

## White Station High School Senior Night

September 12, 2023



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| Welcome                         | Leslie Fleming  |
| Tennessee Achieves              | Chasity Robertson   |
| University of Memphis           | Pearlina Ivory, Admissions Counselor                                |
| Christian Brothers University   | Casey Ramsey, Admission Counselor                                   |
| TSAC Director of College Access | Felicia Orr   |
| Counseling Information          | Leslie Fleming & Heather Heaston,<br>Professional School Counselors |
| Closing                         | Heather Heaston   |

### Counseling Staff

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#### Students should be:

Finalizing their college list  
Completing and submitting applications  
Asking for a teacher recommendation only if the school requires it  
(only use two White Station teachers)  
Following up (politely) with teachers on recommendations  
Preparing essay(s)  
Maintaining good grades-admit offers can be rescinded  
Taking ACT, SAT, and SAT subject exams (if needed)  
Sending ACT and/or SAT test scores to colleges

#### Parents should be:

Helping student stay on task-do not take ownership  
Having realistic conversations about paying for college

**KNOW YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION DATES AND SCHOLARSHIP DATES**

**Senior Dates:**

- September 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. College and Career Fair on campus
- October 19 Senior ACT on campus digitally (be on time and have computers charged)
- November 1 Deadline to complete the Tennessee Promise Application
- December 1 FAFSA opens
- December 5 at 8:30 a.m. Promise meeting in the WSHS Auditorium

**Senior Facts:**

- Seniors are allowed two excused days in the fall to visit college campuses. (Must follow the instructions on the form. Forms can be picked up in the Guidance Complex.)
- Seniors must obtain permission to be excused from school in the spring for college auditions or interviews.
- Tennessee Educational Lottery Scholarship Program awards \$16,000 over four years to Tennessee residents graduating with a 3.0 unweighted or a 21 ACT. Must complete the FAFSA, [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and list one Tennessee school for eligibility.
- Tennessee Promise Scholarship pays for two years of community college or a technical degree. Must apply before November 1, [www.TNPromise.gov](http://www.TNPromise.gov), attend two mandatory meetings, and acquire eight hours of community service.
- Seniors must turn in a student letter, parent letter, and resume with a minimum of two week notice to receive a counselor's recommendation.
- Transcripts will be sent using Naviance.
- ACT scores must be electronically sent through [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (\$16.00 per test per school)
- SAT scores must be electronically sent through [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (\$12.00 per test per school)
- Senior dues are paid second semester
- Senior heads must be taken through Jimmy Alford Studio, 901 751-1512, before December 15, 2023, to be featured in the yearbook.
- Senior ad can be purchased for the yearbook highlighting your senior's best memories. Please contact Mr. Pentecost, [pentecostd@scsk12.org](mailto:pentecostd@scsk12.org), for more information.

**Counselors will use Teams to communicate with students.**

# Senior Year

## Important Dates

September 12 at 5:30 p.m. Senior Night WSHS Auditorium  
September 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. College and Career Fair on campus  
October 3 Senior ACT on campus (digital during the school day)  
December 5 at 8:30 TN Promise meeting WSHS Auditorium

## College Applications

Request Transcript through Naviance

Go to Clever and go to the Naviance Icon

Click Colleges

Click Colleges I am Applying To

Click the Blue Circle with a Plus Sign in it to add colleges

Type in the college and select fall 2024

Click green arrow (direct to institution not Common Application)

Click green arrow to select if you are or are not submitting ACT/SAT scores

Click Add and Request Transcript

Select Initial Transcript

Click Add and Finish

Link Common Application to Naviance

Log into Common Application

Complete FERPA

Go to Clever and go to the Naviance Icon

Select Colleges I am Applying To

Select Match Accounts (pink bar at the top)

Automatically return to Common Application Log In

Log in

Redirected back to Naviance

Match at the top (pink bar will be green showing done successfully)

Click the Red Circle with a Plus Sign in it to add colleges

Select Initial Box

Click Colleges

Ask **ONLY TWO** teachers for teacher recommendations (ask them, do not just send the request)

Counselor Recommendation requirements:

A minimum of two weeks' notice

Parent Letter

Student letter

Resume

## College Terms

Early Decision-applications are binding, a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend

Early Action-applications are nonbinding: Students receive an early response regarding admission

Regular Decision-follow the standard application deadlines

**Deadlines are VERY IMPORTANT. Know your dates!!!**

**Tennessee Promise**-two-year scholarship for community college or trade school with no GPA or ACT requirement (Deadline November 1) must attend one meeting in the spring, eight hours of community service, and complete the FAFSA

<https://www.tn.gov/tnpromise.html>

Create a TSAC account & apply for the scholarship using your TSAC account

**Hope Scholarship**-four-year scholarship to any Tennessee school worth \$16,000 over four years, requires a 3.00 GPA or a 21 ACT, complete the FAFSA, and select one TN school to receive your information

### **College Visits**

#### **On Campus**

College on campus will be announced and posted in Teams

Students must sign up in the guidance office to attend college visits

Students must obtain permission from the teacher to miss class

Attendance will be taken at the visit and put in by Mrs. Schusster

Pick up an off-campus college visit form from your counselor

#### **Off Campus**

Turn the form in with signatures before the visit to Mrs. Schusster, M-117

Bring back the approved proof of attendance within three day to Mrs. Schusster, M-117

### **Transcript Review**

4 English Credits

4 Math Credits (enrolled in math every year)

3 Science Credits (Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and one additional lab science)

3.5 Social Studies Credits (World History/Geography, U.S. History, Government, Economics, and Personal Finance)

2 Foreign Language Credits (must be two years of the same language)

1 Fine Art Credit

1 Lifetime Wellness Credit and an additional .5 PE credit

3 Elective Focus Credits

Substitutions:

ROTC I and ROTC II=Lifetime Wellness and PE

ROTC III=Personal Finance and Government

Marketing I=Economics

School Sports or Marching Band with a signed waiver on file =PE credit

Programs available to recover credits or earn additional credits:

Course Recovery, Memphis Virtual School, and Project Graduation

**Counselors will use Teams to communicate important information. Please check Teams daily.**