

**TIMBER CREEK  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**JUST FOR JUNIORS**

**Monday—February 25, 2019 @ 6:30 PM**

**Welcome ...**

**Andi Gowins**

# **TCHS Counselors**

- **Marissa Diaz: A-Carl**
- **Barbara Wilks: Carn--Fo**
- **Andi Gowins: Fr-I**
- **Stephen Smith: J-McL**
- **Randy Colvin: McK-Por**
- **Valerie Wolfenkoehler: Pos-Stal**
- **Amy Perkins: Stam-Z**
- **Francine Lalande: Intervention**

**Ready, Set, Go ...**

**Randall Colvin**

# 2019 Senior Reminders

- **18 STATE credits to be a senior. CHECK YOUR TRANSCRIPT on Home Access Center!**
- **26 credits to graduate**
- **Make sure you have no credit denials (seat time)**
- **Add/Drop window to make course changes for 2019-2020 is March 30th. No schedule changes will be made after that date (including the fall).**

# **What does it take to graduate?**

- **26 Credits**
- **4 x 4**
- **1 Credit of Fine Arts**
- **1 Credit of PE**
- **21st Century Skill**
- **2 years of the same foreign language**
- **Endorsement requirements met**
- **Credit for all courses (no seat time/credit denials)**

# **Next Year's Courses**

- **Soon students will be able to view course requests for next year through Home Access Center.**
- **If your student wants to make a change to next year's course requests, please e-mail your counselor the change.**
- **March 30th is the deadline for all changes, and changes cannot be made after the deadline.**

# STAAR EOC TESTING REQUIREMENTS

What courses have STAAR EOCs?	English I Reading and Writing English II Reading and Writing	Algebra I	Biology	US History
What are the STAAR EOC Performance Standards?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Passing Performance Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Level III: Advanced Academic Performance</li> <li>• Performance Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance</li> </ul> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Non-passing Performance Standards:</u> Performance Level I: Unsatisfactory Academic Performance</p>			
When will students take initial attempt of EOC exams?	STAAR EOC English I and II administered in early April. Each English exam consist of a reading and writing component combined on to one exam STAAR EOC Math, Science, and Social Studies administered in early May.			
When are STAAR EOC retest opportunities offered?	STAAR EOC Retest will be offered three times a year, once in the fall, summer, and spring.			



# DISMISSAL OPTIONS

- 1.** Late Arrival = 1<sup>st</sup> period off
- 2.** Early Dismissal = 5<sup>th</sup> period off
- 3.** Afternoon Dismissal = 4A, 4B, & 5<sup>th</sup> periods off

\*You must have enough credits to register for these options. You can not have Late Arrival/Early AND Afternoon Dismissal. You must take a minimum of FIVE classes and be in school for 4 consecutive hours.

# **GPA Game**

**Marissa Diaz**

# Advanced Academics

## Some Key Benefits of AP

- AP courses establish a college-level standard in secondary schools that is measured through a national assessment designed and scored by college faculty.
- Students who take AP Exams and score a 3 or higher typically experience greater academic success and college graduation rates than non-AP students.
- **AP courses expose college-bound students to the amounts of homework, study skills, and habits of mind essential for success in college courses.**
- **AP provides leverage for aligning and strengthening the grades 6-12 curriculum.**

# Importance of AP Courses

- **College Preparation: Rigor & Study Skills**
- **AP Test Scores and College Credit**
- **GPA for 10 weighted points**
- **Time and \$\$\$\$:**
  - **[www.collegeboard.org/ap/creditpolicy](http://www.collegeboard.org/ap/creditpolicy)**

# **Dual Credit**

**Marissa Diaz**

# DUAL CREDIT COURSES BEGIN A STUDENT'S COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL



- Expands academic options for college-bound students
- Shortens the time required to complete an undergraduate degree
- Provides college credit
- Reduces the cost of higher education
- Begins their permanent college transcript.

## IF INTERESTED IN DUAL

- If you are interested in Dual Credit, please contact your counselor asap.
- You will have to complete the online application and TSI requirements by the deadline to be enrolled in these courses.

