

# **RISING SENIOR SPRING MEETING**

**February 5, 2019**

# HS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 credits in English
- 4 credits in Math
- 3 credits in a Lab Science
- 3 credits in Social Studies
- 1.5 credits in PE
- .5 credit in PF
- 1 credit in Fine Art
- 1 credit Computer Apps
- 2 credits in the same foreign language
- 3 credits in a Program of Study

# Types of Diplomas

- **Regular Diploma** (meet requirements set forth by the State of TN)
- **Honors Diploma** (meet all 4 benchmarks on ACT,  
English=18,  
Reading=22, Math=22,  
Science=23)

# Types of Diplomas (Cont'd)

- **Hornet Scholar**

Students who meet a minimum of 1700 points (out of 2000 points and no rounding) using their ACT score and GPA will qualify for the Hornet Scholar Diploma. The ACT score is super scored. This is the highest recognition that you can receive at South Gibson County High School.

Formula:  $\text{GPA} \times 250 + \text{ACT} \times 27.7777$

Ex:  $3.9 \times 250 + 28 \times 27.7777 = 1752.7756$  pts.

Ex:  $3.9 \times 250 + 25 \times 27.7777 = 1669.4425$  PTS

# **Incentive for Taking Rigorous Coursework**

- Students can earn a maximum of 5.0 points (versus 4.0 points) for the following courses:**
- Honors Class – an additional .5 quality point**
- Statewide Dual Credit – an additional .75 quality point**
- AP or Dual Enrollment – an additional 1.0 quality point**

# How is my GPA calculated

- Your GPA is calculated 3 ways – on a 100 point scale, a 4.0 scale, and a 5.0 scale

	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>DC</u>	<u>AP or DE</u>
• A =	4.0,	4.5,	4.75,	5.0
• B =	3.0,	3.5,	3.75,	4.0
• C =	2.0,	2.5,	2.75,	3.0
• D =	1.0,	1.5,	1.75,	2.0

# Incentive Cont'd

- **Example**
- **Algebra I Honors = A, 4.5 points**
- **Geometry Honors = A, 4.5 points**
- **Algebra II Honors = B, 3.5 points**
- **PreCalculus DC = B, 3.75 points**
- **AP Calculus = A 5.0 points, B 4.0 points, C 3.0 points, D 2.0 points**
- **If you made an A in AP Calculus, your math average will be 4.25. If you made a B 4.05. On a 4.0 scale if you made an A, your average is a 3.6, B is 3.4.**

# Types of Recognition

- **TN SCHOLAR**
  - 80 hours of community service
  - No more than 9 days absent per year
  - Maintain “C” average
  - Can not be suspended
- **DISTINCTION**
  - 8 different ways to earn this recognition, B Average
  - Examples... 12 hours of postsecondary credit, 3 or higher on 2 AP exams, 31 on ACT, Attend Governor’s School, Earn National or State recognized industry certification, Earn statewide recognition or award at a skill or knowledge based convention or competition



# Types of Recognition

- **Tri Star Scholar**
- Earn a 19 on ACT and earn a capstone industry certification.
- **Work Ethic Certificate**
- Must earn 20 points on the work ethic certificate standards. Students must demonstrate they possess employable skills, as identified by local industries.

# ACT

- The higher your ACT score, the better, especially in terms of \$\$ and acceptance into college.
- There are 7 National Test Dates throughout the year. Your child is responsible for signing up online for any of those that he/she wants to take. We announce each of those about a week before the deadline to register. F/R lunch 2 fee waivers.
- There are 2 State Test Dates. One in the Spring for Juniors and one in the Fall for Seniors.
- **Your child will be taking the ACT here on March 12th. This is a state administration day.**
- Students typically take the ACT 3-5 times.

