

Carroll Senior High School

Senior Newsletter

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Final Transcripts

At the end of May each senior will be given a Final Transcript form. At that time students will need to indicate where they want their final transcript sent.

Grading Policy Reminder

Credits are awarded on a semester-by-semester basis. Students earn ½ credit per semester.

- If a student fails the first semester of a full year course and passes the second semester, the two semester grades will be averaged to determine whether the student has earned a passing grade for the year.

Example: Semester 1: 68 Semester 2: 98 Average: 83
Student will earn a full credit for the course

- If a student passes the first semester of a full year course, but fails the second semester, the second semester grade will **NOT** be averaged, and the student must **repeat the second semester** of the course.

Example: Semester 1: 98 Semester 2: 68
In the above grading scenario, a student would **NOT** receive a full year credit. This could adversely affect a student's graduation.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit the Carroll Senior High School website to check out local scholarships! Deadlines are quickly approaching! Scholarship forms can be found in the College and Career Center.

<http://www.southlakecarroll.edu/CSHS/CSHS2/scholar.htm>

Other scholarship websites...

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.princetonreview.com

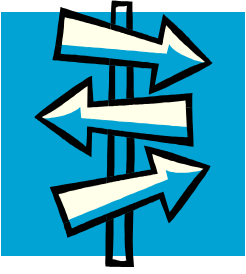
www.findtuition.com

www.scholarships.com

Don't forget to check scholarship deadlines for the colleges you are considering!

Many schools require the FAFSA in order to consider you for any scholarship.

www.fafsa.ed.gov



Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

I'm admitted to the school of my choice! What do I do now?

Congratulations! (1.) Send in your deposit to reserve your place. (2.) Apply for housing if you haven't already done so. (3.) Notify the other colleges that accepted you of your decision to attend another school. (4.) Open and pay attention to all mailings and/or calls from the college of your choice to avoid missing deadlines. (5.) Plan to attend orientation sessions. (6.) Finish your senior year strongly and pat yourself on the back for all of your hard work.

I'm accepted at two colleges and can't decide which offer to accept! What do I do?

Hopefully, you have had time to visit both schools again. If you haven't had that opportunity, review your notes from the first visit. What attracted you to each school? What kind of financial aid or scholarships are they willing to offer? You may want to make a chart of pros and cons so you can see, in writing, the comparisons. Just remember, if the decision is tremendously difficult then most likely you will be a happy student whichever you choose.

My top choice college has denied admission to me! What do I do now?

Hopefully, you planned wisely and applied to other colleges that you would be happy to attend. Review your options. If the only acceptance you have is your "safety" school, decide if you could be happy with that option. If not, talk to your counselor asap and see what other options may still be available. Above all, remember that the college process has become more and more competitive and you can't take the denial as a personal insult. Make the best of your remaining choices.

I've been waitlisted at my first choice college! What do I do now?

If you would still like to attend that college, inform them that you want to remain on the waitlist and that you will enroll if admitted in May or June. Send the college any updates, current grades, and any information on any new achievements or awards you have received since you first applied. Make a deposit by May 1 at your next choice college, but be aware there are a limited number of waitlisted students who are taken each year. Be prepared to forfeit most or all of the deposit at the second choice college if you are admitted to your first choice school and decide to enroll.

The financial aid offer from my first choice school is too small! Now what?

If the decision, as to which college to attend, hinges on the financial aid packages offered by each school, consider all options and look at the big picture. You'll need to sit down with your family and assess your financial options, carefully taking into account all general expenses (including tuition, room/board, books, supplies, fees, personal monetary needs, and transportation). Consider all merit scholarships offered to you, whether or not they are renewable or spread out over a number of semesters or years, all grants offered, work study programs available on campus, and loan options. If you are awarded financial aid, be sure to be aware of what guidelines you must maintain in order to keep your award (i.e. GPA, work status, etc.) Consider if you will have time for a part-time job or if summer employment can help with your expenses.

I still want to apply for college, but I haven't done it yet. Is it too late?

