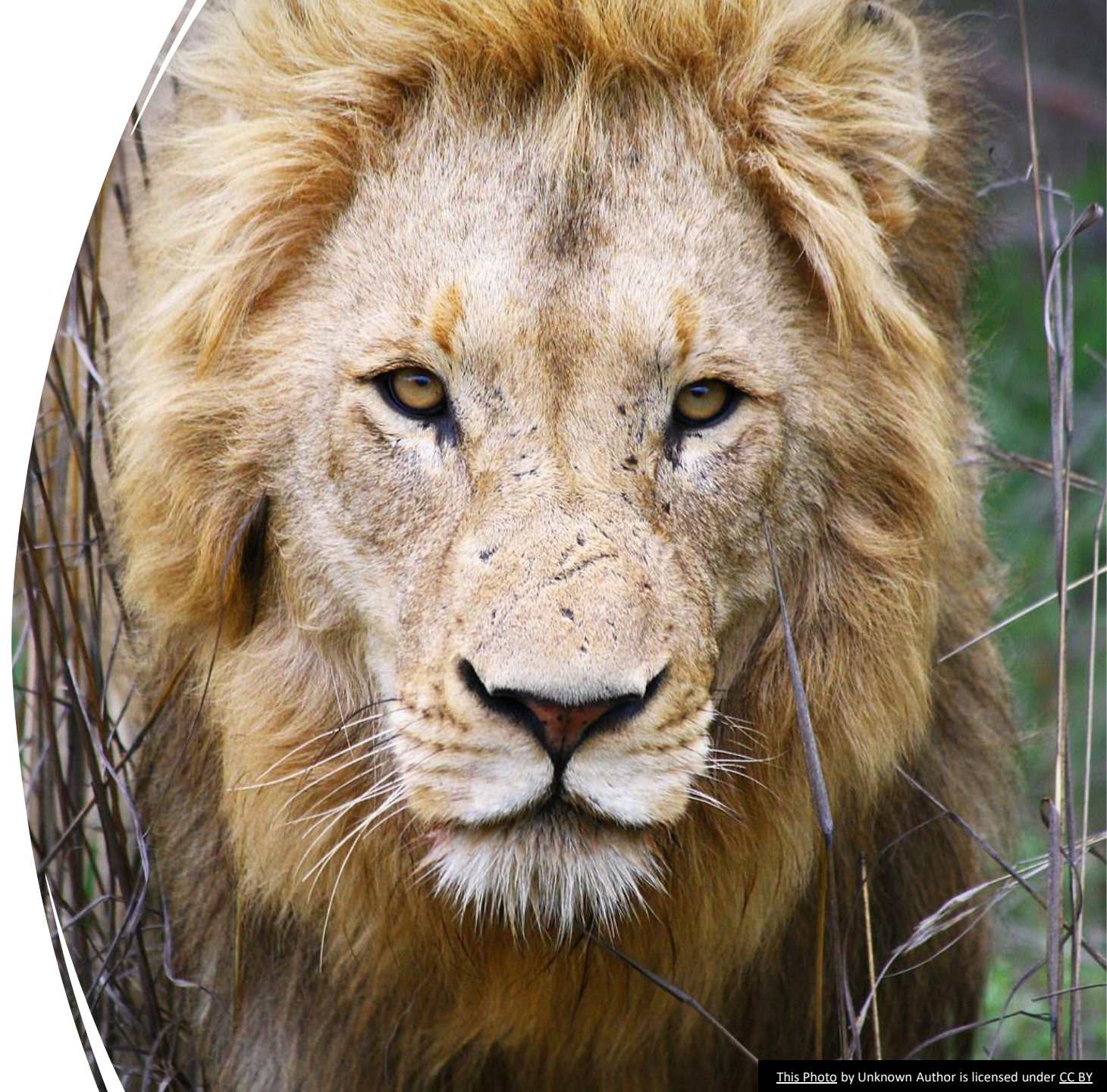


FINDING SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL

- **WELCOME TO THE NINTH
GRADE PARENT
PRESENTATION!**
- **WE ARE SO GLAD YOU
ARE HERE!**



Your Guidance Department

Patti Snider



Heather Westbrook



Julie Hawkins



Cindy Rebmann



How do students reach the counseling team?

