

## ACT/SAT Testing Dates

- SAT November 7 (Registration Due Oct. 1)
- SAT December 5 (Registration Due Oct. 30)
- ACT December 12 (Registration Due Nov. 6)
- SAT January 23 (Registration Due Dec. 15)
- ACT February 6 (Registration Due January 6)
- SAT March 13 (Registration Due Feb. 4)

### Career Investigation can be found at:

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)—login: **Carlisle**, password: **75687**

[www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)

[www.acrnetwork.org](http://www.acrnetwork.org)

[www.nccte.org](http://www.nccte.org)

[www.online.onetcenter.org](http://www.online.onetcenter.org)

[www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home/index.html](http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home/index.html)

[www.achievetexas.org](http://www.achievetexas.org)

### Testing Practice can be found at :

<http://www.track.uttelecampus.org/>

### School Readiness information can be found at:

<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/apps/financialaid/tofa.cfm?Kind=GS>

<http://www.thea.nesinc.com/>

### SAT and ACT Preparation Materials can be found at

<http://www.act.org/>

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

### Character Awareness Programs can be found at

<http://www.autobgood.com/>

<http://www.projectwisdom.com/>

[www.achievetexas.org](http://www.achievetexas.org)

## Other Events

- Lineman Rodeo—Kilgore  
College—October 30, 2009—  
10:00 to 1:00.
- Freshman Applications for UT  
Austin must be submitted by  
December 15, 2009.
- College Day—Troup (9:00 A.M.)  
and Henderson (6:00 P.M.)  
on November 18th.
- Baylor University applications  
are due February 1.

## Plans for Career Day

Carlisle Middle School and High School will host a Career Day this Fall. Plans are in the works and the schools are seeking support for community businesses. It has been set for DECEMBER 2, 2009. This will be a great way to introduce the East Texas businesses to our students.

The purpose of the Career Day is make the students aware of the possibilities for their futures. Our school wishes to highlight these opportunities so that students can find connections between what they are taught at school and the “real world”. The participants will set up booths in the gymnasium and the students will “take a tour”.

If you would like to participate or help with the planning, please call Cathy Amonett at 903-861-3811.

## Study Guides are Available

If you would like to have a FREE TAKS STUDY GUIDE, you can come by the counseling office or ask a teacher. Testing will begin again at the end of February — Start preparing now!!

## Early Graduation Option

Anyone considering the option of graduating in less than four years must arrange a parent / student conference with Ms. Amonett. A signed agreement must be in place prior to the start of the your last year in high school. There is scholarship money attached to this option if a student attends a Texas College or University. If a student graduates in three years the scholarship is \$2000.00 and \$500 for three and a half years. There are also other opportunities for more money if you graduate early with Dual Credit College credits.

## College Tuition Exemptions from the State of Texas

Programs for free and reduced tuition are available for some students who: were in foster care, were adopted from foster care, were valedictorians, are blind, are deaf, are early high school graduates. You can also qualify for tuition reduction if you are depends of: Disabled or deceased peace officers, deceased public servants, POWs or MIA's or parents receive TANF.

## College Visit Days

Seniors—if you plan to take college days, please see Ms. Amonett for form. You must have form before you travel to the college.

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## Scholarship Watch

East Texas Professional  
Credit Union  
McLaughlin  
Scholarship—Due  
March 21, 2010

East Texas Professional  
Credit Union  
Presidential  
Scholarship—Due  
March 31, 2010.

AXA Achievement—Due  
December 15

There are 130  
scholarships posted on  
the Carlisle Counseling  
Corner, please visit the  
page and view the  
requirements for each.

East Texas Baptist  
University—Math,  
Chemistry and Physical  
Science

Angelo State University—  
Carr Scholarship—  
December 1

Goss—Michael  
Foundation—Texas Art  
Scholarship—March 31,  
2010

Gates Millennium—Due  
January 11

Kilgore Presidential  
Scholarship—Due  
February 1

Colonel's Scholars—Due  
December 1

## Award Opportunities

Prudential Spirit of  
Community Award—  
Available for students  
in grades 5—12 who  
have volunteered time  
in the community.  
\$1000.00 reward  
available—Due  
November 2, 2009

If you are interested in  
attending a Leadership  
program in the US  
Senate in Washington  
DC, come by the  
counseling office for  
information and  
application process.

## Other Upcoming Dates

College Night—More than  
60 colleges will be  
represented—All 11th and  
12th Grade Students are  
invited—Calvary Baptist  
Church, Henderson—6:00—  
8:00 p.m.

Career Day—December 2  
TSTC Preview Day—Any  
Friday

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## So What is Your Plan After High School?

For many teens, the hardest questions to answer are related to what they want to do after high school. For others, they have a plan and know the steps to prepare for the future. If you are unsure, it is time to start preparing. Start by talking with parents, teachers and friends about what led them to their careers. Take time to explore options. Career Cruising is free to Carlisle students and when you log on you attain information about salaries associated with a career, types of training / education required and how to pursue it. Just logon to [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) Login: Carlisle Password: 75687. The goal your Senior year is to have a plan by March. Every senior should know what their next step is after finishing high school at that time. It may be entering the workforce or attaining an associate's degree. It could be entering a university or traveling. Whatever the plan, you just need one. So, start on the path of decision making, by talking with others and exploring career cruising. Another step to take before leaving high school is developing a resume'. Students that apply to colleges or employment need to have an updated resume' that highlights their accomplishments. Take time to write one and have someone review it for errors. So, Seniors—begin today—find a path for your future and write a resume' that highlights your strengths.

### TIMELINE: SENIOR YEAR

#### If you are continuing on to a College or University.

*By the End of December*

Confirm you are taking courses that will allow you to graduate

Register for ACT/SAT if you have not taken.

Receive Admissions and scholarship applications for colleges for which you are interested in attending.

BE AWARE of guidelines.

Ask for personal references/ recommendation letters from teachers, counselors or employers.

Monitor counselor updates

Register for PIN to file for FAFSA at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

Keep working hard in all classes—college admission and /or scholarships can be affected by your current GPA and updated class rank.

Plan to visit colleges to which you will apply.

Write a resume'

Get tax information together.

*January to May*

Complete FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible

Attend financial aid information sessions—list for announcements

Continue applying for scholarships

Compare financial aid offers from colleges

Decide which college to which you plan to enroll. Notify other colleges of your decision. Send deposit by May 1, if applicable.

Take the THEA if you are not exempt.