

## Senior Meeting Notes August 15, 2017

- How do I communicate with Mrs. Reischman? You may email me at [reischmana@mauryk12.org](mailto:reischmana@mauryk12.org) or leave a written note clipped to my office door. My phone is extension 4275.
  - Culleoka School webpage- School Counseling tab
  - Connect with me via REMIND text reminders: text @b94767 to 81010
  - Twitter: CUS School Counseling @CUSSchoolCouns1
  - Facebook: Culleoka High School Counseling @cushighschoolcounseling
- **Graduation is May 21, 2018**
- **Individual Senior Appointments** will start the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>. Your appointment time is listed at the top of this sheet and it is your responsibility to remember your appointment time and report to the guidance office on time. If you have a conflict with your time, leave Mrs. Reischman a note clipped to her door.
- **Senior Parent Night**- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the library. You need to attend with your parent.
- Applying for Colleges, Universities, or Technical Schools. Begin narrowing your choices down to your top 3 schools. Watch for early deadlines: UTK has a Nov. 1 deadline.
- If you are applying to a competitive school like Vanderbilt, talk to Mrs. Reischman ASAP regarding meeting application deadlines.
- **TRANSCRIPTS:** You must fill out a transcript request form before a transcript will be sent to a post-secondary institution. Transcripts **WILL NOT** be issued immediately so you must allow 3-5 days for your request to be completed.
- **ALL SENIORS NEED TO APPLY FOR THE TN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP.** This is the two years of tuition-free education at a community college or technical school. Deadline is Nov. 1 and application is open now at [www.tnpromise.gov](http://www.tnpromise.gov) You must attend two mandatory meetings: Oct. 12, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. here at Culleoka and Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Columbia Central High School. **STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IS MANDATORY TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR THE TN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP.** Parents are encouraged to attend but cannot attend in place of the student.
- **I have posted a step-by-step guide to applying for TN Promise on our website under the School Counseling tab-Grade Level Information-Senior Planning tab.**
- **ACT-** If you made below a 21 on your ACT, you need to consider retaking the ACT.
  - **ACT Senior Retake: Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>!** The state is giving ALL seniors that took the ACT test here in March the opportunity to retake the ACT for free on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> here at Culleoka.
  - **ACT BOOT CAMP!** –We will have an ACT boot camp here at Culleoka on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. The cost will be \$35 and includes the course and materials you will receive.
  - **Other ACT National test dates are available.** You must register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

- **FAFSA FRENZY**- Seniors may begin filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) October 1, 2017 through January 16, 2018.
- **FAFSA & TN PROMISE Help Session**- October 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 p.m. More info to come.
- **Tennessee Scholar**-graduation honor, no out of school suspensions, 95% attendance rate for 4 years, maintain C or above average, perform 80 or more volunteer service hours to help your community. See Mrs. Reischman for additional information.
- **Get Organized!!** Set up a calendar to track important dates/deadlines. Use your phone/technology to set reminders.
- If you owe credit recovery or you are falling behind in your classes, you will not be allowed to attend extracurricular activities such as Prom, year-end fun days, or Senior Experience Day. Get caught up now!
- **Remember the new exam exemption policy:**
  - **A average – no more than 6 absences per period/per year**
  - **B Average – no more than 4 absences per period/year**
  - No ISAS or out-of-school suspension.
  - No more than 7 tardies to school.
  - May not be enrolled in Credit Recovery during the current school year
- **Graduation with HONORS, STATE HONORS, and STATE DISTINCTION –**
  - **HONORS**- Students who graduate with a 3.0 or above
  - **STATE HONORS**- In order to graduate with “STATE HONORS” you must score at or above all the subject area readiness benchmarks on the ACT: English = 18; Math = 22; Reading = 22; Science = 23 or SAT equivalent
  - **STATE DISTINCTION**- 3.0 or better G.P.A., and complete one of the following:
    - Earn a nationally recognized industry certification
    - Participate in at least one (1) of the Governor’s Schools
    - Participate in one (1) of the state’s ALL State musical organizations
    - Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist
    - Attain a score of 31 or higher composite score on the ACT or SAT equivalent
    - Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two advanced placement exams
    - Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed postsecondary credit.