

# JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

Hello and congratulations on making it to your JUNIOR year in high school!! This year is a very important year, and your choices this year have a definite impact on your post-high school plans.

This year your counselor is Mrs. Moses A-K  
Ms. McKinley L-Z

- Make sure your schedule reflects whether you are on a **TOPS University** or **TOPS Tech** diploma track. If you have not signed your TOPS Tech opt in letter, you should see your counselor.
  - **If you do not understand why you are taking certain classes, or what is needed on your particular track to graduate, you need to schedule a time to see your counselor ASAP!**
  - **Students who are on TOPS Tech will need all the classes on their schedule to graduate!**
    - **Graduation requirements are not “electives.”**
- Keep an eye on your **grades**. Failing grades this year will have serious implications on your senior year, and whether or not you are on track to graduate in May 2020.
  - Tutoring is available before and after school in core subject areas. Please see tutoring schedule.
- Monitor your **tardies and absences**. Either one can cause many difficulties this year. You will be faced with seat time or denial of a credit if you abuse these. You are only allowed 5 unexcused absences for the year. After the 5<sup>th</sup> absence, you fail the course. If the absence is doctor excused, you must bring in doctor excuse the day you return to school.
- Keep an eye on **behavior** this year. Suspensions this year prohibit you from participating in senior events.
- The **Guidance Department Website** will have announcements, contests, scholarship and award opportunities posted weekly. Please check the site regularly for opportunities of interest.
- **SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>** Career College Fair at the Pennington Center on the Campus of Southeastern from 6-8 p.m.
- The PSAT is offered to juniors on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$16. Students should pay online or pay their counselor before September 28<sup>th</sup>. The PSAT is a Pre-SAT test that can qualify students for scholarships their senior year. Limited spots available.
- **WorkKeys testing begins October 11<sup>th</sup>, and will continue through the coming months.** Students will be notified in advance of testing. All students on the TOPS Tech Diploma track will take the WorkKeys test. Students on the Tech track must score a 4 or better (Silver) in each area in order to pass and not have to retest. Scoring high on WorkKeys can help students become eligible for a TOPS Tech scholarship.
- **Interested in joining the military?** The **ASVAB** will be offered on campus, **November 13<sup>th</sup> 8am-11 am** in the Library lab. You must be on time when coming to this test.
- **March 12, 2019**—all juniors take the **ACT**. This is a very important test, and you should start preparing for it now. Free or reduced cost test preparation opportunities are posted on Salmen’s **Guidance Website**, under announcements.

# Important Upcoming Dates

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Deadline to register for October 28<sup>th</sup> ACT at Salmen.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>:** College and Career Fair in the Pennington Center at Southeastern University, 6—8pm

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** New Orleans National College Fair at the Ponchartrain Center in Kenner, LA, 6—8pm

**October 10<sup>th</sup>:** PSAT Test. \$16, students should pay their counselor or pay online through MyPaymentsPlus no later than September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**October 11<sup>th</sup>:** End of first grading period

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Deadline to register for December 8<sup>th</sup> ACT at Salmen

**November 13<sup>th</sup>:** ASVAB testing at Salmen, 8—11 am, for students interested in joining the military. Sign up now in the front office. Limited number of spots available.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** ACT at Salmen

**December 21<sup>st</sup>:** End of second grading period

**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** ACT at Salmen! All juniors test.

