

Raider Digest

March 9, 2020

Rouse Vision Statement

A culture of passionate learners building the #1roUSe story

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RHS@RouseHS Raiders

Upcoming Events

3/9 & 3/10

9th Gr. Student Led Parent Conferences
Library

3/11

PTSA General Meeting
Library
4:30pm

3/16 - 3/20
SPRING BREAK

3/23

Staff Dev./Student Holiday

3/24

LISD "Stop The Bleed" Training student
opportunity
Lecture Hall
5:00pm

4/2

RHS Employment Expo for Senior Students

Message from the Principal:

Greetings Raider Families,

Our district School Community Relations team has asked me to communicate the following in order to increase participation in this very important survey.

RHS and LISD have partnered with BrightBytes, an educational research and analytics company, in order to learn more about our students' school and home technology use for learning.

We are reaching out to ask you to take part in the following school questionnaire. Your participation is essential to help us form a more complete picture of technology use for learning in our students' lives, and will help your student's teachers choose the right technology for their classrooms.

Please know that all of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy. The questionnaire will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

The last day to complete this questionnaire is **March 27th**. Please respond using the link below:

<http://www.bbyt.es/AJ46P>

Thank you for taking part in this important initiative!

Christine Simpson,
Principal

Assistant Principals' Message

Dress Code

As warmer weather arrives, we encourage you to work with your child to determine if the clothing worn in the fall still fits in a way that keeps them in dress code for the spring. We are asking for your help in reminding your child(ren) to avoid some of the violations we see most often:

- Shorts or skirts that reveal undergarments or buttocks
- Pants that are worn or have holes that reveal undergarments
- Shirts that reveal the midriff or do not touch the top of the pants/skirt/shorts all the way around
- Strapless shirts
- Shirts with large arm holes

Thanks again for your help and support with the enforcement of the dress code. Please contact the AP office if you have any questions.



Restroom Concerns



We have heard from some parents that their children are reporting that the restrooms are not stocked with toilet paper and hand soap. We had not been hearing these concerns from students, but to ensure that we can hear concerns from students, we devised a system to help with this situation. We have posted flyers with a QR code in most of the stalls and all of the restrooms on campus. Students can scan the QR code with their phone and fill out a form that goes directly to a secretary who can get a hold of custodians to correct the situation. Please ask your children to help our community by taking the time to let us know what supplies are lacking in a restroom. Our custodians are wonderful, and this will help ensure that restrooms are properly refilled throughout the day.



Rouse High School - Employment Expo for Seniors

RHS will be hosting an Employment Expo on April 2nd, 2020.

Our goal is to connect students with potential employers in the community who hire young adults seeking to transition straight into a career after high school graduation. The Expo will allow students to discover which companies match their particular field of interest. After the Expo, we will gather student feedback in order to discern which companies we will need to invite back on April 14th or 15th for a more in-depth information session and to possibly conduct interviews. If this is something you and your company can commit to, please [click here](#) to sign-up and a member of our team will reach out to you. Thank you for partnering with us in this effort!

FROM OUR DEAN OF INSTRUCTION:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT WEBSITE

Check out my [Advanced Placement website](#) for information regarding advanced placement courses. The website outlines the difference between AP, OnRamps, and ACC courses, shows the May AP exam schedule, lists the weighted GPA courses, and has my contact information.

PREPARING FOR THE SAT

Khan Academy offers free practice for any student looking to improve their SAT scores. Your student can link his/her PSAT or previous SAT scores with Khan Academy to create a customized plan for what skills need to be improved. Preparing for the SAT is imperative if your student wants to perform well. For your student to connect the two accounts follow [this tutorial](#). If your student is having trouble remembering his/her College Board account login information check out the [College Board Account Help webpage](#).

FROM OUR TESTING COORDINATOR: [Click here to visit the testing website](#)

Spring STAAR End of Course Exam Schedule

- **English 1:** Tuesday, April 7th (*9th graders & retesters*)
- **English 2:** Wednesday, April 8th (*10th graders & retesters*)
- **Makeup Day:** Thursday, April 9th (*anyone who missed assigned testing that week*)
- **US History:** Tuesday, May 5th (*11th graders & retesters*)
- **Algebra 1:** Wednesday, May 6th (*9th graders currently taking Algebra 1 & retesters*)
- **Biology:** Thursday, May 7th (*9th graders & retesters*)
- **Makeup Day:** Friday, May 8th (*anyone who missed assigned testing that week*)

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Click [here](#) to visit our website

- Off Campus PE application deadline for the 2020-2021 school year is May 29, 2020 at 4:00pm. Information can be found by clicking [here](#).

Thank you students and families for making 1:1 meetings and student-led parent conferences a huge success. We appreciate your partnership!!

Seniors: check the counseling website and your Google classroom for scholarship opportunities!

Transcripts- Please use [Parchment](#) to order your transcript for college.

College and Career Update:

FAFSA

Free Application for Student Aid

The Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) opens Oct. 1st for the 2020-2021 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

Please take a look at the below links for information on additional resources for improving scores on the PSAT and SAT:

ACT Test Prep

- Utilize <https://academy.act.org/> for free online ACT test prep
- Enter previous ACT scores for a personalized plan.

SAT Test Prep

- Utilize <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat> for free SAT test prep
- Students can link their PSAT or SAT results from College Board for a free personalized SAT prep program

SENIORS:

Herff Jones/Overall Recognition _____ Office: 512-243-7901

Graduation Announcements are in:

Delivery date:

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Cafeteria

during all lunch periods (12pm - 2:15pm)

Cap & Gown Orders -- Order packets can be found in the front office or online at www.texashj.com

Delivery dates:

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

during all lunch periods (12pm - 2:15pm)

2020 GRADUATION

Saturday, May 30th, 12:00pm

HEB Center, Cedar Park

Class of 2020 Information



Seniors: 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.

If you have a Senior, there are many opportunities to get involved in Project Grad. Leadership team; President, Kyle Walczak (kyle.walczak@dell.com), Vice President, Alicia Swanson (valerioalicia@yahoo.com), 2nd Vice President, Peter Grady (peter@grady7.com) and Treasurer Alicia Donoghue

(mrs.donoghue@yahoo.com).

Please join us at our next meeting, April 6th at 6:30 in the Rouse Lecture Hall.

MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

Saturday April 11th

10:00-5:00 in the Rouse Cafeteria.

Visit our project grad web page for more information www.rouseprojectgraduation.com

For more information or if you are interested in getting involved, please contact Assistant Principal Rosie Palazzolo at rosie.palazzolo-thompson@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

November 13, 2019

March 11, 2019

RHS Library, 6:30pm

September 11, 2019

January 22, 2019

April 22, 2019

Click here to join:

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

Volunteer

LISD's volunteer program is the envy of districts across the state. Last year, more than 15,000 LISD volunteers donated countless hours to benefit our students. Learn how to get involved today!

ALL (NEW and EXISTING) volunteers must create a NEW account and complete the volunteer registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Previously used email addresses, usernames and passwords were NOT pulled into the new system and will not be recognized.

Register to Volunteer

*Email communications will be sent from the domain **ezcommunicator.com**, be sure to white list this domain so volunteer information will not be lost or sent to a spam folder. We have been experiencing bounced emails from att.net, sbcglobal.net accounts.*

To verify your background status login to [your volunteer account](#), enter the username and password created during registration. Select from the drop down Volunteer > Background, and at the bottom of the screen your status will be displayed.

For questions regarding volunteering in LISD, contact the district volunteer coordinator at volunteer@leanderisd.org

VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK

[More information about Volunteering](#)

