

Raider Digest

October 1, 2018

Rouse Vision Statement

The Rouse High School community vision is to be accountable to each other through hard work, relationships, and integrity in order to create a safe, encouraging and respectful culture that honors all student stories and fosters lifelong learning.

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RHS@RouseHS Raiders

Weekly Events

10/1

Seniors - Panoramic Picture

Refer to RHS Webpage for ordering information

10/3

HOMECOMING PARADE

10/5

Pep Rally
Comp Gym
9:00am

V FB vs Pflugerville -

HOMECOMING

Bible Stadium
7:00pm

10/6

HOMECOMING DANCE

RHS
8:00pm

Check out page 3 for more info.

2019 GRADUATION

Saturday, June 1st, 4:00pm
HEB Center, Cedar Park

Greetings Raider Families:

We have an exciting week coming up this week at Rouse High School.

We hope you will be able to come and help us move RHS in to a new decade as we celebrate

HOMECOMING and RHS being 10 years **STRONG!**



Our Homecoming parade, a Rouse tradition, is Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm. In addition to parade floats, feeder school participation, and candy for our fans, we will end our celebrations with a fireworks show from our stadium. This is our biggest community event, and we would love to see you there.

We are: **#1RoUSE**

Christine Simpson
Rouse High School, Principal

10/8 & 10/12

National School Lunch Week

10/8 & 10/9

Student Holiday

Staff - Professional Dev. Days -
Campus is CLOSED

10/10

"C" Day

PSAT Test Day @ RHS

See pg. 4 for details

Assistant Principal's Message:

Dress Code:

We want to partner with you to ensure that Rouse is a learning environment that helps students grow academically, while also preparing them for the working world. As adults, we abide by dress codes at our workplaces everyday. Students at Rouse also need to abide by the LISD dress code. Last week, the APs met with each grade level and reminded them of the LISD dress code expectations. This week we are noticing many students are still not adhering to the dress code. We are asking for your help in reminding your child of the appropriate dress code expectations.

- Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be fingertip length
- Shirts should meet the beltline- no midriffs showing
- No strapless tops, spaghetti-straps, backless, halter, tube tops, or off the shoulder shirts
- Hats are not allowed in the academic halls or classes
- Bandanas are not allowed to be worn
- No clothing that depicts messages of hate, violence, guns, drugs, alcohol, or drugs

LISD Dress Code: <https://tinyurl.com/yaaspzuz>

Item Drop-off:

We would like to also encourage your student to come to school with everything they need for the day. This includes lunch/lunch money, school supplies, homework, athletic equipment, etc. However, we understand that occasionally the need arises to drop off an item. Therefore, we have a table in the Reception Office for this purpose. To minimize disruption of instructional time, we are no longer able to send a pass to your student to retrieve items left on the table. After dropping off items in the front office, parents will need to communicate via text, email, or by calling your student to let them know they have something to pick-up.

Regarding meals/food:

As stated in the High School Handbook, page 18: 'during meals, students are permitted only in designated areas. Students are not allowed to have food delivered to school from commercial establishments.'

Parents may provide food for their own child's consumption, they may not provide food items for other students.

Deliveries for students from Commercial Establishments:

In order to not interrupt the educational environment of our students, all attempted student deliveries from commercial establishments will be returned to the delivering establishments (ie: Uber deliveries, Tiff's Treats, Florists, etc.)

Thank you for partnering with us in providing your student(s) with a quality educational environment here at RHS.

RHS 2018 Homecoming Dance

**Greetings from Rouse
Homecoming Dance
October 6th
from 8pm-12am in the
RHS cafeteria.**

Tickets are on sale now for \$20 from the RHS webstore, or they may be purchased at the dance.

The first 150 tickets sold will receive a free gift, so don't delay and purchase your tickets online now!

This year's dance will feature a new **modern photo booth** and **fun entertainment**

Outside guests must be approved by the AP office by completing a guest approval form by Oct. 3rd.



The poster features a dark blue background with white and red hand-drawn icons of suitcases, paper airplanes, and envelopes. The text is written in a white, cursive font. Below the main title, there is a teal section with a white border. In this section, there is a white photo booth frame showing a world map, a brown suitcase with a star and a camera icon, and the event details in white text.

*Greetings
from Rouse!!!*
Homecoming 2018

October 6th, 2018
8 pm - 12 am
RHS Cafeteria

Tickets \$20
On sale on the RHS Webstore
or at the dance.

From our Dean Of Instruction:

PSAT - OCTOBER 10, 2018 @ ROUSE HIGH SCHOOL

All RHS 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT test on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at Rouse High School beginning at 8:40am. All 9th graders will be taking the PSAT 8/9 Test and 10th - 11th graders will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT Test. Testing will take approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes. All sub-campus students will test at their home campus and will remain there the rest of the school day.

More information about the [PSAT 8/9](#) and [PSAT NMSQT](#), including resources to help students prepare, can be found on the College Board website.

[October 10th Bell Schedule](#)

Test Day Reminders

- Get plenty of rest the night before
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Schedule appointments for a different day
- Students must bring their own [calculator](#) for the math sections of the PSAT
- Room assignments will be posted on testing day.

