

# Class of 2013



# Credit Reminder

- 26 credits are needed to graduate.
- You needed 10 credits to be a Junior.
- If you have the 10 credits at the end of the semester we will reclassify you as a Junior, so you can catch back up with your class!
- You will need 18 credits to be a Senior.
- Credits are earned each semester.
- Spring stands alone!
- You must attend school 90% of semester to earn credits.

# Rank & GPA

- Each semester average posts on your transcript.
- Rank is calculated by the 8.0 scale.
- Rank is weighted with an AP class weighing the most, then the Dual and Pre-Ap classes, then General Ed., then Regular Ed.
- Not all classes are calculated into Rank.

# Rank & GPA

- GPA is calculated on the 4.0 scale.
- GPA is not weighted.
- Every course is calculated in GPA and is calculated as the following:

90-100 = 4

80-89 = 3

75-79 = 2

70-74 = 1

1-69 = NOTHING

# Check Your Grades

- We have a new grade portal called txConnect.
- You will need your student portal number to create an account.
- You can create the account from [www.comalisd.org](http://www.comalisd.org) under the Parent Connection link.

# Graduation Plans

- Distinguished Achievement Plan requires 3 years of the same foreign language AND 4 advanced measures.
- Advanced Measures are earned by scoring a 3,4,or 5 on AP exam.
- Advanced Measures are earned by scoring an 80 each semester in a dual credit course.
- I cannot change “Recommended” to “Distinguished” on your transcript until you have fulfilled all requirements.
- You may only graduate on the minimum plan if a committee determines at the beginning of your Senior year that you are eligible.

# Testing

- You must take the exit level TAKS test in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- You must pass the exit level TAKS test in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies in order to graduate and walk the stage.
- Passing score is 2100.
- Commended score is 2400.

# Testing

- You should begin taking the ACT and SAT the spring of your Junior year.
- Prepare for the ACT and SAT. DO NOT WING IT!
- You will register for these tests online through the testing website. (If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you can get a fee waiver from Ms. Marchetti for the tests.)
- If you are beginning at a community college or trade school you may take the Accuplacer or THEA test instead.

# College Admissions

- The top 10% of the Class of 2013 are automatically admitted into public colleges and universities in Texas.
- UT will use the top 8% for automatic admission for the Class of 2013.
- However, to get accepted into a particular school, ex. The School of Engineering at UT, they might require a particular SAT and/or ACT score.
- Colleges look at both rank and GPA for admission.
- If you are not in the top 10%, your rank determines the SAT/ACT score necessary for admission.

# College Visits

- Sign up in the Career Center for any upcoming college visits at CHS.
- Sign up for Ms. Marchetti's college and career listserv:

<http://wp.comalisd.org/chscollegecareercenter>

# College Visits

- You are allowed 2 days for college visits as 11<sup>th</sup> graders and 2 days as 12<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Set up an appointment for a college you have an interest in.
- You must get the college visit form from the attendance office.
- You must return the form stamped after your visit to receive an excused absence.

# NCAA

- If you intend to play sports in college you must register with the NCAA clearinghouse.
- Complete the online registration at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

# Important Upcoming Events

- October 19 – Making Your College Search Count (During school in the PAC.)
- November 16 – Ultimate Money Skills College Funding from 6:30-7:30.
- Course selection this year will be November 28-December 16.

# Great websites!

- <http://www.cafecollege.org/home>
- [www.YCG.org](http://www.YCG.org)
- [www.everychanceeverytexan.org](http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org)
- [www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)
- [www.GenTX.org](http://www.GenTX.org)

# Counselor Cafe

- Every Tuesday and Thursday during both lunches I am in the cafeteria available for questions!
- Take advantage of this time to visit with me about your future!