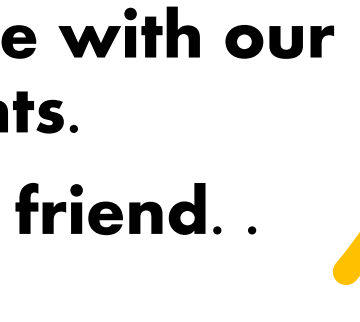
Students can come to the counseling office:

- Before or after school
- During lunch
- With a pass from teacher

Convenient ways to communicate with the counseling office:

- E-mail
- Students can use the QR code in G Hallway
- Phone call 210-340-1864
 - Mrs. Hawkins ext. 313
 - Mrs. Snider ext. 310
 - Mrs. Westbrook ext. 307
 - Dr. Rebmann ext. 304

**Before we
begin...
let's
remember:**

- **We need to practice what we preach, and trust God has the perfect plan for our children.**
 - **We need to model confidence that our children will be ok**
 - **We need to encourage resilience.**
 - **We need to stay calm and positive.**
 - **We want to make sure our kids have choices.**
 - **We need to enjoy every minute with our kids. Participate in school events.**
 - **We are their parents, not their friend. .
.yet😊**
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Road to Graduation

Class of 2026

- Know The Graduation Requirements:

- Academic Requirements:

- 4 Bible credits
- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits
- 4 Science credits
- 4 Social Sciences credits
- 2 Foreign Language credits
- 1 Fine Art credit
- 1 Physical Education credit
- 1.5 Electives credit
- .5 Speech credit

- Community Service Requirement:

- 96 hours of Community Service



Begin With the End in Mind



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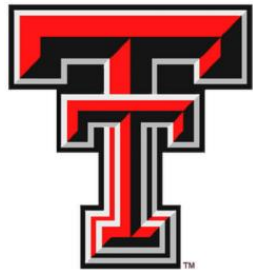
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Top 10% Rule

- **With the exception of UT Austin, public universities in Texas award automatic admission to any applicant who graduates in the top 10% of the senior class**
- **UT Austin automatically admits students who rank in the top 6%**
- **SACS is a non-ranking school; however, in January of a junior's academic year, those students who rank in the top 10% will be notified**
- **Don't Worry; the other 90% Get into College, Too!**
- **Rank for the top 10% will be calculated at these times:**
 - **End of junior year (June)**
 - **Beginning of senior year (September)**
 - **After the fall of senior year (January)**

Grading Scale: Grades are recorded as letter grades on the transcript. Grade Point Averages are recorded on a weighted 4.3 scale.

• Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Grade Points
• 97-100	A+	4.3
• 93-96	A	4.0
• 90-92	A-	3.7
• 87-89	B+	3.3
• 83-86	B	3.0
• 80-82	B-	2.7
• 77-79	C+	2.3
• 73-76	C	2.0
• 70-72	C-	1.7
• 67-69	D+	1.3
• 65-66	D	1.0
• <65	F	0

Grade Point Average Calculation

- GPA is calculated based upon semester grades in all classes from the beginning of ninth grade.
- Honors classes are given an extra 0.5
 - Example: Honors English: 4.3 becomes 4.8
- Dual Credit classes are given an extra 1.0
 - Example: English 11 Dual Credit: 4.3 becomes 5.3

Honors, Dual Credit and Advanced Placement

- **Honors Classes**

- English
- Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus, Calculus
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology
- History I and II, Economics
- Foreign Languages (beginning 2nd year)
- 2nd year Electives
 - Band, Theater Production, Art Portfolio, Graphic Arts IS, 3D Game Design IS, Cinematography IS, Advanced Photography, Journalism, Broadcast Journalism

- **Dual Credit Classes Junior & Senior Year (Le Tourneau)**

- English 11
- English 12
- Life Science
- US History (11)
- US Government (12)

- **AP Classes (Senior Year)**

- Calculus AB
- Physics I

Prerequisites for Honors/Dual Credit Classes: English

English 10 Honors

- 90 in English 9 Honors OR 93 in English 9

English 11 Dual Credit

- 90 in English 10 Honors AND 3.2 GPA (Le Tourneau requirement)
- Additional Fee per semester (currently \$270.)

English 12 Dual Credit

- Must earn credit for English 11 Dual Credit
- 90 in English 10 Honors AND 3.2 GPA (Le Tourneau requirement)
- Additional Fee per semester (currently \$270.)