# ACT RESOURCES

- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)
- [www.testpreview.com/act\\_practice.htm](http://www.testpreview.com/act_practice.htm)
- [www.internet4classrooms.com/assistance.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/assistance.htm)
- [www.tntel.tnsos.org/](http://www.tntel.tnsos.org/) - click on Test Prep, then click on ACT Prep
- [www.grammar.ccc.commnet.edu](http://www.grammar.ccc.commnet.edu)
- [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com)
- [www.4tests.com/exams/examdetail.asp?eid=13](http://www.4tests.com/exams/examdetail.asp?eid=13)
- [www.act.org/profile](http://www.act.org/profile)
- [SGC Media Center](#)

# **Jane Ross ACT Workshop**

- **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the band room at SGC. Bring sack lunch.**
- **\$60.00**
- **Students have until Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> to pay. Your spot is not reserved until you pay. Please pay one of the counselors.**

# NOW IS THE TIME

- **To get busy!**
- **This summer, write down all of your activities and awards. Write down any leadership activities, community service, etc.**
- **Write your essay**
- **Look at colleges – when you return in next Fall, have your college choices narrowed down to 2-3**
- **Fill out scholarship apps**
- **Get your volunteer hours done**

# College Info

- **Start searching for colleges now.**  
**Collegefortn.org, planningyourdreams.org**
- **A lot of preview days this spring. Go to them.**
- **Go visit colleges this spring break, summer**
- **Juniors get 1 college day this spring semester**
- **Do your research**
- **Be a smart consumer**
- **Every college sets their own admission standards and procedures. Know Them!!**

# Financial Aid Terms

- **Cost of Attendance** - The total amount of college expenses before financial aid. Cost of attendance includes money spent on tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and living expenses.
- **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- **Grant and Scholarship** - Money that does not have to be paid back, some might have criteria you have to meet
- **Student Loan** – Unsecured student loan is backed by federal government, it does have to be paid back, but typically at a low interest.
- **Do not borrow more than you need.**

# **TN Promise and Hope**

- **TN Promise – You can go to a 2 year college (JSCC, DSCC, Pellissippi, Motlow), TCAT Schools, or an associates program at a 4 year university for tuition free. You have to meet admission requirements and TN Promise requirements.**
- **Hope/Lottery Scholarship – Students must have a 3.0 or 21 on ACT to receive this scholarship. At a 4 year university, students receive \$1750.00 their Freshman/Sophomore year and \$2250.00 their Junior/Senior year.**



# **Scholarship Bootcamp**

- Saturday, April 13th  
Scholarship Bootcamp  
from 10 a.m. – Noon**
- Free**
- Sponsored by REDI**

# **College & Military Recruiters**

- **Use their expertise**
- **ASVAB in October**

# AP and Dual Enrollment

- **AP – Advanced Placement courses are hard but worth it. We offer AP HG, AP Psychology, AP Lang & Comp, AP US History, AP Biology, AP Calculus. There is an exam at the end of the course. If you make a 3 or higher, most colleges will accept that course as college credit. If you make a 3 or higher, our district will reimburse you the cost of the exam. Students get +5 added to their course grade.**
- **Dual Enrollment – Can start as a Junior. Must have 3.0 high school gpa. All DE courses are taught online. No one at this school is making sure your child is doing his/her work. Make sure your child is self disciplined and self motivated. The student takes the course for one semester. One block is dedicated to his DE course. Pass the course, get the college credit. Most colleges accept dual enrollment classes. A laptop is helpful, but not required. Must maintain a college gpa of 2.75**

# DE Cont'd

- It is possible to take up to 8 DE courses. Right now, our courses are taught through UTM and JSCC.
- The first 2 courses have to come from JSCC in order for them to scholarship up to 4 courses. UTM will also scholarship up to 4 DE classes.
- The Institution + State of TN scholarships courses # 1-4.
- For courses #5-8, UTM and JSCC will pull \$300 from your HOPE money and then those Institutions will scholarship the rest (Again, up to a total of 4 courses).
- Great opportunity but weigh out the pros and cons for your child and family. Yes, it saves a lot of \$\$\$ and time. But, when you are in college sometimes it is nice to have an easier class to help balance challenging ones.

# Statewide and Local Dual Credit

- **We offer Statewide Dual Credit in PreCalculus and Statistics. Students take the course here at SGC just like they do any other course and at the end of the course students take a challenge exam. If they pass the challenge exam, they get college credit at any public university in the State of TN. There is no cost for the course or the exam. Students receive +4 points to their grade.**
- **Local Dual Credit is something new that we implemented this school year. Students take the course here at SGC and at the end of the course there is a challenge exam, and if the student passes the challenge exam, they get credit at JSCC. Wellness, Computer Applications, and Personal Finance are the classes offered for Local Dual Credit at this time. Students receive +4 points to their grade.**

# August

- We will meet in August to go over DETAILED Senior information and Financial Aid.
- We will not send transcripts to admission offices until late August. We will go over the process then.