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Junior Parent Night 2022  
SOUTH TEXAS ISD Science Academy  
Counseling Department

# JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 SCIENCE ACADEMY

## Counseling Staff

- ▶ Ms. Laura Villarreal  
Students with the last name (A-D temporary) Gon-O
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- ▶ G-force: Pending
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- ▶ Wellness Counselor: Marcela Fernandez

Welcome  
Junior  
Parents!  
We are so  
glad you are  
here!

Agenda

Graduation Requirements

Planning for Senior Year

Testing

College Visits

# Graduation Requirements : Foundations with Distinguished Achievement

Student must complete:

- ▶ 4 credits in English
- ▶ 4 credits in Math (includes Algebra II)
- ▶ 4 credits in Science
- ▶ 4 credits in Social Studies
- ▶ 2 credits in languages other than English (LOTE)
- ▶ 1 credit in Fine Arts
- ▶ 1 credit in PE
- ▶ **At least 1 Endorsement** (form)
- ▶ **Electives required by STISD**
- ▶ **28 credits-STISD**
- ▶ Pass all 5 STAAR EOC exams: English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, US History
- ▶ Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/TASFA



**75 community service hours  
(cumulative) due March of  
Senior Year**

# ENDORSEMENTS

- ▶ **STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-**  
Students who want to earn the STEM endorsement must take Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics as well as four courses in the STEM area.
- ▶ **MULTIDISCIPLINARY**-Students who want to earn a Multidisciplinary Endorsement must complete four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and chemistry and/or physics
- ▶ **ARTS AND HUMANITIES**-Students wishing to earn an arts and humanities endorsement must complete five social studies credits; four levels of the same language; four Art credits; **or** four English credits to include: AP English 3, AP English 4, Research/Technical Writing and Communication Applications and Independent Studies
- ▶ **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**- Courses required: 2 in same career cluster and one advanced CTE course. Small Engine Technology, Small Engine Technology II, Automotive Technology I, Practicum in Transportation Systems/Ext. Practicum in Transportation or Principles of Manufacturing, Welding I, Welding II and Practicum in Manufacturing.

# PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ▶ A student may earn a performance acknowledgment for outstanding performance:
  - ▶ in dual credit courses (at least 12 credit hours with a "B" or better);
  - ▶ In bilingualism and biliteracy (3 credits in the same LOTE and ELA average of "80" or higher)
  - ▶ on an AP test (score of 3 or above on an AP exam);
  - ▶ on the PSAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, National Hispanic Scholarship Corporation)
  - ▶ on the SAT (1310 total score); or
  - ▶ on the ACT (composite score of 28—excluding writing subscore)



# Communication



Microsoft  
Teams



# Opportunities for Advancement:

Student must meet college or university requirements and have all necessary prerequisites

## ▶ **STC Dual Enrollment classes**

- ▶ English IV, English V
- ▶ Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Calculus II, Statistics
- ▶ Spanish 3

➤ Request for CBE Form (EOC/Course Sequence)

➤ AP Testing (Contract)

## ▶ **UT On Ramps**

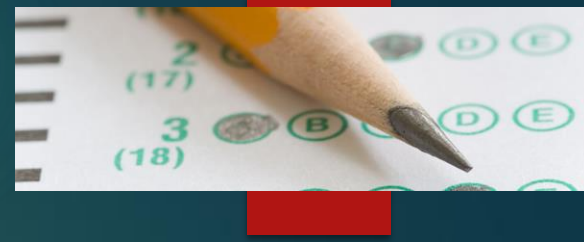
- ▶ Earth and Space Science
- ▶ English 3
- ▶ Art II Digital Art and Media
- ▶ US History

## ▶ **UTRGV Concurrent Enrollment classes (on your own)**

- ▶ After school
- ▶ Summer school

▶ Pay close attention to deadlines and start communicating with your counselor early.

# College Entrance Exams



- ▶ ACT <https://www.act.org> (Spring)
- ▶ SAT <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org> (Fall Senior year)
- ▶ TSI <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/scores/getting-scores>
  
- ▶ Student must send SAT/ACT scores directly to universities
  - ▶ Students can take them multiple times
  - ▶ Send to prospective universities
  - ▶ Fee Waivers (Free/Reduced Lunch See Counselor)

# Spring Events

- ▶ ACT – March 2023
- ▶ STARN – March 2023
- ▶ College Recruiters – March/April 2023
- ▶ ASVAB

# Community Service

- ▶ Monthly Deadlines
- ▶ Guidelines



Community service is defined as when a student decides to help or give of his/her time in their community. Community service hours must be done between grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Seventy-five (75) hours are required to be completed by senior year in order to be recognized at his/her graduating ceremony. The hours completed per month are due at the end of each month. Community service hours completed in the summer must be submitted by the first week of the following school year. Hours must be submitted to your counselor via email. Letters and log hours are required.

Community service is NOT defined as any type of internship or clerical/secretarial work. If this is the case, those hours may not be honored. Service hours should involve helping in his/her community in some form or fashion, in at least three different areas (example: a hospital, a library, and a food bank).

## Possible locations to earn community service hours:

\*Boys and Girls Club \*Local hospitals \*Habitat for Humanity \*Church \*American Red Cross  
\*Library \*Local food drives \*Beach clean-up \*Veterinarian's clinic \*Humane Society \*RGV Food Bank \*Local recreational park \*Tutoring other students \*Special Olympics \*Local elementary schools \*Community service through clubs \*Med Ed program \*Big Brothers Big Sisters  
\*Distributing clothes to the needy \*Science Academy's "Go Center" \*Nursing Homes/Rehabilitation Centers

If you have questions regarding volunteer sites, check with your counselor first.

