

PARENT NEWSLETTER

...From the College Advisor, Jessica DeCorte

Welcome! As we are at the beginning of a new school year, our students are once more continuing the journey toward college and career options. This newsletter is designed to give you college and financial aid information that may be useful in preparing your daughters for that meaningful first step following high school – college.

I will be meeting with students in groups during the year to offer guidance. Additionally, I am available for appointments with students and parents. Many seniors take advantage of an individual meeting by appointment request and I ask you to encourage your daughter to discuss with me her options for continuing education.

I will be meeting with the Seniors the first week of September through their Religion classes to give them a packet of information and explain the college search and application process. Please ask them to share their “red folder” with you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 27 Roanoke College lunchtime visit
Sept. 28 Oglethorpe University lunchtime visit
 USM lunchtime visit

Archdiocesan College Fair for juniors and seniors, Pontchartrain Center, 6-9 P.M.
(all Louisiana colleges and many out-of-state colleges will be available with Information)

Sept. 29 University of Mississippi lunchtime visit
Sept.30 Catholic University of America lunchtime visit
Oct. 13 Test Day for all levels
Oct. 16 ULL Fall Preview Day at ULL
Oct. 18 Spring Hill lunchtime visit
Oct. 23 Southeastern Senior Day at Southeastern

For the above lunchtime visit dates, a college admissions representative will be at Chapelle in the courtyard (weather permitting) during junior and senior lunches to answer questions and offer information. Parents are welcome, also.

Please check Edline under College Advisor for updated college visits, deadlines and other useful information for you and your daughter. Copies of all handouts can be found on Edline also.

LSU SCHOLARSHIPS

LSU has now updated their scholarship programs. Please see Edline or www.lsu.edu for more information.

ACT INFORMATION

One of the admission requirements for all colleges will be an ACT score. Some seniors haven't taken the ACT yet. Senior parents, please encourage your daughters to take the test and/or continue to work toward a score for admissions or scholarships. Junior Parents, encourage your daughters to begin taking the ACT in December or February (or earlier). Then, they may have as many as 3 or 4 test scores before they begin the senior year. Register for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. Chapelle's high school code requested on the registration form is 191777. If your daughter wants to take the test at Chapelle, our test center code is 176 960.

ACT TEST DATES REMAINING FOR 2010-11

October 23, 2010
December 11, 2010
February 12, 2011
April 9, 2011
June 11, 2011

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

September 17, 2010
November 5, 2010
January 7, 2011
March 4, 2011
May 6, 2011

College Advisor's Letter

Page 2

Registration fee is \$33.00 per test. If the student needs a writing score (Tulane, for example) the cost is \$48.00. A late fee of \$21.00 is added if you register past the registration deadline.

Some colleges may request an SAT score (this is another college admission test). Go to www.collegeboard.com for information on this test and to register. Colleges will accept either ACT or SAT or both, using the highest score for admission and scholarships.

SENIOR PARENTS

If your daughter should need a paper transcript at any time during the year for college admissions or a scholarship application, she will need to obtain it from the College Advisor's secretary. Public Louisiana colleges and universities will electronically obtain a transcript through the State Department of Education, but some may still ask for a paper transcript. Your daughter needs to check with each college she applies to for their transcript preference. Out-of-state colleges will definitely need a paper Chapelle transcript which can be obtained from the College Advisor Secretary, Mrs. Dantagnan. We will let seniors know when transcripts are available. She will need to sign a Transcript Release Form and pay \$2.00 for each transcript. Colleges are accepting online admission applications for the fall of 2011.

TOPS INFORMATION

The minimum test score for a TOPS scholarship is based on the previous year's state ACT composite average. This year, it is 20.1, so the minimum score is 20.

Opportunity Award

Tuition
ACT 20
2.5 GPA on 17.5 credits

Performance Award

Tuition plus \$400
ACT 23
3.0 GPA on 17.5 credits

Honors Award

Tuition plus \$800
ACT 27
3.0 GPA on 17.5 credits

GPA's are computed on a 4.0 scale with extra credit given for honors and AP classes

Questions for the College Advisor may be e-mailed to Jessica DeCorte at jdecorte@archbishopchapelle.org or by phone at 467-3105, ext.130. Please include a phone number where you can be reached with the e-mail or phone message.