

Scholarship Watch

Entrepreneurship Scholarship—TCU—Due November 1, 2009.

East Texas Professional Credit Union
McLauchlin Scholarship—Due March 21, 2010

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Presidential Scholarship—Due March 31, 2010.

Coca Cola Scholarship—Due October 31
US Service Academy application—Due November 1.

AXA Achievement—Due December 15

There are 130 scholarships posted on the Carlisle Counseling Corner, please visit the page and view the requirements for each.

Additional Award Opportunities

Prudential Spirit of Community Award—Available for students in grades 5—12 who have volunteered time in the community. \$1000.00 reward available—Due November 2, 2009

Other Upcoming Dates

College Night—More than 60 colleges will be represented—All 11th and 12th Grade Students are invited—Calvary Baptist Church, Henderson—6:00—8:00 p.m.

PSAT Testing—11th Grade only—October 14

TAKS Retesting—October 20th —23rd

Field Testing—Limited number of students—October 20—23.

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College Night

60 colleges will be attending College Night at Calvary Baptist Church in Henderson. Carlisle High School 11th and 12th grade Students are invited to attend and transportation will be provided. The College Night will be held on November 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend.

This will be a great opportunity for students to make contact and ask questions of college recruiters as they plan their future educational plans. If you would like more information or would like to help in the planning stages of this College Night, please call 903-861-3811 and ask for Ms. Amonett.

Preparing for an Education

Education beyond high school can give you choices that may not otherwise be possible, open doors to better paying positions, and give you the opportunity to do the things you enjoy most. By advancing your education, you can expand your possibilities and increase your career choices.

New: Financial Aid Estimator Tool - [FAFSA4caster](#)

The FAFSA4caster provides students with an early estimate of their eligibility for federal student financial assistance. Students considering furthering their education beyond high school can use this FREE tool to: [Financial Literacy](#)

Financial literacy is the education on the management of personal finances and is an essential part of planning and paying for postsecondary education. You'll find links to Web sites that provide information on money management, handling credit and debt, and information on consumer protection. [KnowHow2GO.org](#)

The more education you get, the more likely it is you will always have a job. KnowHow2GO provides middle schoolers to adults extensive information on the value of continuing education after high school, how to prepare for college, the myths vs. realities about college and the availability of financial aid for college. In addition, the KnowHow2GO Web site provides resources for information on counseling, academics, and financial aid that is available within your state or territory.

Go to the following website to use these tools:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/preparing.jsp>

What can Parents Do? Start Early

Is your child thinking about college, technical, or trade school? Learn how they can go and how to pay for their education beyond high school. Preparing for your child's higher education is a long-term commitment. Find out about higher education savings plans and what you can do to help your child get ready for life beyond high school.

What can Students Do? Assess Yourself

The first step to finding the right program and type of school for you is to evaluate your interests. A self-assessment will help you examine your interests and goals, and offers ideas on fields of study and careers that might be right for you. Visit the following websites: [careercruising.com](#)

Develop a Timeline: Find out what you should be doing each year of high school to start preparing for college.

Take the Tests (ACT/SAT) Once you have assessed your interests and determined what type of program you want to enroll in, you may be required to take one or more standardized tests.

ACT/SAT Testing Dates

ACT September 12 (Registration Due Aug. 7)
SAT October 10 (Registration Due Sept. 9)
ACT October 12 (Registration Due Sept. 18)
SAT November 7 (Registration Due Oct. 1)
SAT December 5 (Registration Due Oct. 30)
ACT December 12 (Registration Due Nov. 6)

Visit the following webpages:

Career Investigation can be found at:
www.careercruising.com—login: **Carlisle**,
password: **75687**
<http://www.track.uttelecampus.org/>

Testing Practice can be found at:
<http://www.track.uttelecampus.org/>

School Readiness information can be found at:
<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/apps/financialaid/tofa.cfm?Kind=GS>
<http://www.thea.nesinc.com/>

SAT and ACT Preparation Materials can be found at
<http://www.act.org/>
<http://www.collegeboard.com>

Character Awareness Programs can be found at
<http://www.autobgood.com/>
<http://www.projectwisdom.com/>

Plans for Career Day

Carlisle Middle School and High School will host a Career Day this Fall. Plans are in the works and the schools are seeking support for community businesses. It is tentatively set for December 1, 2009. This will be a great way to introduce the East Texas businesses to our students.

The purpose of the Career Day is make the students aware of the possibilities for their futures. Our school wishes to highlight these opportunities so that students can find connections between what they are taught at school and the “real world”. The participants will set up booths in the gymnasium and the students will “take a tour”.

If you would like to participate or help with the planning, please call Cathy Amonett at 903-861-3811.

What is RTI?

Response to Intervention (RTI) is an intervention design for students that are struggling in our schools. RTI is a process used by schools to target appropriate research-based interventions based on a student’s needs, monitor student progress, and ensure effective instruction in the general education setting. The RTI process can provide data that demonstrates an individual child has received appropriate instruction by ensuring that the vast majority of students were able to master instructional objectives. In determining whether a child was provided appropriate instruction, schools should consider primary language, limited English proficiency, environmental and cultural factors, as well as whether a child has had frequent moves and/or absences that may have limited the child’s access to the curriculum. These factors should be excluded as the primary cause of a child’s failure to achieve.

Failure to achieve: Failure to achieve adequately for a student’s age or meet State-approved grade-level standards may be determined by measures such as in-class tests scores, grade average over time (e.g. six weeks), statewide assessment scores, standardized achievement test scores, criterion-reference measures, and/or a Response to Intervention (RTI) process. A student’s failure to pass the statewide assessment (e.g. Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills or TAKS) should not automatically result in a learning disability referral and/or determination. The determination of a learning disability should include a variety of information sources and measures and should not be based on a single measure.

If you would like more specific information about RTI visit the following website:
<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/rti/>

Carlisle ISD will beginning this process this year, if you would like more information about RTI and its implementation at our school, please call 903-861-3811.