Lott- Counselor (G-Ma)
- Elizabeth Ward- Counselor (Mc-P)
- Lindsay Fuller- Counselor (Q-Z)
- Morgan Eary- CIS
- Lety Gudino- CIS

# Need more information?

For lots of information throughout the year, follow the WHS counseling team on Instagram and Twitter!



*@RooCounselors*



# Dates to Remember

- 🍷 Prom - Spring, 2018 (date TBA)
- 🍷 CTE Awards Ceremony - May 10, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
- 🍷 Honors Banquet - May 17, 2018
- 🍷 Baccalaureate - Sunday, June 3, 2018 @ 3:00 PM
- 🍷 Senior Awards Assembly - May, 2018 (date TBA)
- 🍷 Graduation - Monday, June 4, 2018 @ Ft. Worth Convention Center

# Graduation Plan

- Students will need 26 credits to graduate
  - Foundation Plan with Multidisciplinary Endorsement
  - Foundation Plan with Arts and Humanities Endorsement
  - Foundation Plan with Business and Industry Endorsement
  - Foundation Plan with Public Service Endorsement
  - Foundation Plan with STEM Endorsement



# Courses & GPA

- ☞ AP Courses- College readiness course, prepares for the AP exam, and awards on 5.5 scale
- ☞ Pre-AP Courses- More rigorous than a regular course, prepares students for AP courses, and awards on 5.0 scale.
- ☞ Dual Credit Courses- College courses offered at WHS, online, and at Weatherford College over the summer and awards on 5.0 scale.
- ☞ PASS Courses- Used for credit recovery. No GPA points.
- ☞ RISE Courses- Flexible alternative form of education for at-risk students. No GPA points.

\*GPA and Rank are recalculated at the end of each semester

\*For Skyward Family Access, please fill out the form.

\*For paper copies of progress reports and report cards, see your counselor.

# Tutorial Opportunities

- Mega Lunch- A & B Block Tutorials



# EOC Testing

- Algebra 1
  - Biology
  - English 1
  - English 2
  - U.S. History
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- Retesting- summer, December, spring
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- Interventions are offered in class and during Mega Lunch.

# Exemption Policy

## ☛ Attendance

- ☛ No more than 3 unexcused absences per class.
- ☛ 3 tardies= 1 absence
- ☛ The following codes in Skyward are unexcused for exemption purposes :

A, N-EN, U-U, U-UP, U-UT

- ☛ Grade - 80 or higher

## ☛ Other Rules

- ☛ No ISS, OSS, or BRIDGE
- ☛ No fines or fees
- ☛ Must be here on exam days

	Fall Semester Exams a Student May Exempt:	Spring Semester Exams a Student May Exempt:
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3	3
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4	4
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5	5
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6	8

# College Planning

- Start researching colleges and entry requirements
- Seniors will be allowed to take 2 college days per year, with proper documentation. Make an appointment! Recommended Date: April 12, 2018
- College Fair at WHS- October 24th 1-3 p.m.
- Community Service- Superintendent's Volunteer Service Award
  - 50+ hours of community service
  - Awarded cord to wear at graduation

# College Applications

- Apply Texas - [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)  
Any Texas public college/university and some private
- Common Application - [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
National public and some private colleges/universities

# College Planning

- SAT/ACT- Sign up
- Dates and info on the WHS web page under Guidance & Counseling
- Texas Success Initiative (TSI)- test required for dual credit courses, required by some colleges. Weatherford College offers it by appointment, \$25. WHS will be offering it in the spring.

# College Admission Essay

- When given the option, complete all essays.
- Let the admissions officer KNOW you.
- Get feedback from family, friends, or teachers.

**Proofread, proofread, proofread!**



# Transcripts

- You can stop by E-229 (PASS office) to request a transcript
  - They are FREE!
  - 24-hour turnaround
- Final transcripts will be automatically sent out in June
  - There will be a form to complete in late spring.

# Letters of Recommendation

- ✎ Request from someone who really knows you
- ✎ Talk about specific hardship and/or unique achievements
- ✎ Make requests well before deadlines

# Paying for College

- FAFSA- Required for those seeking financial aid - grants, loans, and scholarships. Opens this Saturday!
- TASFA- Available to non-citizens or students that do not qualify for the FAFSA.
- Scholarships:
  - E-scholarships USA  
Login: weatherford      Password: weatherford
  - Check often in the Counseling Center for scholarship applications

# Acceptance Letter

- Take a selfie with acceptance letter
- Post at #RoosGoTo and #your college, technical school, or military branch



# Free/Reduced Lunch

- Apply online or on paper
- Assists with: ACT, SAT, TSI, AP, college application fees, dual credit tuition, parking pass fees, and breakfast and lunch prices.

Questions?