



Creekview High School

October 1, 2009

Creekview Chronicle

Events.....

- Oct. 2nd...FB vs. Berkner
- Oct. 8th...Progress reports go home
- Oct. 12th...NO SCHOOL..Fair Day
- Oct. 14th...PSAT/EXPLORE Testing
- Oct. 20th...Choir Concert
- Oct. 22nd...Orchestra Concert
- Oct. 29th...Report Cards
- Oct. 29...Homecoming Parade
- Oct. 30th...Homecoming Pep Rally
- Oct. 31st...Homecoming Dance
8:00 p.m.

Calling all 9th & 10th Graders.....Join Exec. Look at the Exec. Boards for information on meeting times and locations....

Use your planner to help keep your day organized and productive!



PSAT & EXPLORE TESTING COMING SOON...

During the month of October, several testing opportunities will occur. On October 14, 2009, all 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT test. The Preliminary SAT®/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a co-sponsored program by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test™. It also gives you a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs. The PSAT/NMSQT measures: critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills

Additionally, all 9th grade students will take the ACT EXPLORE test on October 14, 2009. Taking the EXPLORE is a great way to get a head start on the college planning process and to make sure you are on the right track for high school. EXPLORE helps 9th graders build high school course plans that will prepare them for college and work and introduces them to career options that are relevant to them. It shows your son or daughter:

areas where they need extra help or additional courses □

suggestions for improving skills careers that match their interest EXPLORE includes test in English, math, reading, and science—just like the ACT. EXPLORE scores provide early indicators of whether students are on track for college. Check our some EXPLORE sample test questions at: www.explorestudent.org

Know What to Expect in High School

People experience greater success when they know what to expect. In high school, expect to find the following:

1. More Courses to Choose From
2. New Teachers and Classmates
3. More Extracurricular Activities and Athletic Programs
4. More Independence and More Responsibility
5. Greater Emphasis on Academic Achievement
6. More Social Events
7. Consequences for Failing Classes
8. Greater Need for Time Management and Organization



Understand Your Academic Record

In order to graduate, you must fulfill your high school's academic requirements. Take a minute now to see if you can answer the questions below about the academic requirements at CHS.

1. How many credits is a year long academic course like English worth? _____
2. How many credits do you need in order to advance to the 10th grade? _____
3. What happens if you don't have the credits you need to advance to the next grade? _____
4. Is there a state-required test that you must pass in order to graduate? _____ If yes, when do you take it? _____
5. How many credits do you need to graduate from CHS? _____

If you don't know the answers to these questions, ask a teacher or talk to your counselor.

Have you visited the CHS Counseling Website??
If the answer is NO...you need to.....

<http://cfbstaff.cfbisd.edu/lovetts/>

Check List for College Bound Students

When you become a freshman, everything starts to "COUNT". All of your grades and credits will be on your transcript, and will be used in determining your GPA! Freshman and sophomore activities, honors, and awards can also be listed on college and scholarship applications.

- Work hard to get good grades!
- Become Involved in a wide variety of activities **TIP.....Start keeping a record of your school activities, honors, unique educational experiences, awards, leadership positions, employment, and volunteer work.**
- Select appropriate courses in the spring.
- Plan meaningful summer activities such as a college visit
- Start a college savings account...it's never too early!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Check out these websites!

www.collegeboard.com
www.fastaid.com
www.collegeanswer.com
www.iamgoingtocollege.com
www.collegefortexans.com
www.scholarships.com
www.finaid.org

