

lor's Corner

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Pilot Point High School, Pilot Point, Texas
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Parent Information

The faculty and staff at Pilot Point High School want all students to be successful. If your child is experiencing difficulty in a class, please encourage him/her to seek help during tutorial time; tutorials are held each day from 3:10-3:35 p.m. I would also suggest that you contact the teacher to see how you as a parent can help your child. You may contact the teacher by calling 940-686-2189 and leaving a message on their voice mail or by sending an e-mail.

College Entrance Exams

The tests primarily used for admission to college are the SAT and the ACT. The tests are used along with your high school record to evaluate your level of academic knowledge. Although some colleges consider your high school grades and class rank, this criteria is subjective, meaning that schools and teachers vary. The SAT and ACT, however, are standardized. Colleges can compare your scores with 2 million students using the same criteria. Paper registration bulletins may be picked up from the high school office, or you may register on the web at www.collegeboard.com (for SAT) or www.actstudent.org (for ACT). With online registration, you can complete your registration 24/7 on any computer connected to the Internet. You get your admission ticket sooner. You have access to the most up-to-date list of locations so you can get the best choice of test centers. You will need to pay by credit card to register online.

SAT Reasoning Test (includes Writing) (\$43 fee)

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
January 26, 2008	December 26, 2007
March 1, 2008	January 29, 2008
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008

ACT Assessment (\$30 fee) &

ACT Assessment Plus Writing (\$44.50 fee)

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
February 9, 2008	January 4, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008

Remember to put the **school code 445520** on the registration form so that a copy of your scores will be sent to us for your permanent file.

Seniors order cap & gown, announcements

The Jostens representative met with graduating seniors on October 29, 2007, to distribute order information packets for senior merchandise (including cap & gown and announcements). They returned on Friday, November 2nd, to take orders, along with a deposit. Merchandise will be delivered in the spring and the balance is due at that time. If your senior has not placed his/her order, please contact the Jostens Student Center in Denton as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Ettredge.

Jostens to deliver Class Rings

Jostens will be on campus on Friday, December 7, 2007, from 8:45-9:15 a.m., to deliver class rings to Juniors. The balance due must be paid when the ring is picked up. You will receive a postcard reminding you of the date and listing the balance due; if you have questions about the balance due, please call the Jostens Student Center at 382-8948. If you have other questions, please call Mrs. Ettredge.

Attendance Information

To receive credit in a class, a student must be enrolled and attend 90% of the days the class is offered. All too often, students lose class credit because of poor attendance. When a student is absent from school, the parent is requested to notify the school by 9:00 a.m. (940-686-2189, ext. 221). This will help Ms. DelBosque, the attendance clerk, with posting attendance for the day. When a student returns to school, a note, signed by a parent or doctor/dentist, that describes the reason for the absence is required (note must be presented within 3 school days).

Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) Test

As part of the Texas Success Initiative, the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) Test is used by Texas institutions of higher education as an assessment instrument for entering students. The THEA Test provides the diagnostic data required by this legislation and ensures that students have the academic skills to perform effectively in college. You may register for the six regularly-scheduled Saturday test dates for the THEA on the internet at www.thea.nesinc.com. Paper registration bulletins are available in the office. The THEA Test must be taken before enrolling in any college-level coursework at any two- or four-year public college or university in Texas. For information about THEA exemptions, you may contact the testing office at the college or university you plan to attend or check their website.

Sophomore and Juniors—If you are interested in enrolling in dual-credit coursework (courses that count for high school and college credit) for the 2008-09 academic year, you must be exempt based on SAT or ACT or Exit-Level TAKS criteria OR present passing scores on the THEA test. Exemption scores or THEA scores must be received by June 1, 2008!

Dual credit enrollment may be limited, so courses requests will be processed in the order in which they are received AND THEA requirements are met. So, if you are interested in dual credit for next school year need to take the THEA, you need to sign up soon!



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chances you'll earn good pay. Most college graduates earn a lot more money during their working years than people who stop their education at high school.

2) Besides good pay, the more education you get the more likely it is you will always have a job. According to one estimate, by the year 2028 there will be 19 million more jobs for educated workers than there are qualified people to fill them.

3) Continuing education after high school is much more important for your generation than it was for your parents' generation. Today most good jobs require more than a high school diploma. Businesses want to hire people who know how to think and solve problems.

4) Education beyond high school gives you a lot of other benefits, including meeting new people, taking part in new opportunities to discover and explore your interests, and experiencing success.

For Your Information:

*If your student would like to receive information from a specific college, university, technical school, or military branch, please have them stop by the College and Career Center in room 100; we have some information on hand and if we don't have what they need, it can be requested from the school and have it mailed to your home.

*For college-bound students, registration information is available for ACT at www.act.org, SAT at www.collegeboard.com, THEA at www.thea.nesinc.com, and the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net; paper versions are available in the high school office and the college and career center.

*If you have questions, call the high school office for more information.

PREVIEW DAYS, OPPORTUNITIES and SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 9-12

Angelo State University . Discover ASU

February 16, March 28, 2008

Registration Options: call 1-800-946-8627, e-mail admissions@angelo.edu, or visit www.angelo.edu

East Texas Baptist University . Tiger Day Preview Day

Saturday, March 1, 2008; begins at 8 a.m.

