

Raider Digest

December 18, 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

Early Release (release @ 12:40pm)

Thursday, December 20th

Friday, December 21st

Campus Closed:

December 24th - January 4th

Staff Dev./Student Holiday:

January 7th

Regular School Hours begin on:

January 8th - "A" Day

Second Semester **Schedules**

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2019 GRADUATION

Saturday, June 1st, 4:00pm

HEB Center, Cedar Park

Greetings Raider Families:



Thank you,

We are: #1RoUSE

Christine Simpson
Rouse High School, Principal

Assistant Principal's Message:

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.)

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.



Rouse High School



RHS Midterm Exam Schedule 2018

Tuesday December 18 th A Day	Wednesday December 19 th B Day	Thursday December 20 th A Day: Early Release	Friday December 21 st B Day: Early Release
1 st period	5 th period	1 st period – Exam	5 th period – Exam
2 nd period	6 th period	2 nd period - Exam	6 th period - Exam
3 rd period - Exam	7 th period - Exam	Early Release at 12:40	Early Release at 12:40
4 th period - Exam	8 th period - Exam	Busses will arrive at 12:40	Busses will arrive at 12:40

- Monday will run on a normal advocate bell schedule. No Advocate for Tuesday-Friday
- The same amount of time will be allocated for testing for all exams from the same course. Review/Study time can be used at the beginning of classes on Thursday and Friday.
- Exams will be administered at the scheduled exam time.** Students that miss the exam period will need to make arrangements to make up the test after the break. Early exams will not be given.

Bell Schedule for Tuesday (12/18) and Wednesday (12/19)

8:40 – 10:14 1st/5th Period (94 min)
 10:20 – 11:54 2nd/6th Period (94 min) Pledges/Announcements/Attendance
 12:00 – 2:05 3rd/7th Period

A Lunch 11:54– 12:24
A Class 12:30 – 2:05 (95min)

B Class 12:00 – 1:34 (94 min)
B Lunch 1:34 – 2:05

2:11 – 3:45 4th/8th Period (94 min)

Bell Schedule for Thursday (12/20) and Friday (12/21)

8:40 – 10:35 1st/5th Period (115 min)
 10:35 - 10:45 Passing Period
 10:45 – 12:40 2nd/6th Period (115 min)

FROM OUR DEAN OF INSTRUCTION:

Information on the PSAT and PSAT 8/9

- PSAT and PSAT 8/9 Scores are now available online. Students should have received an email from College Board with instructions on creating your College Board account. For more information on accessing scores online watch the informational video on the [College Board site](#).
- Paper score reports along with test booklets will be given to students when we return from winter break. Students will go over their reports and learn how to link their scores to Khan Academy to receive personalized practice to help them improve scores for future SAT or PSAT testing.

ACT and SAT Mock Exams at RHS

In order to help students prepare for upcoming college exam testing, More Than a Teacher will be hosting a Mock ACT and a Mock SAT in the RHS Lecture Hall. Students will get immediate results and resources they may use to prepare for upcoming college entrance exams. This is an excellent way for Juniors to get ready for the school day ACT & SAT on February 20th and March 6th, respectively. The cost to attend is \$15 each. All proceeds go to Rouse High School. Click the links to sign up and get more information.

- [January 12th Mock ACT Registration](#) [January 26th Mock SAT Registration](#)

Next Steps in College Exam Preparation

More Than a Teacher will have a representative on campus **Wednesday, January 23rd during Advocate**. They will offer tips and strategies to prepare for upcoming college entrance exams based on your PSAT scores as well as a timeline for action. To attend complete the information on this form so that we can portal you in on January 23rd. This presentation is geared primarily for juniors, but all grade levels are welcome.

- [Register to attend More Than a Teacher Next Steps Session During Advocate](#)

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019 AP EXAMS IS NOW OPEN!

Regular registration opens November 1, 2018 for the 2019 AP Exams and remain open until Monday, March 4, 2019 This window will give families more flexibility on paying for their AP exams.

AP Exams are an important piece of our students' college resume and can make a huge impact on college expenses by earning college credit through AP exams; therefore, LISD will be paying \$25 toward each AP exam to bring the cost from \$98 to \$73 per exam for the 2019 school year. Capstone Exams will be reduced to \$122. Students on free/reduced lunch pay \$20/exam and can indicate participation in the program on the registration form. Grants are available for students needing additional financial assistance. Please see Stephanie Chisholm, Dean of Instruction, for a grant application.

[2019 AP Exam Schedule](#)

[Register for the 2019 AP Exams](#) here beginning November 1st.

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*

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BIG PICTURE NIGHT

January 24, 2019

Find out information regarding:

- ACC Dual Credit options - free college credit!
- AP course offerings
- Elective fair
- PSAT & SAT prep
- And much, much more!

FAFSA

Free Application for Student Aid

Fill out the FAFSA:

FAFSA.ed.gov

Get answers to your financial aid questions:

Studentaid.ed.gov

Follow us on Facebook: [FB.me/RHSCounselors](https://www.facebook.com/RHSCounselors)



College and Career Update:

Upcoming College Visits

Check back for second semester college visits!

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



I've Been Accepted!

We want to know where you've been accepted – please fill out this [Google form](#) and include a screenshot of your acceptance letter. For each entry you will receive a pennant representing that school on your mini diploma in the "R". All 4-yr, 2-yr, trade school, and military acceptances will be honored.

SENIOR PICTURE INFORMATION

Photographers from Photo Texas Photography will be at RHS Dec. 12 to take senior yearbook portraits.

To sign up for an on-campus appointment in the Lecture Room, go to: <http://bit.ly/RSE112918>

You must be photographed by Dec. 21 to appear in the senior class section of the yearbook.

Your complimentary school session will include a yearbook portrait and a cap and gown portrait. Your yearbook picture will be taken in a tuxedo or drape, which will be provided. If you plan to wear the tuxedo, bring a plain white t-shirt to wear under the dress shirt. If you plan to wear the drape, bring a spaghetti strap top and a strapless bra or one with straps that can be pushed down slightly over the shoulders (avoid sports bras).

If you would rather have a portrait session at the Photo Texas studio or would like casual portraits, call Photo Texas at 512-617-7780 to schedule an appointment. You can also visit their website at <https://ptphotography.onbackdrop.com/login> and create an account using our school code, Raiders. This will allow you to schedule a studio appointment. Be aware that there will be a sitting fee for all studio appointments.

Thank you!



Next Proj. Grad meeting: *January 9th*

Meeting Dates:

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

We are Rouse High Schools PTSA.
Supporting all students, staff and parents by
engaging, collaborating and empowering
our families and community to advocate for all.

PTSA General Meeting Dates:

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

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

The PTSA Reflections Contest is still open! Paper entries are available in the AP office or Enter online:

English:

https://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Reflections%202018/18-19%20Student%20Entry%20Form_TXPTA_Fillable.pdf

Spanish:

https://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Reflections%202018/18-19%20Student%20Entry%20Form-Spanish_TXPTA_Fillable.pdf

Click here to join:

<http://www.joinpta.org/>

[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.