



PASADENA MEMORIAL HIGH

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!

FALL 2009

Important Dates...

October 29	Mini College Fair at PMHS
October 30	SAT registration deadline for December exam
November 6	ACT registration deadline for November exam
November 13	End of 2nd Six Weeks
November 7	Spanish CBE
Nov 16-19	Registration for Winter <u>Evening School</u>
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving holiday
December 1	College Night—Sam Rayburn High School
December 17	Academic Excellence Awards
Dec 21– Jan 1	Holiday– Christmas
January 5	ACT registration deadline for February test
January 14	End of First Semester

SENIOR CONFERENCES COMPLETED!



As most of you know, Pasadena Memorial counselors met with all seniors enrolled in an English IV class the week of October 5th–10th. These small group conferences provided counselors the opportunity to speak directly to each of you about your post-high school plans and the steps necessary to make those plans a reality. We enjoyed speaking with you and hearing about all of your

varied interests and goals. You already have much to be proud of and the future will be full of great achievements as a result of the plans you are making right now. We hope that we answered your questions and helped you feel more comfortable about the important changes you are facing. If you still have any concerns, please come to the counseling office and make an appointment to speak with your counselor.

In the following weeks, counselors will be calling for those students who were not able to attend a senior conference. Our plan is to make sure we meet with every senior.

THE COLLEGES ARE COMING...



Houston Area Recruiters Network (HARN) has arranged for representatives from 12 colleges to visit our campus during lunch on Thursday, October 29th. The following schools will be attending our “Mini College Fair”: Lamar University, Lee College, Sam Houston State University, San Jacinto College, Texas A&M University (main campus and Corpus Christi), Texas Southern University, Texas State University, The University of Texas at Arlington, University of Houston and University of Saint Thomas. Take time to stop by and speak to these college representatives. Attending a four-year college is more attainable and possible than many of you think. You never know until you try!

APPLY NOW!!! www.applytexas.org

If you haven't started applying to colleges, now is the time to get busy. **Applications for Early Admission to most colleges in Texas and applications for Regular Admission to UTor A&M should be submitted by Thanksgiving.** *Scholarship applications for UT and A&M are due by December 1st.* **When is the application deadline for the colleges you are considering?** The best way to find out is to go to www.ApplyTexas.org. Click on the “Begin Your Search” link. This link will help you find application information and deadlines for most two and four year colleges in Texas; you can also learn about the various scholarships offered by specific colleges. Click on the “Begin Now” link to complete your application. You only have to complete the application once; then you can submit it to as many colleges as you want. Remember, you don't have to go to a college just because you apply and get accepted. But you can't go to a college if you don't apply!

Class of 2010!!!!

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE —ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

In our senior conferences, many students said they were planning to go to San Jacinto College. There are many good reasons to attend San Jacinto College. Some students like the idea of saving money by taking their basic classes at a much-less expensive junior college before transferring to a four year college. Other students are interested in the excellent two-year associate and technical degrees that San Jacinto College offers. If you plan to attend San Jacinto College, you should check out their website at www.sjcd.cc.tx.us/ for more information.

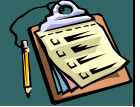
Once you are at the college's home page, click on "Academic and Technical Programs." You will see that SJC has a **University Transfer Program** specifically for those students who are planning to transfer to a four year college. A San Jacinto College counselor will meet with you and work out an articulated degree plan so that you are taking only those classes needed for the degree you plan to seek at your chosen four year college.

Those of you who are interested in an **Associate or Technical Degree** should check the "Academic and Technical Programs" link as well. The site lists all of the different programs that are offered for fifteen career pathways. If you click on one of the programs, you will see a link to explore careers within that program of study. For those of you who are still unsure about what career you want to pursue, this can be an excellent starting place to learn about different careers.



If you need an official transcript sent to a college or anywhere else, our registrar, Mrs. Nora Velazquez, is the person to see. Each student is allowed to request three official transcripts for free. There is a \$1.00 fee for each additional transcript request.

SENIORS FALL CHECKLIST...



- Make sure you have taken the SAT and/or ACT.
- Check if early deadlines need to be met for your college choice.
- Narrow your college choices to three or four.
- Get financial aid information from each one.
- Visit as many campuses as you can.
- Go to www.applytexas.org to look at the college application, requirements, and application fees.
- Make a calendar and note:
 - * Test dates, fees, and deadlines
 - * Application due dates
 - * Financial aid deadlines
 - * Recommendations and transcript due dates
- Ask for letters of recommendations—try to give two weeks notice, supply a stamped pre-addressed envelope and any necessary forms.
- Write drafts of your applications essays.
- If you hope to participate in college athletics after graduation, be sure to file an application with the NCAA Clearinghouse right away. Go online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net for more information.

SAT AND ACT DATES

SAT DATES

www.collegeboard.com

Test	Register By
Dec 5	Oct 30
Jan 23	Dec 30
Mar 13	Feb 4
May 1	Mar 25

ACT DATES

www.actstudent.org

Test	Register By
Dec 12	Nov 6
Feb 6	Jan 5
April 10	Mar 5



OUR NEXT PROJECT GRAD. FUNDRAISER...

Many thanks to all of our seniors who participated in the Project Grad. 2010 pen fund raiser. Our next fundraiser is Butter Braid and it will begin on October 21st. This will be the fourth year the Class of 2010 has sold Butter Braids and our parents and teachers keep asking for more so we are anticipating that a large number of our seniors will participate. We are working on prizes, and those will be announced in homeroom on October 21st.

Our parents and students have been very supportive of Project Grad. Keep up the good work! — Mrs. Geema Moore, Senior Class Sponsor

**"You have to have a dream, a goal,
and you have to be willing to work
for it."**

— Jim Valvano

