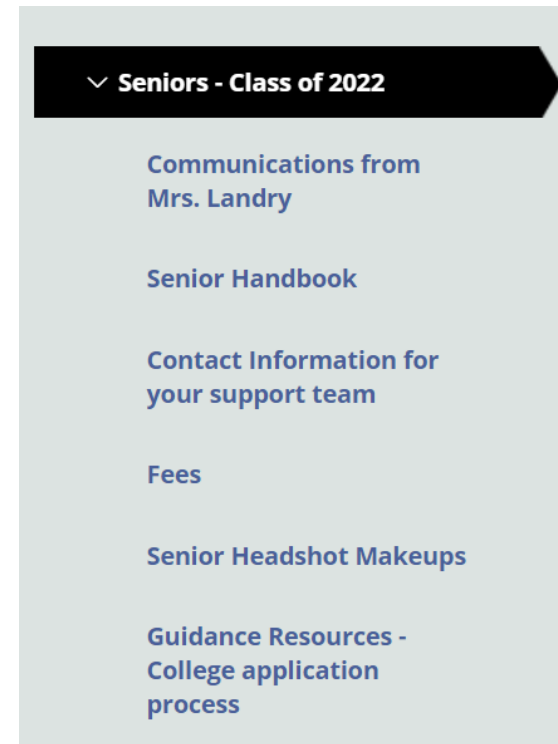
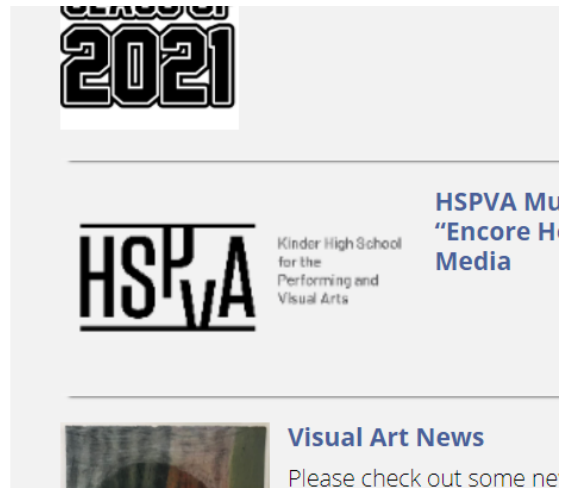
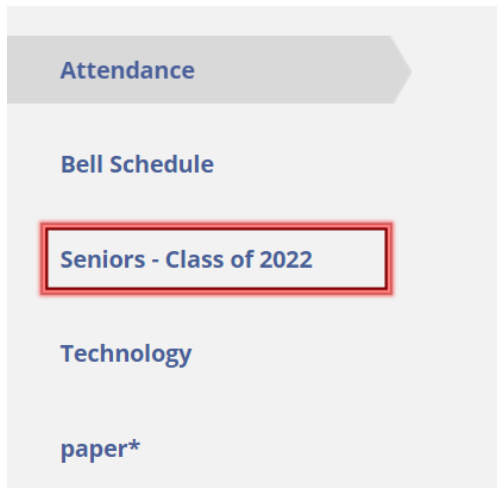


Senior Parent Night Class of 2022

Senior Capstone & Class of 2022 Events

Mrs. Landry-Senior Liaison
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Senior

Class of 2022

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Fall Senior Activities

TBD – BALFOUR provides Senior Rings, Letterman Jackets and Graduation Announcements. They will send out ordering information via email in the Fall.

** Additional cost from Senior Fees*

September 13 – Senior Parent Night ~ 6:00 pm

September 29 – College interview Discussion with Mr. Landry

October TBD – Financial Aid Panel with Mr. Rosa ~ time/location TBD

Fall Senior Activities

October 1 – FAFSA OPENS – HISD is requiring students to show proof of applying to FAFSA for a graduation requirement.