Prerequisites for Honors/Dual Credit Classes: Social Studies

World History II Honors

- 90 in World History/Geography Honors or 93 in On Level AND 90 in English Honors or 93 in English

US History Dual Credit

- 90 in W History II Honors or 93 in W History II AND 90 in English 10 Honors or 93 in English 10
- 3.2 GPA – Le Tourneau requirement

US Government Dual Credit

- 90 in English 11 Dual Credit or 93 in English 11 AND 90 in US History Dual Credit or 93 in US History
- 3.2 GPA – Le Tourneau requirement

Economics Honors

- 90 in English 11 Dual Credit or 93 in English 11 AND 90 in US History Dual Credit or 93 in US History

Prerequisites for Honors/Dual Credit Classes: Math

Geometry Honors

- 90 in Algebra I

Algebra II Honors

- 87 in Geometry Honors OR 93 in Geometry OR Teacher Recommendation

Precalculus Honors

- 87 in Algebra II Honors OR 93 in Algebra II OR Teacher Recommendation

Calculus Honors

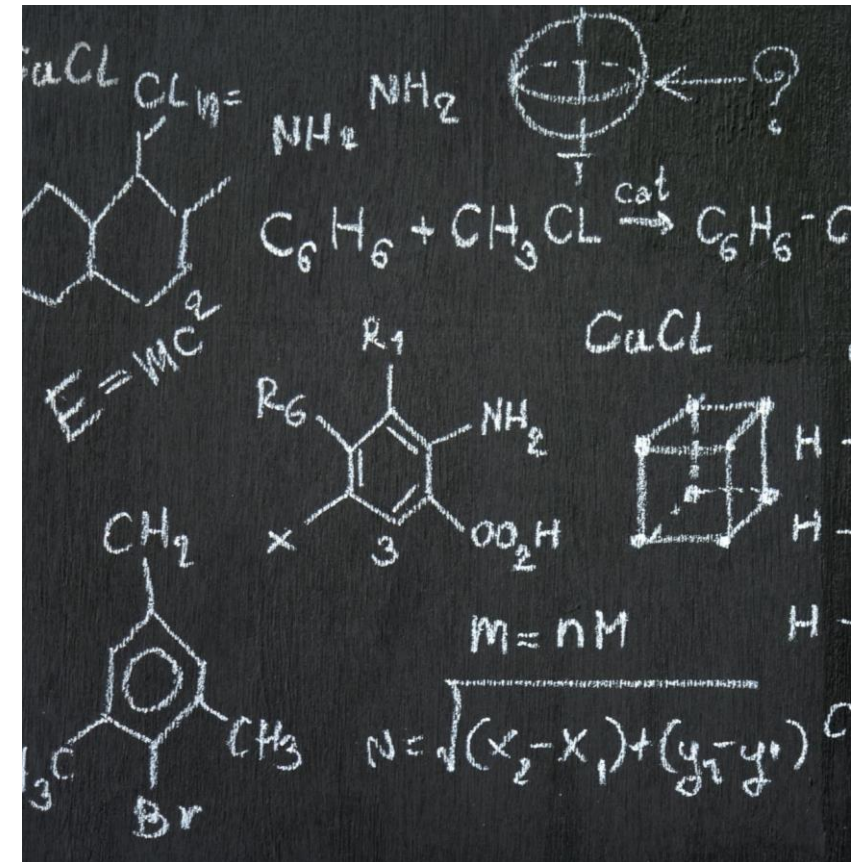
- Precalculus Teacher Recommendation

Calculus AB/AP


- Precalculus Teacher Recommendation
- Additional fee (includes cost of AP exam which students are required to take)

Prerequisites for Honors/Dual Credit Classes: Science

- Chemistry Honors
 - 93 in Algebra I and Geometry
 - Must be enrolled in Algebra II
- Physics Honors
 - 83 in Chemistry Honors or 93 in Chemistry
 - Must be enrolled in Precalculus or higher math
- Anatomy & Physiology Honors
 - 83 in Biology Honors and Chemistry Honors OR 93 in both Biology & Chemistry
- Life Science Dual Credit
 - 83 in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
 - 3.2 GPA (Le Tourneau requirement)
 - Earns college credit for Biology 1013 Life Science and Biology 1011 (Lab)
- Physics AP
 - Physics I Honors or 85 in Physics AND Chemistry Honors AND 90 average in Algebra II
 - Must be enrolled in Pre-Calculus or Pre-Calculus Honors
 - Additional Fee to include cost of AP exam (students are required to take the AP exam)
 - Students interested in an engineering, architecture, or computer science career are encouraged to take this course



Other Dual Credit Opportunities

- Students can take 1-2 dual credit classes during the summers before their junior and/or senior year.
 - Classes can only be taken with Le Tourneau University.
 - Students can also take 1 dual credit class online during their junior/senior year.
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Useful Tips to Reinforce at Home: Encourage Your Child To . . .