To register call 1-800-804-ETBU or online at www.etbu.edu (click on Future Students, then Visit Us)

Kansas University . Junior Days

Mondays, February 18, March 10, 31, April 21, 28, May 5, 2008

Fridays, April 4, 18, 25, May 2, 2008

Pre-registration required; register online at www.admissions.ku.edu/visit

Landmark College . Open House

Saturdays, February 16, March 29, April 19, 2008

For details, visit www.landmark.edu

Louisiana Tech University . Time Out for Tech

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Information and registration form available at <http://www.latech.edu/time-out-for-tech/>

Midwestern State University . Mustangs Rally

Saturday, February 16, 2009

Register online at <http://admissions.mwsu.edu/mustangsrally.asp> or call 940-397-4334 or 1-800-842-1922

Navarro College . Preview Days

Saturdays, February 16, March 29, and April 19, 2008

For reservations, call 1-903-875-7343 or e-mail studentrelations@navarrocollege.edu

Sam Houston State University . Saturdays @ Sam+Campus Preview Days

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Information and registration available at www.shsu.edu/saturday

Schreiner University . Schreiner Saturdays

Saturdays, February 23, April 5, 2008; 10:30 a.m. . 3:30 p.m.

To register, visit www.schreiner.edu or call 1-800-343-4919



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www.tamu.edu/aggiesaturday/index.html

Days

February 9, April 12, 2008

Registration required; \$10 fee

Information and registration form available at <http://islandday.tamucc.edu>

Texas Christian University . Mondays at TCU

Mondays . January 28, March 3, April 21, 2008

Reserve your spot at www.admissions.tcu.edu/visit
(need to register 3 weeks in advance)

Tyler Junior College . Apache Preview Days

Saturday, April 26, 2008; 9:00 a.m. . 1:00 p.m.

Register online at www.tjc.edu/preview

University of North Texas - NT Preview

Saturday, April 19, 2008; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Seating is limited; register online at www.unt.edu/ntpreview

University of Texas at Tyler . Patriot Preview Day

Saturday, March 29, 2008; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; register by March 21, 2008

Register online at www.go2uttyler.com/previewday

Collegiate Explorations Open College Tours . Collegiate Explorations (CE) is offering two separate Open College Tours: *State of Texas College Tour – March 17-20, 2008, visits Stephen F. Austin, TAMU, Rice, UT-Austin, Southwestern, McMurray, and Abilene Christian; Historically Black College and University Tour – March 17-21, 2008, visits Texas Southern, Prairie View, Dillard, Xavier, Tuskegee, Alabama State, Tougaloo, Alcorn, and Grambling.* These tours provide students with the experience and first-hand exposure necessary to make a sound decision on which school, or type of school, is right for them. Registration card available in file; for information call 1-972-437-5630 or online at www.cetours.com. Fee required; space is limited. Deadline: January 7, 2008.

Constitutional Academy - The Bill of Rights Institute's Constitutional Academy gives thirty rising juniors and seniors an opportunity to study the documents that shaped our nation, explore the issues that impact our lives, and discuss the concepts of liberty with university scholars. This program also allows participants to see historic sites around Washington, D.C., meet students from across the country, and provides the opportunity to earn three units of undergraduate college credit at no additional cost. Fee required. Information and application available at www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Academy. Deadline: March 2, 2008.

Movie Gallery Student Video Competition 2008 . The video competition is open to both college and high school videomakers; categories include: animation, abstract/experimental, documentary, short fictional story, and political/social satire. Finalists will be judged during the Jay Sanders Film Festival in April at Auburn University; monetary awards presented to the top three places. Information and entry form available at <http://media.cla.auburn.edu/cmjn/festival/index.html>. Deadline: February 21, 2008.

Savannah College of Art and Design Summer Programs 2008 . Rising Star: June 21-July 26, 2008 . This five-week residential program in Savannah awards college credit to rising high school seniors who are ready for a real college experience. Each student enrolls in two college level classes. Outside class, students complete assignments, take field trips, socialize, and enjoy the parks and other local attractions. Savannah Summer Seminars: Savannah: June 22-28, July 6-12, July 13-19, July 20-26; Atlanta: July 6-12, July 13-19 . SCAD Summer Seminars are educational workshops designed for students who have completed their freshman, sophomore or junior years. Topics may include animation, digital photography, drawing, fashion, furniture design, sequential art and more. Through exciting workshops, social events and field trips, SCAD Summer Seminars promise a week you'll never forget. For information on SCAD summer programs visit www.scad.edu/summer. Deadline: none listed.

Student Leaders of Tomorrow (SLOT) Conference . The freshmen students of Texas A&M University's MSC Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow (A LOT) have planned an exciting weekend event at TAMU for high school juniors and seniors from across the nation. The SLOT Conference is unique in that it is primarily produced by college freshmen who are dedicated to helping others cultivate their own individual leadership potential; the SLOT conference is designed to enhance necessary traits of leadership and personal development. This year's conference theme is Passing the Torch of Leadership; and will be held February 15-17, 2008. For information and application, visit <http://SLOT.tamu.edu>. Space is limited; applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis; fee is \$90 (includes all meals, t-shirt, room & board, and all leadership experiences). Deadline: January 15, 2008.

The Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition . The University of Texas at Austin is sponsoring the competition that will award \$5,000 in college scholarships; additional regional awards will be presented. All high school students are eligible to compete by entering a winning essay on the topic, The African American in Texas: Past and Present. For information and entry materials visit the website www.utexas.edu/world/barbarajordan/. Deadline: February 4, 2008.