

# 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,

### 4th ANNUAL SUMMER READING 4 ALL

On May 25th and 26th, all 9th through 11th grade students at Rouse High School will be able to pick out a book to take home to read over the summer. The Summer Reading 4 All program is a district initiative to promote literacy.

Research shows that student reading scores drop between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next school year. This has been dubbed the "Summer Slide." It is not that students magically become less-skilled readers from June to August, rather many students do not read during the summer. Therefore, they are not practicing their reading skills. To help combat the "Summer Slide," Leander ISD encourages all students and parents to continue reading all year long. Read for adventure, for fun, to explore a new world, to learn more about a topic, to increase vocabulary, and to wonder.

Check out more information on the program by visiting the website: <http://bit.ly/lisdsr4a>

*Christine Simpson*

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Principal



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**5/6**

SAT Test @ RHS  
Check in begins at 7:15am  
RHS Cafeteria

**5/8**

AP Test  
Biology, Music Theory,  
Physics C Mechanics,  
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism

**5/9**

AP Test  
Calculus AB, Calculus BC, French

**5/10**

AP Test  
English Lang and Comp,  
Macroeconomics

**5/11**

AP Test  
World History, Statistics

**5/12**

AP Test  
European History, Latin

PTSA Exec. Board Mtg.,  
Guid. Con. Rm., 8:00am

**5/16**

Senior Awards,  
Auditorium, 6:30pm  
(Students report at 6:00pm)



## DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> begins the second week of AP testing. It is important for students to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast on the day of testing. Here are a few reminders of what you need on testing day. Click [here](#) for a complete AP testing schedule.

### All Students must bring:

- Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for completing all multiple-choice answer sheets
- Pens with black or dark blue ink for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams
- Their own school's code if they are testing at a school different than the one they regularly attend
- Up to two calculators (replace batteries before the test) with necessary capabilities if taking an exam that permits calculators ([www.collegeboard.com/ap/calculators](http://www.collegeboard.com/ap/calculators) - for a list of approved graphing calculators)
- **Photo ID – school, driver's license or Texas state ID**
- **No** cell phones, smart watches, fit bits or other electronic equipment, dictionaries or highlighters
- Food or drink is **not** allowed during testing. Students may have a quick snack/drink during the 10 minute break. All food/drink must be consumed outside of the testing room

If you would like more information from the College Board you can access the Bulletin for AP Students and Parents [here](#).

Good luck on your AP exams!

## In the Community

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media is a wonderful tool for keeping in touch with our friends and family.

Please check out the below link to the PowerPoint presented by Detective John Rowe from the Round Rock Police Department to the WMS Coyotes.

[Social Media PowerPoint](#)

### Join the RHS PTSA

Rouse PTSA welcomes all interested parents, teachers, and students to our general meetings for the 2016-2017 school year. The meetings are held at 6:30 pm @ RHS. Meeting dates are posted on page 1 of this newsletter.

Click here to join:

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

### VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers make a difference in our students' lives and 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!

# Counselors' Corner

## 2017 Spring Final Exam Schedule

Date	Underclassman	Senior Class
Wednesday, May 24	Regular B day	Attend Periods: 5 & 6 Exams Periods: 7 & 8
Thursday, May 25	Regular A day	Attend Periods: 1 & 2 Exams Periods: 3 & 4
Friday, May 26	Regular B day	Exams Periods: 5 & 6 Dismiss after 6 <sup>th</sup> Period
Tuesday, May 30	Attend Periods: 1 & 2 Test Periods: 3 & 4	Exams Periods: 1 & 2 Dismiss after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
Wednesday, May 31	Attend Periods: 5 & 6 Exams Periods: 7 & 8	Graduation Rehearsal • 9:00am in the RHS Gym
Thursday, June 1	<b>A Day Late Start</b> 11:45 – 1:15 Test 1- Period 1:20 – 2:10 Advocate/Lunch 2:15 – 3:45 Test 2- Period	<b>Graduation Day</b> • 5:45am Students should arrive at RHS. • 8:00am Ceremony @ HEB Center
Friday, June 2	<b>B Day</b> 8:40 – 10:10 Test 5- Period 10:15 – 11:05 Advocate 11:10 – 12:40 Test 6- Period	

## Exploring Educational Excellence: College Info Night

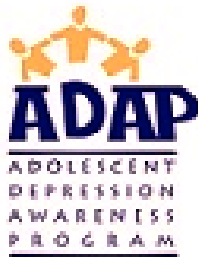
Join **Brown, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell** and **Rice** for an information session for prospective students and their families. Sessions include a brief overview of each institution, information on admissions and financial aid, and a chance to speak informally with admissions representatives. You must register to attend.

For more info and [registration](http://exploringeducationalexcellence.org/index.php), visit their website: <http://exploringeducationalexcellence.org/index.php>

**When:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** Hyatt Regency Austin  
208 Barton Springs Rd  
Austin, TX 78704



# Depression and Bipolar Disorder in Adolescents

Please join Leander ISD Counseling Services for a program about adolescent mood disorders, presented by the Johns Hopkins' Adolescent Depression Awareness Program (ADAP).

Dr. Karen Swartz, a mood disorders specialist from Johns Hopkins will discuss and answer questions about adolescent Depression and Bipolar Disorder. Topics covered will include characteristics, symptoms, prevalence, and treatment.

