



Raider Digest

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Rouse Vision

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.

Greetings Raider Families!

On Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Rouse High School all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT test starting at 8:40am.

We have an incredible opportunity for our students to take the PSAT Test on their home campus, free of charge! Practice opportunities can result in students increasing their performance on the actual exam. Please make sure your student is rested, fed and hydrated. Testing will take approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes. Please do not schedule appointment(s) for students to be off campus during this time.

Another great opportunity for our Seniors will be the Senior Summit. Seniors will report to the Competition Gym at 8:40am for a variety of College and Career focused activities and will need to bring their laptop or device with them.

All sub-campus students will test at their home campus and will remain there the rest of the school day.

We are #1RoUse

Christine Simpson Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 8th – 14th – NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
- Oct. 9th – Staff Development/Student Holiday – Students NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 11th - PSAT Testing @ RHS – detailed information found in the below Dean of Instruction page
- Oct. 12th – Underclassmen Fall picture retake day

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

PSAT - OCTOBER 11, 2017 - @ ROUSE HIGH SCHOOL

All RHS 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT test on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 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. Please do not schedule appointment(s) for students to be off campus that morning.

All sub-campus students will test at their home campus and will remain there the rest of the school day. For additional information and free test preparation resources, go to [PSAT Prep Resources](#).

PSAT Bell Schedule - listed below

ROUSE HIGH SCHOOL PSAT BELL SCHEDULE OCTOBER 11, 2017

8:40am - 1:00pm

PSAT 8/9 - For all 9th Grade Students
PSAT/NMSQT - For all 10th & 11th Grade Students
Senior Summit - For all 12th Grade Students

7th Period (Lunch Period)

A Lunch	1:05 - 1:35	B Class	1:05 - 1:35	C Class	1:05 - 2:10
A Class	1:40 - 2:40	B Lunch	1:35 - 2:05	C Lunch	2:10 - 2:40
		B Class	2:10 - 2:40		

8th Period ADVOCATE: 2:45 - 3:45
(Students can use the Portal)

- Sub-campus students are to remain at their home campus.
- ACC classes will not meet on this day.
- Room assignments will be posted on testing day.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

ATTENDANCE

This year, our current attendance rate is down to 96.4%. Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's mastery of instructional materials. In addition to the loss of instruction, state law makes school attendance mandatory. Students with excessive absences may be subject to referral to truancy court and/or loss of course credit. It is imperative that documentation be provided for any and all absences that occur throughout the year. Documentation from a parent or doctor needs to be submitted within 2 days of a student's return to school. Notes can be submitted in person, or electronically to our attendance clerk, Mrs. Walker. Even if the student does not see a doctor, a parent note is important so that we have documentation of the reason for the absence.

Tardy Policy

Parents: Please be aware of a change in the process for handling tardies for the 2017-18 school year. We believe that students being in class on time has a direct impact on their learning and success in the classroom. With that in mind, after the 7th tardy for the semester, students will receive a written warning from their Assistant Principal. After the 10th tardy, the student will be placed in a 30 minute detention, and parents will be notified. Every 2 additional tardies will result in doubling the length of detention time assigned. We are hoping that this process will encourage our students to be in class on time and ready to learn. Thank you.

COUNSELING OFFICE

SENIOR Summit

Seniors will participate in the 2018 Senior Summit on Oct. 11th from 9am-1pm.
Seniors will follow the schedule below:

8:30a -	9a	Check-in, receive rotation schedule and room assignments
9:00a -	9:20a	Opening General Session
9:30a -	10:15a	Session 1
10:20a -	11:05a	Session 2
11:05a -	11:15a	Break
11:15a -	12:00p	Session 3
12:05p -	12:50p	Session 4

Sr. Summit will conclude when PSAT testing is complete. Students will be released to their 7th pd class at that time.

***Seniors, please bring your laptop or device**

Attention Seniors & Parents:

Here is your October College & Career update – these are a few things seniors should be focused on this month as they work toward making plans for the future.

Paying for College

Fill out the FAFSA! The FAFSA is the most important tool students can use to access money for college. You can find many resources online at studentaid.gov, but in the meantime, here are a few important points to keep in mind:

- Fill out the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov
- Requires both student and [parent info](#) (regardless of how much money parent(s) plan to contribute to the cost of college)
- Students and parents must request an [FSA ID](#) prior to submitting the FAFSA - this acts as the electronic signature
- Requires 2016 income tax info
- If your household has experienced a significant change in income since filing 2016 taxes, the student should contact the financial aid office of the school

RHS will host FAFSA workshops on Oct. 10th and Nov. 14th. Register online [here](#).