SENIOR SUMMIT - OCTOBER 10, 2018 @ ROUSE HIGH SCHOOL

All 12th grade students will participate in Senior Summit, which takes place concurrently with PSAT. Seniors will have a chance to attend four 40-minute breakout sessions when they will have a chance to learn about various college & career opportunities. Students selected their sessions when they met with counselors during their English 4 class last week. If your student was absent during this time, they can make their selections [here](#). The deadline to select sessions is Sept. 22nd. Anyone who does not choose their sessions by this date will be placed where space is available.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Click [here](#) to visit our website

October 2

**Self-Regulation:
Helping Your Child
Keep Their Mind,
Body and Emotions
Engaged and
Learning**

*Emily Voges,
LISD Behavioral Coach
Camacho ES
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Elementary Parents*

October 17

**Let's Talk About
Mental Health**

*National Alliance on
Mental Illness (NAMI)
Rouse HS
6:30-7:30 p.m.
All Parents*

November 27

**Depression and
Bipolar
Disorder in
Adolescents**

*Dr. Karen Swartz,
Johns Hopkins Medical School
Georgetown HS Lecture Hall
6:30-7:30 p.m.
All Parents*



EMPOWERED PARENTING

A WORKSHOP SERIES BY
LEANDER ISD COUNSELING SERVICES
2018-2019

January 31

**The Story
Matters:
The Why Behind
Teen Drug Use**

*Mary Ann Kluga,
LISD ADAPT Coordinator
Glenn HS
6:30-7:30 p.m.
All Parents*

March 7

**Healthy
Teen
Relationships**

*Randy Randolph,
Safe Place Austin
Vandegrift HS
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Secondary Parents & Students*

April 11

**Keeping Your
Kids Safe Online
and Staying
Safe Online**

*Amy Callaway, Williamson Co.
Child Advocacy Center;
Amy Briggs, Texas Attorney
General's Office
Leander HS
6:30-7:30 p.m.
All Parents & Secondary Students*

FAFSA

Free Application for Student Aid

The Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) is now open for the 2019-2020 school year!

It is recommended that all students, regardless of income, submit a FAFSA. Many colleges and scholarships utilize the FAFSA for merit based and need based awards.

Fill out the FAFSA:

[FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

Get answers to your financial aid questions:

studentaid.ed.gov

Here are some helpful resources and tips:

- Need help getting started? Check out this [FAFSA video tutorial](#)
- Students AND parents will need to [create an FSA ID](#)
- No need to track down a hard copy of your income taxes - the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) allows you to connect directly from FAFSA to the IRS
- You can save your application and return to it at any time

Completing the FAFSA early is more important than ever for Texas high school students. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recently changed the state FAFSA priority deadline to January 15, 2019.

Need assistance completing the FAFSA? RHS is hosting FAFSA help appointments Thursday, October 11th. For registration and a list of what info to bring, click [here](#).

More info can be found on the [RHS College & Career](#) website

Level Changes for PreAP & AP Courses

- Requests will be taken until Friday, October 5th @ 4pm
- Students must have attended tutorials and met with their PreAP/AP teacher before a request is submitted.
- Students will continue to follow their current schedule until notified that their request has been approved.
- The student's grade in their advanced level course will follow them to their on-level course and count in their six weeks average.
- There is no guarantee that your schedule will remain the same.

12th Graders

- FAFSA opens today! All students who plan to attend a college or trade school should fill out the FAFSA
 - You don't have to know where you're going before completing
 - Check out the [RHS College & Career](#) website for more info
- College applications are now open.
- You can access your ApplyTexas account, Common App Account, or the university website of your choice.
- Use this [College Kickstart Guide](#)

11th Graders

- Take advantage of a college visit. Two excused absences your Junior year.
- 11th grade one on one meetings begin on October 29th, 2018

10th Graders

- 10th grade one on one meetings begin on January 28th, 2019

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College and Career Update:

Upcoming College Visits

College reps from the following schools will visit with Rouse juniors & seniors during advocate:

- Linfield College, Oregon (Oct. 2nd)
- Kansas State University (Oct. 3rd)
- Austin College (Oct. 4th)
- Texas State (Oct. 16th)
- Northern Arizona University (Oct. 23rd)
- Texas A&M College Station (Oct. 24th)
- Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (Oct. 30th)
- St. Edward's University (Oct. 31st)
- Abilene Christian University (Nov. 1st)
- Oklahoma University (Nov. 7th)

Sign up on the [RHS College & Career Upcoming Events](#) website – you will receive a pass to attend the period prior to the visit



**Next Proj. Grad meeting:
October 10th
Library
6:30pm**

Meeting Dates:

11/7, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 & 5/29 – RHS Library, 5:30pm

Project Graduation is a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free Senior class party! Project Grad is run 100% by volunteer parents of graduating seniors and funded 100% by donations and contributions. Our goal is to raise money throughout the year so every graduating senior registers to attend the party for free.

There are many opportunities to get involved over the course of the year. If you are unable to attend the next meeting, contact Assistant Principal Robert.Syner@Leanderisd.org.

RHS PTSA

Rouse PTSA welcomes all interested parents, teachers & students.

PTSA General Meeting Dates:

October 17th
February 13th
RHS Library
4:30pm

December 5th (Reflections)
April 10th - (Elections)
RHS Library
6:30pm

Click here to join:
<http://www.joinpta.org/>
[PTSA Newsletter](#)
[COOL WEEK for PTSA](#)

Volunteer

Volunteers' tasks are limitless - including such things as tutoring & mentoring students, chaperoning school dances & field trips, helping with our athletic & band booster clubs, helping with textbooks, serving at Teacher Appreciations and helping out in the guidance office.

For the safety of our students, Leander Independent School District requires all potential volunteers who plan to **work during the day or evenings** (before, during & after school) supporting any Club/Organization/Sports team, etc. to receive a background check by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This check will be completed using the Raptor Volunteer Management System.

Here is how someone can become an 'APPROVED' LISD Volunteer:

1. Complete and submit the *NEW* Raptor Volunteer Application:
2. [English](#) | [Español](#)
3. The background check should be complete in 2-3 business days.
4. Once approved, an email will be sent to the volunteer containing their login credentials and account information for their virtual volunteer profile.
5. When the volunteer is needed and it is during the school day, they MUST check-in at the front office and acquire a Volunteer Badge from the Receptionist.