Actually it is not too late. There are some colleges that have late spring and even summer deadlines or open admissions. You do, however, need to get the process started as soon as possible!

Upcoming Events

- AP Registration is now open (see following page for details)
- March 22 College Workshop at CSHS, 5:30-8:30
Financial Aid Seminar @ 5:30-6:30
- April 1 Community Service Hours due
- April 11 Senior Panoramic Picture
- May 11 Relay For Life
- May 19 PROM
- May 22 Senior Awards Ceremony at CSHS @ 6:30
- May 23 Senior Picnic
- May 24-29 Senior Exams
- May 30-31 Senior Meetings (attendance required)
- June 1 Graduation at Dragon Stadium



National Honor Society

MANDATORY Spring NHS Meeting Set for Thursday (B-Day), February 9th!

Please make plans to attend one of these important meetings about your spring in NHS on **Thursday, February 9th AT 7:30 IN THE SAC, AT 1:10 IN THE CSH AUDITORIUM, OR AT 3:30 IN THE CSH SAC!** You only need to attend one of these informational sessions - be sure to sign in to verify your attendance! Details on hours deadlines, junior officer elections and senior scholarships will be presented by your officers, so be sure to get all the info you need to protect your membership!

Carroll Senior High Yearbook

Don't despair, here's your second chance!

Reserve your copy today for only \$50

\$53 with name engraved on cover

Offer valid until March 9, 2012

Your cancelled check is your receipt; however, yearbook orders are stored on computer. You may request confirmation of your order by contacting linda.rose@southlakecarroll.edu.



Southlake Best Buddies Organization will be celebrating Valentine's Day 2012 in high style thanks to Carroll ISD students.

Best Buddies is a national group dedicated to establishing one on one friendships, employment and development for those with intellectual disabilities. Thanks to Carroll ISD High School teacher Amelia Dye, Best Buddies has opened doors to friendship and employment for area special needs youth.

Saturday, Feb. 11 SASO (Scholars and Athletes Serving Others) will host a Valentine's Day extravaganza for Best Buddies members from across the area. The evening will be a special one, with dinner, dancing, friendship and fun. SASO members will host the event overseeing set-up, decorations, table service and clean-up. This is the first time an organization has volunteered to sponsor and host this event!

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing Information

Exam fee

\$91 per exam (the state of Texas has discontinued its program that applied a \$30 subsidy per exam, so the cost has increased.)

Free/Reduced Lunch Fee is \$27 per exam. See your counselor if you feel you qualify for this reduced fee.

AP Exam Registration

Register online at www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/442963.

The registration site can also be accessed through the CSHS/CHS webpage.

AP exams require online payment

If you have any questions regarding registration, contact Lisa.Neid@southlakecarroll.edu

Payment

AP exams require online payment

Debit/Credit Card or pay by mail with check, cashier's check or money order. Payment stubs given on registration site will provide thorough directions if you choose to mail your payment.

Keep your payment stubs.

No refunds will be issued after Friday, March 23 when registration closes.

Important Dates

March 11 Last day to register before late fee

March 12 Late fee of \$10 per exam begins

March 23 Registration closes at 4:00 p.m.

April 17 **Mandatory** AP pre-administration session at 11:00 in the CHS cafeteria for any **Freshman or Sophomore** registered for an AP exam.

April 18 **Mandatory** AP pre-administration session at 1:05 in the CSHS auditorium for any **Junior or Senior** registered for an AP exam.

You will bubble your answer sheets with required information (@ 30 minutes). Bring a #2 pencil and something to write on. You will not be allowed to take an AP exam without attending a pre-administration session. Parents do not need to attend these sessions.

BRING A SACK LUNCH TO YOUR SESSION. You will not have time to wait in line for your food on pre-administration day.

Test Times

Morning sessions: 8:00 – 12:00

Afternoon sessions: 12:00 – 4:00

Bring your #2 pencils, black or dark blue pen, and calculator if required to the testing room. **NO CELL PHONES ARE ALLOWED**