#### **Date & Time**

May 17, 2017  
6:30-7:30 pm

#### **Location**

Lecture Hall  
Rouse High School  
1222 Raider Way  
Leander, TX 78641

#### **Contact**

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For other questions, please contact your school counselor or  
Steve Clark, Director of Counseling Services  
Phone: (512) 570-0212

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## Assistant Principals' Message

### Spring Final Exam Exemptions

All students are required to take their fall semester exams. Students may earn exemptions from their Spring Final Exams if they qualify by meeting the criteria described below. Exemptions from Final Exams are an honor earned by students who attend school regularly, follow the student code of conduct, master the required content and demonstrate required grades. Students who qualify for spring semester exam exemptions must attend all classes during the week of semester exams. Qualifying students are exempt from taking the semester exam but are not exempt from attending class.

How do students qualify for exemptions?

- Absences cannot exceed 6 per period for the year (Fall & Spring Semesters)
- Minimum Average Grade: 80 (This is based on averaging the first 5 grading cycles)
- Semester courses are not eligible for exemptions.
- Students taking the AP exam will not have an additional final exam in the class
- Students taking an End of Course Exam (STAAR Test) for the course will not have an additional exam in the class, unless taking the final could improve their grade.

More information about Exemptions can be found on p. 25 of the [High School Student and Parent Handbook](#).

### Attendance

Attending school every day is critical to student learning. When students are absent, they miss important instruction and may fall behind. For more information, please see our Attendance Office webpage @ <http://classroom.leanderisd.org/default.aspx?RHS%20Attendance>

### Why would a student owe hours for credit?

Per Texas Education Code §25.092, to receive credit in a class, a student must attend at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered. A student who attends at least 75 percent but less than 90 percent of the days the class is offered may receive credit for the class if he or she completes a plan approved by the principal that allows the student to fulfill the instructional requirements of the class.

If a student does not meet this requirement, our plan is through owing hours. Students must complete at least half of these hours on campus. Most students accomplish this through attending tutorials or Saturday School. Students can also complete these hours off-campus by volunteering with a non-profit organization. Students should see their

# SENIORS CLASS OF 2017

Assistant Principal for approval.

## SENIOR INFORMATION

<http://rhs.leanderisd.org/> - SENIOR Class 2017

- Cap/gown orders
- Graduation Day
- Senior Awards
- Scholarship Information
- And all things related to your senior year...

*Help us celebrate the Class of 2017  
as they walk the halls of RHS for the last time!*

In keeping with Rouse's newest tradition of sending our students off with cheers and great energy, our seniors will have the chance to walk the halls before embarking on their post-secondary journey.

**We invite parents to join us along the halls of RHS as we do our first ever  
Senior Send-off**

Senior Send-off will be held May 31st at 11:45am (immediately after graduation practice).

## PROJECT GRADUATION INFORMATION

[Click here](#) to link to the Project Graduation Website for Upcoming Events information.

### PG-17's Restaurant Week

**Eat out all week & help support RHS Project Grad 2017**

#### TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE

Monday, May 1st  
7am-9pm  
1890 Ranch

#### PDQ

Wednesday, May 3rd  
4pm-9pm  
4501 183A Rd.

#### CHICK-FIL-A

Friday, May 5th  
6am-10pm  
1890 Ranch

#### TORCHY'S TACOS

Tuesday, May 2nd  
4pm-8pm  
1468 E. Whitestone Blvd.

#### CHIPOTLE

Thursday, May 4th  
5pm-9pm  
1890 Ranch

## Important Dates:

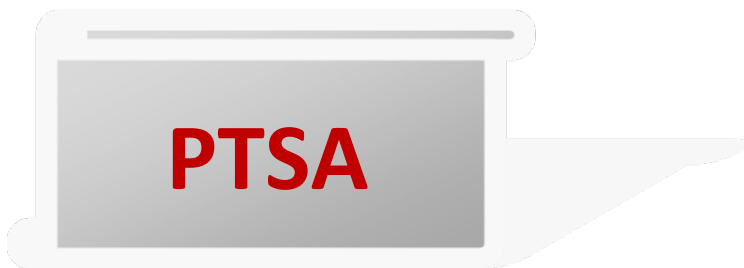
**Senior Cap/Gown** - Herff Jones will be in the cafeteria to deliver all Cap/Gown orders on Wed., May 17th & Thurs., May 18<sup>th</sup> during all lunch periods (11:40am – 2:15pm).

**Senior Awards Ceremony** – Tues., May 16, 2017, 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, Wed., May 31<sup>st</sup>, Comp. Gym, 9:00am.  
All seniors who plan to participate in our graduation ceremony must attend graduation practice.

**Graduation** – Thurs., June 1, 2017 at 8:00 AM at HEB Center, Cedar Park, TX, located at the northwest corner of New Hope Road and 183 -A.

**Project Graduation** – The Goodnight: 2700 West Anderson Lane, Austin TX 78757  
<http://thegoodnightaustin.com/>)



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

To our Rouse Faculty and Staff – we say THANK YOU for all you do! This appreciation will not go without celebration. We look forward to expressing our gratitude Tuesday, May 16.

### 2017 -2018 PTSA Executive Board Appointments

We are pleased to announce our 2017 – 2018 PTSA Elected Officers

President – Stephanie Featherstone

Vice President – Tanja Ward

Treasurer – Veronica Haig

Secretary – Monica Schraeder

If you have any questions, please email Stephanie Featherstone @  
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**PTSA is EVERYBODY'S BOOSTER CLUB!**