

School of Science and Engineering

SPRING PARENT MEETING

SENIORS

APRIL 10, 2018

Andrew Palacios, Principal

Demetrius Fields, College Access Counselor

Naveen Kashyap, Counselor

Amanda Ashmead, College Access Chair

College: Right now

- ▶ Compare financial aid packages and decide which is the best offer!
- ▶ Possibly write letters of continued interest to schools that have placed you on a wait list.
- ▶ If there are any uncertainties or questions, please reach out to Mr. Fields immediately
- ▶ If any recent developments are threatening your ability to enroll in the fall, please reach out immediately

College: Next Few Months

- ▶ Get documentation of financial aid from colleges, turn in to Mr. Fields.
- ▶ Write a thank you note to anyone who wrote you a recommendation.
- ▶ Make final decision/submit deposits by May 1st
- ▶ Apply for housing and orientation
- ▶ Contact your roommate, figure out meal plan, read all orientation materials on the website.
- ▶ Look up move-in date and arrange for transportation
- ▶ Work, save money and plan a budget for next year.

College: Pitfalls

▶ What can go wrong

- ▶ Financial aid changes or is different than what you planned on.
- ▶ Holds on registration because of bureaucratic process
- ▶ Feel unprepared and have questions
- ▶ Family complications—illness, loss of income, etc.
- ▶ Housing is not available
- ▶ Homesick

▶ What you can do

- ▶ Go talk to these people
 - ▶ Financial Aid Officer
 - ▶ Student Services
 - ▶ Department Secretary
 - ▶ Multicultural Center
- ▶ Come talk to us!!

Senior Activities

- ▶ **Senior Fees:** \$60; due this week
- ▶ **Prom:** May 18, 2018 at the Marriot City Center, 8-12.
- ▶ **Senior Picnic:** May 23, 2018 from 9:00-4:00. Students will be provided transportation to and from TMC.
- ▶ **Senior Finals:** May 14th – May 15th
- ▶ **Senior Panoramic** April 23, 2018. Usually costs between (\$25 - \$45)
- ▶ **Senior Baccalaureate** Sunday, May 6, 2019 (PTA event)
- ▶ **Senior Night @ Celebration Station** April 20 from 7-11PM. \$20 to subsidize graduation. Volunteers needed!
- ▶ **Senior Field Trips** May 21-25. Aquarium, Arboretum, and DMA. Free, but they may want to buy lunch.
- ▶ **Graduation:** May 29, 2018 at the Majestic Theater. Parking will be \$10-15 per car.

Jostons Information

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Seniors: Behavior Expectations

- ▶ Off-Campus lunch does not exist.
- ▶ You must attend all classes. Students who miss too many classes do not get credit and do not graduate.
- ▶ Be kind. All of you are going through a great deal of change right now; all of you are having to make tough choices. Support each other in this process.
- ▶ Take part in senior activities. Many of you will never see each other again. Use these last few weeks to build positive memories.
- ▶ Respect your teachers. They have to come back!
- ▶ Consequences: Students who do not respect school rules, especially regarding attendance and off-campus lunch, may be restricted from any and all senior activities.
- ▶ All university acceptances are conditional. A sharp drop in grades or a major behavioral infraction can result in a revocation of acceptance or of financial aid. It happened at Harvard last year!

May/June Events—All students

- ▶ Tuesday, May 1st, National Signing Day Celebration
- ▶ May 7-May 12th, Teacher Appreciation Week
- ▶ May 7-18th, AP Exams
- ▶ TBD Yearbook Party, 4:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- ▶ TBD: Awards Ceremony
- ▶ Tuesday, May 29th, SEM Graduation