

From the High School Counselors....

There are lots of exciting opportunities going on right now to help you prepare for the next level of your education. We highly recommend you attend some of the options below to get a jump start on post-secondary planning. The counseling office is here to help! We also recommend you attend a financial aid seminar to get essential and fundamental information about paying for college. You can afford to go, find out how.

Helpful Websites

- * Visit the Northwest High School counseling center website (via the Northwest H.S main page) for a college readiness timeline. There is also a scholarship “drawer” with links to multiple scholarships. This drawer will be updated and will be flooded with local scholarships in the spring.
- * www.collegeforalltexans.com– extremely informative state sponsored site.
- * www.collegeboard.com– register for the SAT, scholarship searches, college searches

Dates:

September 21, 2009– Fort Worth College Fair at the Amon Carter Exhibit Hall. Financial Aid seminar starts at 5:45.

September 22– Nortex College Fair at UNT. 6:30-8:30 with forums on getting into college and financial aid starting at 6:45 and 7:45.

September/October– Counselors in the classroom visiting with Seniors about post-secondary planning

October 26th—Parent information forum for Junior/Senior parents at Northwest High School. Guest speaker presenting on college financing options. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. 6:30-8:00 pm

November 5th – College and Career fair at NHS. 1-3 pm

Visit the Go Center!

We would like to invite all parents and students to visit the Go Center, located in the NHS counseling center. The Go Center serves as a resource to help students prepare for post-secondary plans. You can find information on military branches, financial aid, colleges and universities, career investigation, SAT and ACT preparation, and computer access. If you need help searching for colleges, financial aid, and careers, we can help!

So.... Where are you in the post-secondary search? If you're a senior, you should be narrowing your search to 5 or so colleges in which you plan on applying starting with the month of October, or even sooner if you are going for early admission! If you are junior, you should be researching majors based on career choices and the schools that will best prepare you for the career that you want.

Seniors– If you are going to require a letter of recommendation for your applications, come by the counseling office to get a letter of recommendation request form. Fill it out and make 3 copies to take to your teachers with an addressed, stamped envelope so that your letters can be written. Be sure to give ALL adults at least 2 weeks to write your letter. That's good etiquette!

An online SAT/ACT prep course is being offered through the Adult Education Program. The cost is \$79.00. You can connect to this program through the NISD main page. Look for the link to Adult and Community Education.

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