

Raider Digest

November 5, 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

MAINTENANCE APPRECIATION WEEK

11/6

V Volleyball Playoff Game

RHS vs Hutto

@ Cedar Ridge HS, Round Rock

6:30pm

11/7

Project Grad Meeting

Library

5:30pm

11/9

Pep Rally

Comp. Gym

9:00am

PTSA Board Meeting

Guidance CR

9:00am

V FB vs Hutto (Senior Night)

Bible Stadium

7:00pm

2019 GRADUATION

Saturday, June 1st, 4:00pm

HEB Center, Cedar Park

Greetings Raider Families:

When I arrived at Rouse in 2016, our band students had endured some challenging times. Changes in staff left them feeling a lack of support and purpose. I remember the first time I spoke to this group as they began a new journey- one of dedication, school pride, and inner strength. Despite the obstacles, they quickly became focused and resilient. While "winning" didn't come up in conversation, excellence became a way of life for Rouse Band. This past weekend, our Band swept every category (Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance & Outstanding General Effect Awards) in their division at BOA competition earning them the distinction of AA Super Regional Champions.

We have so many student groups who are on the same path. I am honored to serve you all and my heartfelt congratulations to Rouse Band, staff, and families for an incredible weekend of excellence!

Thank you

We are: **#1RoUSE**

Christine Simpson
Rouse High School, Principal

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

11/12

Veteran's Day Ceremony

Pavilion

Advocate Period (11:40am)

11/14

National Signing Day

Athletic Study Hall

4:30pm

11/16

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Students & Staff

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.

FROM OUR DEAN OF INSTRUCTION:



Impact your future

Leander ISD Juniors:
Take the ACT during the school day
February 20, 2019

Accepted by all US colleges & universities

ACT

Register between Oct 29th and Dec 7th
on your campus homepage
Prep resources available <https://goo.gl/89rPQT>
Cost: \$64.00 per exam

See campus testing coordinator to request
accomodations: <https://goo.gl/esxMkR> by Dec 7th.
For financial assistance see campus counselor.

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.

Students taking AP exams at Rouse High School must register for exams by 11:59 pm, March 4, 2019. Late registration will occur from March 5 - 6 for an additional \$25 fee.

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*

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

12th Graders

- FAFSA is now open! 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

Junior Class 1 on 1 Meetings

This year, each counselor will be meeting one-on-one with you and your student. These one on one meetings will cover:

- Academic Progress
- Graduation Requirements
- Planning for the future
- Resources for student success

These 30-minute meetings will take place between October 29th and November 30th for Juniors only. Please utilize the following links to sign up for a conference time with YOUR counselor. If you have any questions, please call or email your counselor.

[Crochet A-C](#) (JUNIOR CLASS ONLY)

[Robbins D-Ga, W, X, Y, Z](#) (JUNIOR CLASS ONLY)

[Posey Ge-L](#) (JUNIOR CLASS ONLY)

[Pope M-Ri](#) (JUNIOR CLASS ONLY)

[Woodul Ro-V](#) (JUNIOR CLASS ONLY)

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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:

- Oklahoma University (Nov. 7th)
- Texas Tech University (Nov. 29th)

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.

ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

November 27th (8:30am-1:00pm) - RHS Lecture Hall

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a FREE test administered to all interested 10th-12th grade students. The ASVAB program facilitates career planning and exploration, combining a multiple-aptitude test with an interest self-assessment and wide range of career exploration tools. Students interested in the military absolutely should take this test, yet it is open to any student who simply is wanting more career guidance. We do not release scores or student information to the military.

- Check-in begins at 8:30am
- Test begins at 9:00am - students will not be admitted into the room after the test has begun
- Testing ends 1:00pm (approx.)

This is a B-day - attendance is coded but make sure to check with your teachers ahead of time. Students are responsible for all missed assignments.

Registration is limited to 80 students. Registration for the March test date opens in February.

ASVAB test prep: 4tests.com



Next Proj. Grad meeting: *November 7th, Cafeteria, 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

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.