\*Dual Credit Classes are not weighted in the GPA

# DUAL CREDIT

• **Dual Credit Pre-Calculus, Dual College Algebra- OnRamps**

• **Partnership with Tarrant County College @ TCHS:**

–**English 1301 & 1302**

–**History 1301 & 1302**

–**English 2322 & 2323**

–**Govt 2305**

–**Econ 2301**

• **Screening Process--TSIA \* exemptions available thru SAT/ACT**

• **Registration / Enrollment / Fees / Books**

# **WHEN DO I BEGIN?**

**Barbara Wilks**



# WHEN DO I BEGIN?

***Spring 2019***

**Students should register to take the ACT and/or SAT**

- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)



- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**Should a student take the ACT or the SAT?**

**YES!**

# ACT TESTING DATES

ACT Test Dates	(Regular) Registration Deadline
Apr. 13, 2019	Mar. 8, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019

# SAT TESTING DATES

SAT Test Dates	(Regular) Registration Deadline
Mar. 9, 2019	*Late Registration Only
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019

# TEST PREP RESOURCES

- *Keller ISD does not endorse, promote, or partner with any of these organizations. They are simply resources available in our community that you and your student may wish to look into.*

[www.collegeprepgenius.com](http://www.collegeprepgenius.com) *College Prep Genius*

[www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com) *Kaplan*

[www.revolutionprep.com](http://www.revolutionprep.com) *Revolution Prep*

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) *Khan Academy*

# **WHERE DO I BEGIN?**

**Amy Perkins**

# WHERE DO I BEGIN?

All students planning on attending a four year university should graduate on the foundation with endorsement (Distinguished) graduation plan.

## **Public colleges vs. private colleges**

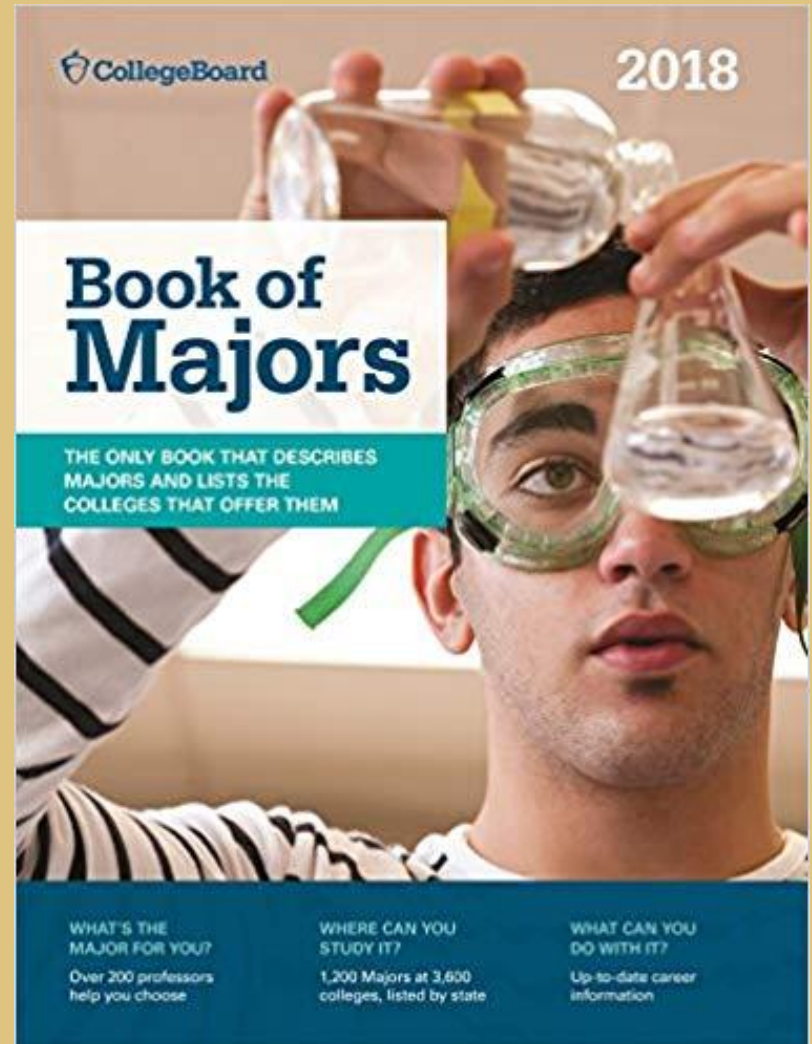
- Public Colleges receive more state and federal money
- Private: non-profit institution funded by tuition, donations, and grant money
- Public schools tend to have cheaper tuition
- Sometimes private schools will have more generous scholarships

