

The Junior Bulletin

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Juniors: Only a Few Test Dates Remain!

The SAT: www.collegeboard.com

<u>Registration Deadline:</u>	<u>Actual Test Date:</u>	<u>SHHS as a Test Center:</u>
Feb 10	March 14	No (seek alternate location)
March 31	May 2	No (seek alternate location)
May 5	June 6	No (seek alternate location)

The ACT: www.actstudent.org

<u>Registration Deadline:</u>	<u>Actual Test Date:</u>	<u>SHHS as a Test Center:</u>
Feb 27	April 4	No (seek alternate location)
May 8	June 13	No (seek alternate location)

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SAT and ACT Preparation and News

The registration cost to take the SAT is \$45.00 and for the ACT it is \$46.00. You do not have to pay either of these registration fees if you are on free or reduced lunch. You can obtain a fee waiver from Mr. Benjamin in the Counselor's office to waive these registration fees. You may only waive the fees two times per test, meaning you can waive the fees for the SAT test twice and the ACT test twice. You may register on line to take the test or use the paper application that is provided in the counselors office. Preparation guides are also available if needed.



Scholarships:

Linda Lorelle Scholarship (See next page for details)

There are more scholarship opportunities available than are sent to the schools, so you may do your own searches through some of the following websites: www.collegeboard.com, www.fastweb.com, www.collegenet.com, www.collegefortexans.com, www.adventuresineducation.org, www.finaid.com, www.srnexpress.com, and www.schoolsoup.com.

Linda Lorelle Scholarship Fund

Qualifications for the Linda Lorelle Scholarship include:

- Enrollment in a public, private, or charter school in Harris or Fort Bend county.
- 11th grade students **only**.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Valid, verifiable financial need
- Demonstration of ability to overcome unusual or difficult circumstances

The scholarship Application, available in both English and Spanish, can be downloaded from this website: www.lindalorelle.org. **Applications are due by February 20, 2009.**



Other News:

Community Evening School: There are two sessions of night school left if you would like to attend. The courses are \$100.00 a class and registration for the spring session is February 23-26 and March 2-5. The session will begin March 9th and end May 21st. The summer session will begin June 15th and end August 13th. Registration will be on June 1-4 and June 8-11 for the summer session. All classes start at 6pm and end at 8:45pm Monday– Thursday.

Plato Lab: An after school program offered here at SOHO for credit recovery in core classes only (English, math, science, and social studies). It is a self-paced computer based program that is from 2:30pm-5:15pm M-F and transportation is provided. If interested, please see Ms. Briggs in room A104C or pick up an application after school in room D115.

TAKS Dates: The Exit Level TAKS dates are as follows, please make sure you are here and ready to test on these dates:

English Language Arts	March 3
Mathematics	April 29
Science	April 30
Social Studies	May 1

Counselors' Message:

Hi Juniors!

I must say, this school year is turning out to be a great one! I am really enjoying the staff and students here at SOHO. I have had the opportunity to meet a great number of you, and the pleasure was mine! There are a few reminders that I would like to share with you to ensure you successfully complete your junior year. Here are some key points to think about:

- Take the SAT or ACT! It doesn't matter if you are not sure you are going to college. It's better to be prepared than unprepared.
- You will be taking the Exit Level TAKS test this year for the first time. This test will determine if you graduate next school year. Let's take it serious and ask teachers for help in the areas you know you are struggling in.
- You should be aiming to get the highest GPA this school year. Whatever GPA you have at the end of this school year, you will use to apply to colleges and universities in the fall semester of your senior year. Work diligently and communicate with your teachers if you do not understand an assignment.
- Lastly, but not least, attendance, dress code, and ID's are not options, they are a must. Lets all actively participate and follow the rules the district and SOHO have put in place. The rules are created to help you and all others around you to ensure we all function in a safe and healthy environment.

I will meet with all of you soon about course selection for your senior year and information about college admissions.

Sincerely,

L. Benjamin

A Note About Registration For Your Senior Year:

The registration process for the 2008-2009 school year is underway. Not all courses are available for you to “click” online so some of you will choose NO CLASS and I will have to input the request. It’s VERY important that you turn in the Registration Worksheet so that I have a reference of your choices and alternates. Once the requests of ALL students are in the computer, the counselors will “clean up” the requests. This means we will check credits, grades, and TAKS scores to make the appropriate adjustments. If you need to discuss or change requests, please do not hesitate to come to the counseling office to see me. Adjustments may be made through the end of school!
