

CREEKVIEW THUNDER

NOVEMBER 2009

Creekview High School

IMPORTANT DATES

November 10th—ASVAB

November 19th—
Progress Reports

November 23–27th—
Thanksgiving Break

December 17th -
Progress Reports

December 21st—January
1st— Christmas Break

January 12th—15th
Semester Exams

January 21st—Report
Cards

HOW TO WRITE AN EFFECTIVE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS ESSAY

College is just around the corner, and now is the time when many students begin to apply to college. Many colleges may include an essay as part of their application requirements. The essay is not meant to simply add another step into the application process. It is used as a tool for colleges to get a personalized view of prospective students. A well written essay will give colleges a snapshot of your personality and talents that your transcript can't show. Here are some tips for writing an effective college essay:

- Focus on the strengths of your personality instead of the things you have done
- List several traits about yourself, and brainstorm things that you've done to demonstrate these traits
- Look for patterns in the material you've brainstormed. For example, your passion for creativity shows up in your participation in the school play

- Develop your main idea with specific examples and vivid illustrations.
- Don't forget to proofread. Grammatical errors and misspellings can be interpreted as carelessness

TIPS TO AVOID SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

△ Be cautious if there is a required fee to apply

△ Be cautious if there is no telephone number or legitimate address

△ Never give out bank information or social security numbers to strangers

△ Don't respond to unsolicited offers

△ Ignore offers that demand an immediate response

△ Trust your instinct

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FEDERAL WORK STUDY

Federal Work Study is a program that allows college students to work part time in order to assist with the cost of college. Many work study jobs are located on campus, and pay at or above minimum wage. Students can apply for Federal Work Study through the FAFSA.

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

This quarter's career spotlight is on the broadcast technician profession. A broadcast technician plays an integral part in the operation of a television station. They are responsible for setting up and monitoring equipment that regulates the quality of sound and pictures. They also operate controls during production of a show.

Broadcast technicians usually work in television or radio stations across the nation. A broadcast technician's average yearly salary is \$34,300 and the growth outlook is positive. The need for broadcast technicians is expected to grow with the shift to digital television. People who are interested in this profession should

work well with computers and technology, and be able to meet deadlines. Students who are interested in pursuing this career should earn an associates degree or certificate in broadcasting. High school students can begin to prepare for this career by taking computer, technical theater, electronics, and algebra classes.

COLLEGE VISITS

November 3rd—OU & Univ. of Alabama

November 4th—UNT & Oklahoma State Univ.

November 19th—Midwestern State Univ.

December 4th—UT Dallas

JUNIOR/SENIOR FALL TIMELINE

JUNIOR YEAR

October: Take PSAT
 November: Keep those grades up
 December: Use your PSAT results to prepare for the SAT
 January: Plan to make college visits this spring

SENIOR YEAR

October: Take SAT or ACT if necessary;
 Meet with college admissions reps. that visit Creekview
 November: Request letters of recommendations
 December: Attend financial aid workshop
 January: Complete FAFSA; complete local scholarship application form

QUESTIONS TO ASK A COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE

1. What are your admissions guidelines?
2. What opportunities are available for me to visit the campus?
3. What is the application deadline?
4. What programs and degrees are offered?
5. Do students have to take the SAT or ACT?
6. Are there placement exams for courses once a student is accepted?
7. What is the average class size?
8. How are students advised for classes?
9. What extracurricular opportunities are available on campus?
10. What scholarship opportunities are available for incoming freshman?