# WHERE WILL I GO?

- **Begin to prioritize preferences**
- **Location**
- **Size**
- **Major**
- **Two year versus four year schools**
- **In state versus out of state schools**

# College Book of Majors

- *Available for students to look at in the College Room*
- *Describes different majors*
- *Tells what schools in each state offer that major (Narrow down college choices)*





# WHERE WILL I GO?

***Spring 2019***

- **Develop a preliminary list of five to ten schools**

**<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>**

- **Attend a college fair**

- **Make arrangements to attend a preview day**

**EVERY CAMPUS HAS A “PERSONALITY”**

# **College Fair**

**KISD College Fair**

**Tuesday, April 16th, 7 - 9 pm**

**Fossil Ridge High School**

**HOW DO I GET THERE?**

**Valerie Wolfenkoehler**

# HOW DO I GET THERE?

- ***What do admission counselors want?***
  - **Quality of applicant's curriculum**
  - **Grades in college prep courses**
  - **SAT and/or ACT Scores**
  - **Cumulative GPA**
  - **Class Rank**

# How Do I Get There?

**Other factors colleges may consider:**

- **Essays**
- **Recommendations**
- **Extra-curricular activities**
- **Volunteer/work experience**
- **Leadership**

# HOW DO I GET THERE?

- **Learn about the financial aid process:**

**[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**

- **(Be aware of scam websites)**



- **Types of financial aid:**

- **Loans, Employment, Grants, Scholarships**

# Scholarship Resources

## Free scholarship database

**[www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com](http://www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com)**

**Login: keller Password: keller**

**-Cappex.com**

**-Zinch.com**

**-Scholarshipexperts.com**

**[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)**

**-Private Schools: [www.christianconnector.com](http://www.christianconnector.com)**

**-Every Chance Every Texas: [www.everychanceeverytexan.com](http://www.everychanceeverytexan.com)**



The screenshot shows the website for College Guidance Consultants, specifically the 'eScholarships USA!' section for Keller Independent School District. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, Products & Services, About eScholarships USA, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a 'Download to Excel' button. The main content area displays a table of scholarships.

Name	Description	Contact Info
American Meteorological Society Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship	Open to all high school students who plan to pursue a degree in the atmospheric or related oceanic or hydrologic sciences. U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Amount: \$5,000	American Meteorological Society Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship 49 Beacon Street Boston, MA 02108-3693 617-227-2450 www.ametsoc.org
American Meteorological Society Minority Scholarships	For Hispanic, native American and black students who intend to pursue careers in atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. Amount: \$3,000 for two years	American Meteorological Society Minority Scholarships 49 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108 617-227-2450 www.ametsoc.org

# **WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?**

**Andi Gowins**



# WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

## **Spring 2019**

- **Students planning to play college level athletics should register for the NCAA Eligibility Center**

- **[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)**



- **Take the April or June ACT and/or SAT —send scores directly to NCAA**
- **Prepare for AP exams in order to achieve high scores and earn college credit**

# WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

## *Summer 2019*

- **Make arrangements for private visits to colleges/universities**
- **Be sure to take a campus tour**
- **Do scholarship research**
- **Create a resume**
- **Check your social media**

# IMPORTANT WEBSITES & INFORMATION

## Texas OnCourse Family Resources:

- <https://texasoncourse.org/students-and-families/grade-late-high-school/>

## College Admission -Testing:

- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com)
- [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- [www.kellerisd.net](http://www.kellerisd.net)

Timber Creek High School  
Counselor's Corner

School Code # 443752

## Financial Aid:

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- TCHS website-eScholarship:
  - Password and login-keller/keller
- Fast Web:  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Every Chance Every Texan
- [www.everychanceeverytexan.com](http://www.everychanceeverytexan.com)

# **Special Guests: Q & A with TCHS Alumni**

**-Lindsey Maxwell**

**-Allison Thomas**

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