

The Senior Success

Week of October 5– 9 Junior/Senior Handbooks will be distributed.

The following are Practical Hints & Useful Suggestions that can be used as a guide with the Junior/Senior Handbook.

Time to take an SAT or ACT if you have not already done so. Register on-line for SAT – www.collegeboard.com or ACT – www.act.org Make sure you list where to send your scores. **Hebron's school code or CEEB is 441-146.** (Handbook pages 28-29)

Applying to a Texas public college or university use the Texas Common Application at www.applytexas.org For all other colleges and university use their website for obtaining their application. Each school is different with deadlines and what is required.

PAY ATTENTION!

Begin writing your personal essay and/or resume. This should be well-written and well-thought out. Items to include in your essay/resume would be:

- Student activities, leadership positions held, and outstanding accomplishments
- Community service activities
- Academic awards, honors, and achievements
- Special educational experiences – travel, institutes, some type of private training
- Work experience – include part-time, summer employment and internships

If applications ask for recommendations, send them. If recommendations are not asked for DON'T SEND. Colleges want to see that you can follow directions. If recommendations are needed ask for recommendations early and provide the recommender with a student profile and a stamped, addressed envelope for mailing.

Housing applications and deadlines are often different from admission applications and deadlines. Make sure you check with the housing offices when applying to a school.

Official transcripts are generally required for all applications. These **MUST** be mailed directly from the high school. **THE REGISTRAR HANDLES ALL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST – NOT YOUR COUNSELOR.** Watch your application deadline and make sure you request early. Mail is unpredictable so keep that in mind. The school is closed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. No transcripts will go out during this time.

The Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) is required if enrolling in a Texas public, community, technical college or university unless you are exempt. Register for the THEA at www.thea.nesinc.com (Handbook page 30)

Money for college – look into scholarships, grants, and/or loans. Financial Aid information can be obtained from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at www.thecb.state.tx.us The Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov (Handbook pages 33-35)

Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse if you are thinking of playing sports in college. This is to be done after completing your junior year in high school. Their website is www.ncaaclearinghouse.net (Handbook page 35)

Dates to Remember:

October 23—End of the 1st nine weeks grading period.

November 5—Senior Panoramic Picture and Meeting with Jostens.

November 23-27—Thanksgiving Holiday. (Remember the school is closed during this time. No transcripts will be sent and mail pick up will not occur during these days.)

June 12, 2010—Graduation at University of North Texas

Saturday—10:00a.m.