~~September 29th~~

October 27th

November 17

December 1st

January 26th

February 23rd

March 30th

April 27th

Seniors and juniors will have testing priority  
for the 1st four testing dates  
(September - December).

# TSI Testing Date: ELAR and Math





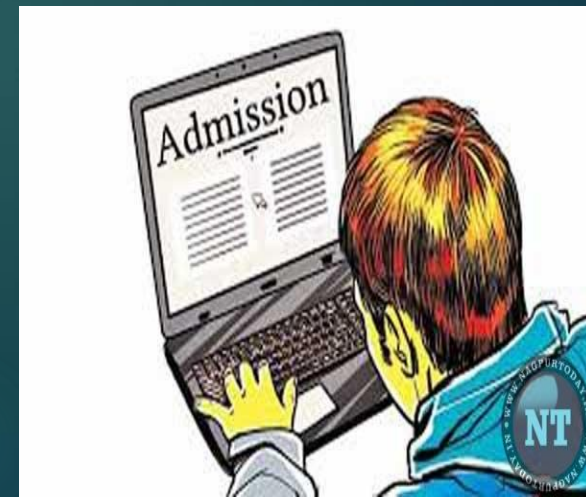
# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- ▶ College Applications—ApplyTx/Common Application Drives
  - ▶ ApplyTx <https://www.goapplytexas.org/>
  - ▶ Common Application <https://www.commonapp.org/apply>

- ▶ Transcripts
  - ▶ Common Application
  - ▶ TReX
  - ▶ Mail
  - ▶ College Portal
  - ▶ OnRamps
  - ▶ STC
  - ▶ UTRGV



or <https://forms.office.com/r/UNMCvTQLLE>



# Virtual Tours for Colleges

- ▶ [NACAC Virtual College Fairs](https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs) - Sept. 11th, Oct. 9th, and Nov. 6th (<https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs>)
- ▶ Engaging Distinctive Universities (Emory University, Rice University, University of Michigan and University of Washington) Sept. 13 and Sept. 28th @ 7  
(<https://riceadmission.rice.edu/portal/engagingdistinctiveuniversities>)
- ▶ TACRAO Virtual College Fairs - Every Friday, Sept. 16 - Nov. 18 (<https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/registration/2286671>)
- ▶ Cornell University - Virtual Events  
<https://admissions.cornell.edu/visit/online-events>
- ▶ Texas Tech [FreshmenChecklist.pdf](https://ttu.edu/FreshmenChecklist.pdf) ([ttu.edu](https://ttu.edu))

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# Graduation Accolades

- ▶ Latin honors (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter GPA)
  - ▶ Summa cum laude (95 + GPA) (black stole)
  - ▶ Magna cum laude (90-94 GPA) (silver stole)
  - ▶ Cum laude (85-89 GPA) (green stole)
- ▶ Distinguished level of achievement (yellow cord)
- ▶ Certification (cord)
- ▶ OnRamps (passed the course) (orange & silver cord)
- ▶ Performance Acknowledgements (cord)
- ▶ Completion of Coursework (Medallion)
- ▶ Community service (red cord)
  - ▶ 75 hours
  - ▶ Three different organizations

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# Events on Campus

## Science Academy

**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS!**



**Who:** Science Academy Students  
**What:** Interactive Wellness Activities  
**Where:** Go Center  
**When:** Wednesdays from 4:05-5:00 pm

**Water and light snack provided**  
**Bus Passes will be available**



Join ms. Fernandez to learn  
& practice ways to relieve stress  
& improve your overall wellness!

## SUICIDE AWARENESS WEEK

**SEPTEMBER 26-30, 2022**

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### MONDAY

Wear purple or teal to support  
Suicide Awareness

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### TUESDAY

You got a FRIEND in me...  
Wear Toy Story attire

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### WEDNESDAY

The Future is Bright  
Wear your favorite college shirt to celebrate your  
bright future

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### THURSDAY

Friends reach out for help!  
Twin with your friend

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### FRIDAY

"You're much stronger than you think you are"  
Wear Super Hero attire

**Science Academy celebrates life by  
supporting Suicide Awareness Week**

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# Summer Programs 2023

## The Science Academy of South Texas

University	Name	Grade	Dates	Website or Contact Information	Criteria /Additional Information
ASSE	International Student Exchange Program	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Varies	<a href="http://www.world-heritage.org">www.world-heritage.org</a>	For more information contact the ASSE Southern office at 703-518-5022 or (toll free) 800-888-9040.
Boston University Boston, MA	Honors Program, Summer Challenge, Summer Preview, Research Internship	Entering 10, 11 and 12	Variety of weeks see website!	<a href="http://www.bu.edu/summer/highschool">www.bu.edu/summer/highschool</a> Boston University Boston, MA	High Honors provides an opportunity for motivated rising high school seniors and exceptional juniors to experience undergraduate life, both socially and academically, while earning college credit.
Boston University	PROMYS Program in Math for Young Scientists	9-12	Varies	<a href="http://www.promys.org">www.promys.org</a> PROMYS/Department of Mathematics Boston University Boston, MA 02215	Admissions decisions will be based on the following criteria: applicants' solutions to a set of challenging problems included with the application packet; teacher recommendations; high school transcripts; and student essays explaining their interest in the program.
	Pre-College	9-12	Varies June through	<a href="http://www.brown.edu/summer">www.brown.edu/summer</a> Providence, RI	1. A completed Online Application

# Summer Opportunities

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# Science Academy Website

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Facebook, Twitter

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