

# Welcome Parents!

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# Simplify the College Planning Process

College/postsecondary opportunities exist for everyone. These four steps can help simplify the planning process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AB-5dCFQrs>



# First Steps

- ▶ Understand Admissions factors
- ▶ Learn about testing requirements
- ▶ Explore college/postsecondary options
- ▶ Develop a financial plan



# Step 1: What Colleges Consider for Admissions

## Primary Factors

- ▶ Quality/Rigor of Academic Courses
- ▶ Academic Performance/Grades
- ▶ Test Scores (SAT, ACT, AP, IB, etc.)
- ▶ Extra-Curricular Activities

## Additional Factors

Essays

Letters of Recommendation

Demonstrated interest



# Grades and Coursework

Your high school academic record is one of the most important factors in college admission.

## Colleges look at the following:

- ▶ Course Selection: Challenge yourself with a rigorous course load and high level classes, including Pre-AP, AP, IB, Dual Credit, and UT OnRamps courses.
- ▶ Grades: Every year counts, starting with freshman year
- ▶ GPA trends/Class Rank: Keep improving throughout high school

Do you know your GPA/ Class Rank?

Students should see the Registrar before school, at lunch and after school for their GPA and Class Rank.



# Other Considerations

- ▶ Essays, Essays, Essays
  - Demonstrating writing ability and self-expressions
  - A demonstrated interest that shows your enthusiasm for the colleges to which you're applying
  - Common App Writing Prompts
- ▶ Extracurricular activities, including participation in sports, performing/visual arts, volunteering, etc.
- ▶ Community involvement, part-time work or internship
- ▶ Interview (if applicable)
- ▶ Positive recommendations from educators and mentors



# Step 2 About Testing SAT/ACT

- ▶ SAT measures what you know and how well you apply that knowledge.
- ▶ SAT has two sections: Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and Math.
- ▶ ACT has four sections: Reading, English, Science reasoning, and Math.

# SAT & ACT Test Dates

## SAT

Test Dates	Registration Dates
▶ August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021
▶ October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
▶ November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021
▶ December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021
▶ March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022
▶ May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
▶ June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022

SAT DATES

## ACT

Test Dates	Registration Dates
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022

ACT DATES





# PSAT and SAT

- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> –PSAT –National Merit Scholar Qualifier

**Juniors will take the PSAT October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- ▶ EPISD will be paying for all Juniors to take an SAT exam in the Spring!! You will also have another opportunity in the fall semester of your Senior year.
- ▶ Junior SAT **Test day will be on March 3rd, 2022.**

# Where will your scores take you?

	SAT CR READ	SAT Math	SAT Writing	ACT Comp.	GPA of 3.75+	Class Rank % in top 10th
▶ Baylor University	560–660	570–680	530–640	24–29	N/A	39%
▶ UT Texas–Austin	540–670	580–710	540–680	25–31	N/A	73%
▶ Texas A&M–	530–650	570–670	510–620	23–30	N/A	55%
▶ Rice University	650–750	680–780	650–760	30–34	N/A	89%
▶ Harvard	690–790	700–800	690–790	31–35	91%	95%
▶ U of San Diego	560–650	570–670	570–660	26–30	69%	41%

# Scores needed for admission

- ▶ <http://tbirdcounselingcenter.weebly.com>
  - ▶ Look under Parent Night Presentations
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# Preparing for Standardized Tests

- ▶ Review your PSAT score report and access KHAN ACADEMY  
(9 hours spent on test prep = 90+ point gain in score)  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/benefits/khan-academy-practice>
- ▶ College Board website has daily SAT questions
- ▶ The more you read, the higher your scores
- ▶ SAT section scores (200–800)–Evidence Based Reading & Writing (EBRW) & Math
- ▶ ACT scores 1–36 composite--1–36 in the 4 sections–Math, English, Reading, Science

# College Readiness Means:


Are you reading at a College Level?

Can you write a College Level Essay?

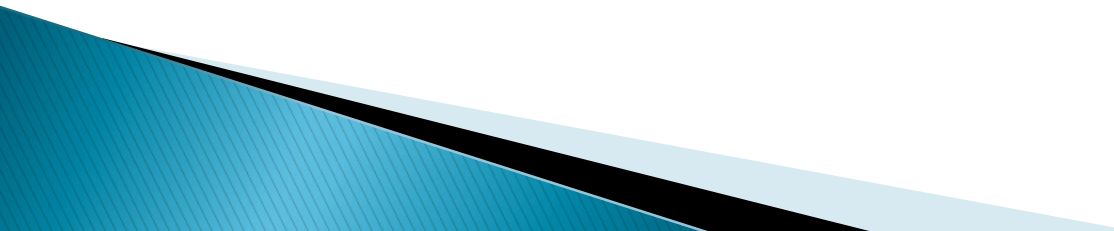
Are you ready for College Level Math?