- **Have good attendance (90% rule)**
- **Have a positive attitude**
- **Use an academic planner & study for tests ahead of time**
- **Keep binder, backpack, and folders organized**
- **Make a To Do list each day**
- **Establish a routine**
- **Find a study buddy in each class**
- **Use the tutoring time after school**
- **Use Canvas to check on assignments and future ones**

Get Involved!

- Extracurricular involvement is seen as one indicator of success
- Clubs at SACS:
 - Debate
 - Theater
 - 4 H
 - Spanish Club
 - Badminton Club
 - Book Club
- Didn't find a club that interests you? Start your own!
- Involvement in school and community activities
 - Builds connections and leadership skills
 - Develops time management skills
 - Strengthens the high school resume

Tips for Parents

- Communicate with teachers via email
- Remember grading cycles and check the portal weekly
- Work with your child to set weekly goals-students who set goals are more successful
- Applaud their effort not their performance
- Allow mistakes. . .teaches resilience
- Monitor your child's social media accounts (or eliminate them!)
- Be a role model:
 - Let your kids see you read, admit mistakes and show how you work toward solving them

Taking Care of Bumps in the Road

- **Student Currently Struggling?**
 - Tutoring after school
 - Private tutoring
 - Khan Academy
- **Student failed a semester class?**
 - Could be offered credit recovery on Canvas
 - Repeat the course in summer school
 - Failing grade remains on the transcript
 - New, passing grade is posted, but will not be counted towards gpa; credit earned is posted

3 Things Your Teen Fears the Most

- **Rejection**

- Sadly, it is a part of life
- Provide unconditional love and acceptance at home
- After listening and empathizing, offer perspective

- **Uncertainty**

- Every day brings new challenges in their social world
- Offer stability at home by being available to listen

- **Being the Target**

- People can be mean
- Listen, count to 10, empathize, ask what their solution might be
- Share times when it happened to you

Your Job as a Parent of a Freshman:

- **Spiritual:**
 - **Help make it real**
- **Academics:**
 - **Trust, but Verify**
 - **Accentuate the positive**
- **Social:**
 - **Get to know their friends**
 - **Respond with an open heart...separate behavior from the teen**
 - **Let them know you think they are capable and good**
- **Emotional:**
 - **Make room for the blues.**
 - **Be available to listen... whenever**



SAT 8/9 Information

- **School Day Test Administration: October 12**
- **Measures reading, writing, and math**
- **Grade appropriate**
- **Students will receive their percentile ranks and information about their score at the end of November. Test books will be returned to students at that time.**
- **Students should bring a calculator, two #2 pencils**
- **Students will be dismissed at noon to go home**
- **Students will be asked to complete demographic information:**
 - **Address**
 - **Personal email—required to set up College Board account**

Classroom Guidance

Goal Setting

Resume

Study Tips

Big Future



Big Future


**(College
Board
Resource)**

- **Research colleges**
 - Major
 - Location
 - Campus Life
- **Research scholarships**
- **Explore Careers**



College Fair for Private & Independent Schools

- **Thursday, November 17, 2022**
 - **Antonian College Preparatory High School**
 - **6425 West Avenue**
 - **6:30 – 8:30 P. M.**

 - **Over 100 Colleges Representatives
Available to Speak With YOU!**
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Remember you have a teen now. Here are some tips from them:

- **When the trash is full. . .put more more trash in it**
- **After drinking water from a cup, drink more water from a different cup**
- **After saying “coming”, don’t come**
- **If you scrunch up a towel correctly, you can make it stay wet longer**
- **When the dishwasher is empty, put your dirty dishes in the sink**
- **The ground is your closet’s largest shelf; use it accordingly**
 - **@teenagerprotips**



Remember!
Your God
Is In
Control!