College Campus Tours & Preview Days:

Many schools offer campus events throughout the fall semester that are geared toward seniors who are deciding whether a campus is the right fit for them. We highly recommend our students take advantage of these opportunities. If there is a school you are particularly interested in, check their website for preview days. In the meantime, here are a few upcoming events:

- Concordia University - [Explore CTX](#)
- Duke University - [Discover Duke - Austin](#)
- St. Edward's University - [Open House or Comprehensive Visits](#)
- Stephen F. Austin State University - [Showcase Saturday](#)
- Tarleton State University - [Texan Tour](#)
- Texas State - [Bobcat Day](#)
- Texas State - [Insight Days](#) - gives students a closer look at specific areas of study
- UT Austin - [Special Interest Sessions](#)
- UT San Antonio - [UTSA Day](#)

ASVAB Test:

Students in grades 10-12 have the option to take the ASVAB test here on campus on Nov. 14th. Although this assessment is most commonly associated with the military, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world. As an aptitude test, the ASVAB measures students' strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success. The ASVAB also provides students with career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors whether you choose to go to college, vocational school, or a military career.

Students can register by logging into Naviance → Colleges tab → View all upcoming college visits → ASVAB sign up

The test takes about 4 hours. Attendance for morning classes will be excused.

Upcoming events:

10/10 @ RHS - [FAFSA workshop](#)

10/11 @ RHS - Sr. Summit

11/14 @ RHS - [FAFSA workshop](#)

11/15 @ RHS - ASVAB test

PTSA Scholarships

Rouse Seniors AND faculty! The 17-18 PTA season for scholarships is open! The deadline for all scholarship applications is Friday, December 1. Check out all the details here!

http://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Scholarship/2018_Scholarship_Information_Updated.jpg

FAFSA Assistance at RHS

Need FAFSA assistance? We are available to help you!

Rouse will host FAFSA help sessions on **Oct. 10th** and **Nov. 14th** in room 1210.

[Click here](#) to register for an appointment by choosing a time slot and for more information on what you will need to complete your **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

CLASS OF 2018

GRADUATION
Saturday, June 9,
2018 12:00pm

Important Dates:

Senior Portraits –

Please read over this letter carefully and be sure to take your senior portrait by Nov. 28 either at the Photo Texas Photography Studio or on campus.

Seniors, take your senior portrait by Nov. 28

To sign up for an on-campus portrait slot Oct. 20-21, click [HERE](#) or for Oct. 23, click [HERE](#).

Senior Portrait FAQ's - [click here](#)

Senior Cap/Gown - Herff Jones will be in the Comp. Gym for a Senior Meeting to talk about Cap/Gown orders on Thursday, November. 6th, (date change) during your Advocate Period.

- Cap/Gown sales will take place in the cafeteria and front foyer of the Main Bldg.
 - Thursday, November 16th, cafeteria during all lunches (12:30-2:15) and 2:30 – 6pm (Front Foyer)
 - Friday, November 17th, cafeteria during all lunches (12:30 – 2:15)

Senior Awards Ceremony – Tues., May 22, 2018, Seniors report at 6:00pm, Ceremony begins at 6:30pm, RHS Auditorium. Seniors receiving recognition will be sent an invitation. All seniors & parents are welcome.

Graduation Practice – MANDATORY, Thursday, June 7th, Comp. Gym, 9:00am.

All seniors who plan to participate in our graduation ceremony must attend graduation practice.

Graduation – Saturday, June 9th, 12:00pm at HEB Center, Cedar Park, TX, located at the northwest corner of New Hope Road and 183 -A.

Project Graduation –



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CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS NEWS

2018 RELAY YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are on sale now, click on the following link to place your order. <http://bit.ly/2wfDaN3>

Senior parents, you can honor your son or daughter with a tribute ad in the 2018 *Replay* yearbook. This special part of the yearbook is dedicated to congratulating students with meaningful messages from family members, and include photos that range from birth through senior year. Go to <https://goo.gl/ofcVnT> to get more info about senior ads, and reserve your space at <http://bit.ly/2wfDaN3>.

TRUNK OR TREAT



PTSA - VOLUNTEERS

RHS PTSA

Rouse PTSA welcomes all interested parents, teachers & students.

Click here to join: <http://www.joinpta.org/>

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REFLECTIONS

Reflections has been a staple arts program in many schools for nearly 50 years. Through the efforts of our Local PTAs, millions of students have found a creative outlet in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

With positive recognition as the focus of this program, rather than competition, students of all ages and abilities can experience the benefits of creative expression and help in finding their own voice in telling their unique story.

Started in 1969 by Mary Lou Anderson, then Colorado PTA President, Reflections has grown to be one of the largest nationwide programs of its kind, with more than 200,000 students participating annually.

Visit our [2016-2017 Reflections Gallery](#) to see examples of entries that were awarded by Texas PTA in past years.

Express your artistic talent and tell us what's within reach through Reflections!

***student entry forms will be available in the AP office starting Oct 1st. Our campus deadlines for submissions is Oct 31, 5PM.

Online forms available here:

http://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Reflections_2017/2017_Student_Entry.pdf

***complete eligibility rules here:

http://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Reflections%20Rules/2017_Official_Rules_English.pdf

VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers make a difference in our students' lives & contribute tremendously to their success.

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.

The list is endless, and we know that any amount of time you give is valuable!