- ▶ SAT Scores: 480 Evidence Based Reading and Writing  
530 Math
- ▶ ACT Scores: 23 Composite with a 19 in English and 19 in Math
- ▶ TSI Scores: 945 Reading Writing with essay of 5
  - 950 Math

# TSI TESTING—What is it?

- ▶ The TSI Assessment (TSIA) is part of the Texas Success Initiative program designed to help your college or university determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the general areas of reading, writing, and mathematics.
  - ▶ Areas tested include Math and Reading/Writing (multiple choice) with an Essay.
  - ▶ If you are an incoming college student in Texas, you are required to take the TSI Assessment — unless you are already exempt.
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# TSI–Testing (continued)

- ▶ All Juniors this year will take the TSI Reading/Writing test this year (unless they have SAT/ACT scores that exempt students from testing).
  - ▶ If time allows we will also try to retest those who did not meet the standard last year or those who did not take the Reading/Writing test last year.
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# Step 3: Choosing Colleges

- ▶ What to consider?
  - Academic programs
  - Financial aid and scholarship opportunities
  - Size and diversity of student body
  - Location
  - Campus life—athletics, activities, housing
  - Graduation and retention rates
  
- \*\*Most importantly, think about where you will be the most happy and successful in your college life!



# College Night

- ▶ November 3, 2021
- ▶ School Cafeteria
- ▶ 6:00 – 8:00 PM

## Campus Visits

- ▶ Visit campuses if possible
  - Take a campus tour
  - Speak with an admission counselor
  - Ask about financial aid opportunities
  - Sit in on a class of interest
  - Read the student newspaper
  - Talk to students and faculty



# College Visits at Coronado

- ▶ Hosted throughout the school year
  - Sign in the Counseling Center at least 3 days ahead
- ▶ Information will be Posted on Coronado's website

<https://www.tbirdcounselingcenter.weebly.com>

- ▶ Unable to visit campuses go to:  
[youniversitytv.com](http://youniversitytv.com)



# Applying

- ▶ Narrow and categorize your choices
  - More than likely colleges (1 or 2)
  - Good match colleges (2 to 4)
  - Reach schools (1 or 2)
- ▶ Review scholarships/financial aid
  - Is the school need based or merit based?
- ▶ Review application essays and share drafts with a trusted teacher, advisor or family member

# Get to Know Your Counselors

- ▶ **Lilia Poissant** Secretary 236-2126
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# Applying

- ▶ Ask for recommendation letters *with plenty of time!* Do not ask for a letter a day before it is due!!!!
- ▶ Request transcripts in a timely fashion...REMEMBER, your emergency is not the registrar's emergency! Give Mrs. Medrano at least one week's notice.
- ▶ Schedule interviews if needed



## Step 4: Develop a financial plan

- ▶ Know your options: grants, loans, work study, etc.
- ▶ In October of your senior year, you **MUST** begin filling out the FAFSA application. This is important even if you do not believe you will qualify. Some schools require FAFSA in order to award you any scholarship or grant
- ▶ CSS Profile: verify if your school requires this additional financial aid application. This is the one financial aid application that you pay for and you will usually apply during the first semester.

# Scholarships–

See Mrs. Uribe's Schoology page or the counseling center website

▶ **YOU CAN START NOW!!**

**[www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com)**

(create your profile, this site will search scholarships for you, the application is attached, information in your profile will automatically populate into the application)

▶ **NEVER pay to apply for a scholarship!**

▶ **GI Bills**



# What if I am not ready for a four year college?

- ▶ Explore community college as an option
- ▶ Explore technical schools
- ▶ Explore trades
- ▶ Military options





# Recap

Begin your research now!

- College Visits  
College Night November 3, 2021
- ▶ PSAT TESTING DAY – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> grade SAT March 3, 2022

# Video Clips

- ▶ <http://youcango.collegeboard.org/stories/grades/student-story/>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLASS OF 2023**



<https://band.us/@tbirds2023>

# QUESTIONS??

- ▶ This presentation can be found on the CHS Counseling center website under the Parent Night Presentation tab and on Mrs. Uribe's Schoology page
- ▶ <http://tbirdcounselingcenter.weebly.com>

Looking for Information?

# Coronado's LINKTREE



[www.linktr.ee/chstbirds](http://www.linktr.ee/chstbirds)

<https://linktr.ee/CHSTBIRDS>



Survey

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