Seniors – This is it!! Your year has finally come and the question of what you are going to do after high school should be the #1 question on your mind. There are really only three options:

1. More School – College, Trade School or Technical School
2. Military Service – Have you visited with a recruiter?
3. World of Work Full Time – Have you made any applications out for full time work?

This process of selection and applications is a family affair. You, your parents and the school must work very hard at making this a successful year for college/career decisions.

Scholarship information will be provided to you. Information that we receive that seniors need to know about will be included. Read carefully the information we give you about scholarships. Forms to apply for listed scholarships, deadlines, and materials that must be included in addition to any other criteria pertinent to completed applications will be available through the Guidance Center. The Registrar’s Office will be happy to mail your completed applications if they are turned in at least ten days before they are due to their destination. Transcripts needed for scholarships are free and are unlimited. Transcripts can be requested through the Parchment website. (parchment.com)
This scholarship information will be distributed through the senior English classes. You or your parent may also pick up a copy in the Guidance Office. Information can also be found on the Ellison Website main page and Counselor Center link. Students and parents are welcome any time to come by and pick up applications and information. Keep this information in a folder all year for ready reference. There will be a new publication each month through May.

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**COLLEGE VISITS**

A representative from Texas Christian University will be visiting Ellison High School on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 during 2nd period. Sign up in the Guidance Office to attend.

A representative from the Texas A&M in College Station will be visiting Ellison High School on Tuesday, September 21, 2017 during 6th period Seniors. Sign up in the Guidance Office to attend.

A representative from the University of Houston, Main Campus will be visiting Ellison High School on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 during 6th period. Sign up in the Guidance Office to attend.
GENERAL INFORMATION

FINANCIAL AID
The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the online form used when applying for financial aid. This is the first step in the financial aid process. Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Your Counselor will help you with your college and scholarship applications. Colleges and national organizations usually have their application deadlines in the fall and local organizations are in the spring. Read carefully for all criteria and deadlines. Not doing so could cost you a scholarship or deny your entry to the college of your choice. If you would like us to mail your scholarship applications, please turn them in to the Registrar’s Office at least ten days prior to the date they are due to their destination.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES
Fast web Scholarship Search - http://www.fastweb.com
Peterson’s – www.collegequest.com
www.freschinfo.com (newsletter that comes out weekly. It is free)
www.scholarships-ar-us.org
www.meritaid.com
www.scholarshipexperts.com
www.scholarships.com
http://www.cappex.com/scholarships
www.student.scholarships.org
www.scholarshipmentor.com
SAT-First Semester Test Dates:

October 07, 2017
Registration Deadline: September 08, 2017
Late Registration Deadline: September 27, 2017

November 04, 2017
Registration Deadline: October 05, 2017
Late Registration Deadline: October 25, 2017

December 02, 2017
Registration Deadline: November 02, 2017
Late Registration Deadline: November 21, 2017

ACT-First Semester Test Dates:

September 09, 2017
Registration Deadline: August 04, 2017
Late Registration Period: August 05 - 18, 2017
Photo Upload Deadline: September 01, 2017

October 28, 2017
Registration Deadline: September 22, 2017
Late Registration Period: September 23 – October 06, 2017
Photo Upload Deadline: October 20, 2017

December 09, 2017
Registration Deadline: November 03, 2017
Late Registration Period: November 04 - 17, 2017
Photo Upload Deadline: December 01, 2017
CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards
Deadline: October 02, 2017
Community Service Deadline: October 15, 2017
- Hispanic/Latino high school seniors
- Scholarships range from $1,000 to $3,000

Apply online at www.hispanicheritage.org

QuestBridge
Deadline: September 27, 2017
- Primarily A’s in the most challenging courses available (usually including Honors, AP and/or IB level courses)
- Top 5-10% of your graduating class
- SAT or PSAT scores >1310
- ACT composite score > 28
- Evidence of strong writing ability, intellectual spark, and determination through essays and teacher/counselor recommendations
- Final need
- Visit www.questbridge.org to apply and to see list of partner colleges

AES Engineering
Deadline: October 16, 2017 Award amount: $500
- Must submit an essay between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question:
  When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?
- Go to www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm
**Horatio Alger Association Scholarship**  
Deadline: October 25, 2017  
- Be enrolled full time as a high school senior in the United States; be progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer 2018 with plan to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation.  
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor’s degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)  
- Demonstrate critical financial need ($55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)  
- Be involved in extracurricular and community service activities  
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.  
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 and  
- Be a United States citizen

**Americanism Essay Contest**  
Deadline: December 01, 2017  
- Grade 7 – 12  
- Must be sponsored by a branch of the Fleet Reserve Association or a unit of the Ladies Auxiliary, or FRA Member-at-large  
- The essay shall be on the theme: What Patriotism Mean to Me and shall not exceed 350 words  
- The essay shall be legibly written or typed on one side of paper  
- The title of the essay shall be written or typed at the top of the paper.  
- A student may submit one entry each year  
- Each entry must be accompanied by a separate sheet stating: the entrants name, address, zip code, telephone number, school grade (or equivalent), name of school, or the words “home schooled”, number of words in essay, and the sponsoring branch/unit or sponsor’s name.
The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship  
Deadline: October 31, 2017  
The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship award to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their school and communities.  
- Transcript  
- School profile

Wendy’s Heisman Scholarship  
Deadline: October 02, 2017  
- Students whose senior year of high school is the 2017-2018 academic year, graduating with the class of 2018.  
- Student who have at least a “B” grade average (3.0) GPA during grades 9, 10, and 11.  
- Students who participate in at least one of 47 Wendy’s High School recognized sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee or the National Federation of State High School Associations.  
- Students who have participated in volunteer service, community. Involvement or leadership within his/her school or community.  
- Apply online at: www.wendysheisman.com

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Committee Scholarship  
Deadline: October 27, 2017  
- Must be seeking to further your education upon graduation at a university, college, vocation or trade school in the fall of 2018.  
- In good academic standing, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

Stop by the counselors’ office to pick up an application.
Upcoming Events

Central Texas high school students and their parents will get an opportunity to ask questions and gather information at the annual Cen-Tex College and Career Night. Held at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton each year, the expo hosts students from school districts in Killeen, Copperas Cove, Belton, Temple and other Central Texas cities.

Students can meet with representatives from more than 100 colleges, including community colleges, universities, technical schools and the military, and get information about admissions requirements, costs and the application process.

The event also includes information sessions on the Texas common application and the financial aid process.

New to the event in 2017, local employers will highlight occupations in their industries. Employers will include representatives from healthcare, manufacturing, public sector (police, fire, education), and others. Interesting and interactive displays will allow students to explore high-skill, high wage jobs in the Central Texas region and learn how to attain those jobs.

The event will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Expo Center is at 301 W. Loop 121 in Belton.

The ASVAB will be given here at Ellison on November 16, 2017 & April 18, 2018. Sign-up sheet will be in the Guidance Office in October for the November test.