

August 20, 2018

Dear Sophomore Parent/Guardian:

Your child has done his/her part as a freshman and will now take the next step to plan for the future. There are several opportunities available this year to help prepare for college or any post-secondary plan.

Remember, all courses will be used in calculating grade point average (GPA) which is very important for determining rank in the class. The top 10% will get automatic admission to any state-supported college with the exception of the University of Texas. They set their percentage each year, but it is less than 10%. Therefore, students should keep their grades up and if they have problems, see the teacher for help immediately. Students will need to decide by registration for next years' courses if they will change their endorsement for graduation. If they choose to pursue a different endorsement, we will need to document that information. Also, do not forget that Chromebooks are available to our students if you would like to take advantage of that opportunity. Contact Stephanie Hulbert at the high school for more information.

Dual credit courses are a great opportunity offered to our students beginning the spring semester of their sophomore year. However, all students are not ready to handle college work or material, so I encourage you to visit with your child, and me if necessary, to determine if this is a good option. Courses can be taken at the Brazosport College campus or here on our campus during the school day. Students in 10th grade are eligible to take the first required dual credit course called Learning Frameworks in the spring semester if they meet requirements. The first step is to take and pass the TSI test. Students need to see Mrs. Lancaster, the dual credit counselor, to find out the steps required to test and take college courses. She is on our campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Another opportunity students can take advantage of is the PSAT. The Preliminary SAT is a standardized test administered to high school sophomores and juniors each October. The PSAT has the same format as the SAT, and serves as a rough predictor for SAT performance. High PSAT scores from the junior year count toward National Merit Scholarship. The test will be given on October 10th, 2018. The cost of the test is \$16. See Mrs. Coulter in the guidance office now to register for the test.

Finally, there are several websites that can be beneficial to your student to prepare for life after high school. Some of those sites are www.fastweb.com and www.collegeforalltexas.com. Those and several other sites can be found through the school website, including our scholarship list, at www.cbisd.com/ under the Academics tab.

Now is the time to start preparing for post-secondary education. If you have questions, please call or come by the guidance office.

Have a great year!!

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