

COUNSELORS' CORNER

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Junior and Senior Guidance Presentations

On September 13 counselors will talk to junior students, and on September 15 counselors will talk to senior students. Now is the time to prepare for life after high school whether the student is a junior or a senior.

Seniors should be starting applications to the colleges of choice. September 1 is traditionally the first day colleges begin accepting applications. Students should apply online at www.applytexas.org for Texas public schools. Check other schools' websites for their applications. Apply early. A student does not have to have taken the SAT/ACT prior to applying. The school will open a file and wait for the scores and transcript to arrive before making a decision to accept. Encourage your students to work on applications now. The earlier the application the more likely the student will be considered and accepted.

How to Pass Classes

Many students fail classes simply because they neglect to do homework. These words of wisdom come from AIE.org

Homework (*Adventures in Education offers these helpful homework hints to students.*)

Complete homework assignments and improve your grades.

Why is homework important? For one thing, it helps you to understand concepts more thoroughly and gives you an opportunity to practice independently what was learned in class.

Homework assignments are also often a critical part of your grade. A "zero" on a homework paper can quickly damage your other efforts. Eliminate the potential of zeroes by completing all your homework assignments. Also, set up a consistent study time, so completing your homework will be a habit.

Remember

Not all homework is written. Reviewing notes, reading, and studying for quizzes and tests are all types of homework. Schedule time for these activities in your homework time, too.

For more information

Homework help is also available on the Internet. These websites can help students.

Students.gov — Online study help

Explore interesting subjects or look for resources to help with school projects and coursework in this collection of government Web sites.

www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/Public?topicID=96&operation=maintopic -

BJ Pinchbeck's Homework Helper

Popular homework-related site organized and maintained by a high school student.
school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bjpinchbeck -

Channel 4 — Homework High

Homework High can help students aged 11 to 16 with their homework. The site offers virtual libraries dedicated to English, math, science, geography, language, and history.
www.channel4.com/learning/microsites/H/homeworkhigh -

Cool math .com

Created by a former teacher and graphic designer, this site provides math lessons, games, and puzzles.

www.coolmath.com/home.htm -

DiscoverySchool.com — Student's Guide

Provides tools to help students study, games to challenge their mind, and tons of great clip art to use. In addition, there are nearly a dozen learning adventures that let students explore everything from Ancient Egypt to the International Space Station.

school.discovery.com/students -

Encyclopedia Smithsonian

Helps answer frequently asked questions about subjects from art to zoology.

www.si.edu/resource/faq -

Fact Monster

InfoPlease delivers an online almanac, dictionary, encyclopedia, and homework center all on one site.

www.factmonster.com -

Google Directory — Homework Help Search

Integrates Google's sophisticated search technology with Open Directory pages to create a useful tool for finding information on the Web.

www.google.com/Top/Kids_and_Teens/School_Time/Homework_Help -

High School Ace

Academic site featuring subject guides, daily quizzes and puzzles, reference resources, and more.

highschoolace.com -

Homework and Study Tips

Offers a collection of helpful homework and study tips.

homeworktips.about.com -

HomeworkAuthority.com

HomeworkAuthority.com is the place to get homework help on the Internet 24-hours a day.

www.homeworkauthority.com -

Martin's Math Tutoring/Homework Schedule

3 – 4 PM

Mr. King	Room 218A	Mon, Tues, Thurs.
Mrs. Kruta	Room 227	Mon
Mrs. Smith	Room 233	Tues and Thurs

Mrs. McNeil offers tutoring at LUNCH:

Room 231 **12:45 – 1:05 PM** – Mon-Thurs

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Who is my student's counselor?

The student's last name determines his or her counselor. Please feel free to call your student's counselor for information or help.

A – CAR	David Pyatt	682-867-8624
CAS - FQ	Debra Mansury	682-867-8610
FR - HI	Dana Bishop	682-867-8625
HJ – MAP	Suzanne Bandy	682-867-1800
MAQ - PE	Barbara Moeller	682-867-8627
PF - SO	Susan Kingen	682-867-8628
SP– Z	Jai Hodges	682-867-8623