

## BULLETIN 1: Senior Information

SLIDELL HIGH SCHOOL CODE 192750 (referred to as ACT code or CEEB code)

Info required on some applications:

Entry date: 08/2013 Graduation date: Monday, May 8, 2017

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Please see my MOODLE page for a list of electronic copies of bulletins, scholarships, deadlines, etc.

### STANDARDIZED TESTS

- It is your responsibility to find the required standardized test(s) and necessary requirements for the colleges you are applying to for admissions. Check college website, visit my office (meeting), attend college information sessions around the area, and speak with college reps. when they visit Slidell High.
- ALL colleges will accept ACT +Writing OR SAT +Writing. In addition SAT Subject tests may be required, so be aware of the requirements to allow time to take the necessary tests. **Again check college website for deadlines to accept test scores!**
- If you took the ACT/SAT and chose not to send your scores anywhere, then you will need to send them to the colleges you are now interested in. Visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and choose the date of the test score you want sent. (Cost is \$12.00/college for ACT and \$12.00/college for SAT)
- Some colleges will combine SAT/ACT scores to obtain best composite. Again, check college websites to see which universities utilize this policy.
- If you are on free and reduced lunch and have not used your 2 waivers to cover the cost of the ACT, please see me.
- Please note the 2016-2017( ACT/SAT test dates)

#### ACT

- September 10, 2016 (school)
- October 22, 2016
- December 10, 2016
- February 11, 2017
- April 8, 2017
- June 10, 2017

#### SAT

- October 1, 2016
- November 5, 2016
- December 3, 2016
- January 21, 2017
- March 11, 2017
- May 6, 2017
- June 3, 2017

ACT \$42.50
ACT with Writing \$58.50
ACT late fee \$27.50
ACT additional report \$12.00
SAT \$45.00
SAT with Essay \$57.00
SAT late fee \$28.00
SAT additional report \$12.00

- **Test Information Release (ACT)** This is an optional service that allows you to receive a copy of the multiple-choice test questions, a list of your answers, the answer key, and scoring instructions (plus a copy of the Writing prompt and the scores assigned to your essay if you took the Writing Test). There is an additional \$20 fee for this service and it is only available for the DECEMBER, APRIL, JUNE tests.

### APPLICATIONS AND TRANSCRIPTS

- Every college/university will require a 6-sem transcript. In addition, recommendation letters may be required. It will be **YOUR** responsibility to meet with me so I can ensure each university receives the appropriate documents.
- Transcripts request forms can be found outside of my office and must be signed and the address must be completed in full before transcripts will be sent. (This form does not need to be completed for in state schools unless they request your transcript)
- **For universities that require recommendation letters, please have a résumé available, and allow a minimum of two weeks to ensure all documents (teachers, counselor) can be mailed / emailed on time.**
- Always double check the spelling of your name (F, M, L, Suffix), birth date, social security number. As menial as this may sound, you can easily delay your own application process with incorrect information.

Once you begin to hear from colleges (i.e. acceptance letters, scholarship offers) **PLEASE** let me know. **Bring me a copy (or I can make one).** In addition, please notify me of any other award/acknowledgement you receive during this year. **You will not be recognized at Awards night if you do not provide me of a copy of the scholarships you accepted from the University you decide to attend.**

## COLLEGE VISITS

- You are allowed two college visit days. You must bring back documentation showing you were there on an official visit in order for it to be an exempted absence. Mr. Percy must approve for you to attend. You are responsible for completing any missed assignments.

## MEETINGS WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

- Begin to schedule appointments with me regarding college applications, scholarship information, or any personal matter that you want to discuss. I will schedule appointments during the beginning/end of a particular class. I will provide you with a pass to give your teacher so you may leave class for your appointment; however, your teacher has the right to not allow you to leave the class.

## NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE [www.eligibilitycenter.net](http://www.eligibilitycenter.net)

- SAT / ACT code for NCAA is **9999 (YOU must send scores officially)**
- The registration fee is \$80 for U.S., U.S. Territories and Canadian students, and \$135 for all other international students
- Fee waivers are available for students who are on free or reduced lunch
- Remember it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to apply to the university/college that is recruiting you, not the coach or recruiter.

## NAIA [www.PlayNAIA.org](http://www.PlayNAIA.org)

- SAT/ACT code for NAIA is **9876 (YOU must send scores officially)**
- To play NAIA sports in 2016-2017, every student must be registered with the NAIA Eligibility Center.
- \$75 registration fee for US students
- Send a final transcript direct from high school to the Eligibility Center.

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

- **Beginning with the 2017-2018 application (2017 graduates) the FAFSA will be available to students and families October 1, 2016. This means students who need to complete the 2017-18 FAFSA will be able to access and submit the form anytime from October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.**
- In addition, families will be required to report "prior-prior" year tax information (PPY). Therefore, families with a 2017 graduate will report 2015 tax information.
- By filling out the FAFSA, you are also applying for TOPS; therefore it is very important that you use the right birth date, social security number, and high school graduation date. (This also applies to SAT and ACT forms)

## THE COMMON APPLICATION [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

- Please let me know who will be submitting rec letters and have them also email me a copy.
- You must ask a teacher for a recommendation letter BEFORE you invite them online.
- SAVE, SAVE,SAVE as you go.
- Check grid for deadlines: fees, school reports, teacher evaluation, supplements.
- Be organized with your applications—give teachers and myself at least **TWO WEEKS** notice to write a recommendation letter.

## TOPS (as updates become available I will inform you)

- 2.5 AND 20 ACT (OPPORTUNITY AWARD—tuition)
- 3.0 AND 23 ACT (PERFORMANCE AWARD—tuition + 400/yr)
- 3.0 AND 27 ACT (HONORS AWARD—tuition + 800/yr)
- Must earn qualifying ACT score by APRIL 2017 (SAT by March 2017)

## TOPS TECH

- 2.5 AND 17 ACT

I am excited about this year and hope all of you know my door is always open to help you in any way I can.

Mrs. Francis

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