October 24 – Last day to request senior fee reduction. Please see your AP.
(*Must complete Economic Form to be considered*)

October 27 (tentative) – Optional Cap & Gown photos taken by Alan Ross
**Additional cost from Senior Fees*

December 17 – SENIOR FEES DUE (fees paid after this date will incur a \$10 late fee)

Fall Senior Activities

ACT TESTING DATES:

- September 11
- October 23
- December 11

SAT TESTING DATES:

- October 2
- November 6
- December 4

Spring Senior Activities

February 24 – Panoramic picture taken by Goldbeck Company

** Additional cost from Senior Fees*

February 25 – Panoramic picture delivered– money is due upon delivery

March 1 – Prom tickets go on sale. *Seniors can buy 1 ticket for themselves and 1 additional. ALL seniors must pay fees to attend prom.*

** Additional cost from Senior Fees.*

April 1 – Last day to buy prom ticket at \$90.00 – after this date they are \$100 each

May 6 – Last day to buy a prom ticket

May 2-13 – AP Testing

dates are subject to change

Spring Senior Activities

May 13 – PROM ~ 8 pm-Midnight at Paraiso Maravilla

May 20 – Senior Happening and Picnic ~ 12-3 pm Discovery Green

May 23 – Senior Awards Assembly ~ 6 pm Kinder HSPVA Denney Theatre

May 23-27 – Senior Final Exams

May 27 – Cap and Gown Distribution

June 1 – *TENTATIVE* Graduation Rehearsal

June 1 – *TENTATIVE* Graduation

* dates are subject to change*

Mrs. Becky Johnson

Creative Writing & Music

Senior College Visits

Contacts: Ms. Cecy Torres

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- Students are allowed 2 college visits that do not count as absences towards their exemption status.
 - This number is set by the state and is not negotiable.
- Students must bring documentation (within 3 days of returning) from the college visited.
- For more information on final exemptions contact an Assistant Principal.

Kinder HSPVA No Rank Policy

We do not report rank on the official transcript for colleges or scholarships

- Students can complete the OPT OUT OF NO RANK form to have their rank listed on official transcript.
- Completing the form is a request to report rank for ALL colleges. It is an all or none option.
- OPT OUT OF NO RANK form will be sent out with a deadline soon by Mr. McCommis.

Exception to the No Rank policy per Texas automatic admit law for top 10%

- We will automatically report rank for **top 10%** students to Texas public schools to meet automatic admissions criteria if they apply.

Transcripts

For any questions about transcripts, please contact Mr. Dan McCommis

- Updated transcripts with GPA and updated rank will be sent out to seniors by Mr. McCommis this month.
- Opportunity to OPT OUT OF THE NO RANK policy will be sent out this month with deadline.
- Schools that require a hard copy of the official transcript will be mailed out by Mr. McCommis.
- Status of transcripts can be checked on Naviance at your convenience under "Colleges I am Applying to".
- Students will be updated in the future how to order transcripts for scholarships through Mr. McCommis .

Texas Educational Association HB 3

Financial Aid – Graduation Requirement

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0256, beginning with students enrolled in **12th grade** during the **2021-2022 school year**, each student must do **one of the following** in order to graduate:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA); or
- Submit a signed opt-out form.

Opting Out

A student may opt out of the financial aid application graduation requirement if:

- a parent or guardian submits a signed form;
- the student is 18 years of age or older and submits a signed form; or
- a school counselor authorizes the student to decline to complete and submit the application for good cause.

More information will be provided to students and parents regarding the HISD opt out form in the Spring 2022.

We have a plan in place to assist you and your students with FAFSA

Mr. Donovan Rosa

College & Career Readiness Advisor

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Mr. Donovan Rosa

How can he help?

- Assist with creating Apply Texas or Common Application accounts
- Review student essays
- Assist with completion of college applications if you are confused about a step or section
- Work with students and parents to complete FAFSA
- Provide guidance in selection of right fit colleges
- Test registration and score report issues
- Scholarship emails/information

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Financial Aid

FAFSA Road Show October 28, 5PM –7PM hosted by Mr. Rosa

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Before each year of college, apply for federal grants, work-study, and loans with the ***Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)*** form. Your college uses your FAFSA data to determine your federal aid eligibility. Many states and colleges use FAFSA data to award their own aid. After submission, you'll receive your *Student Aid Report*.
- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/>

CSS Profile – College Scholarship Service

- Some universities may want students to complete the CSS Profile **in addition to** FAFSA
- The CSS Profile allows institutions to ask financial questions not on the FAFSA and to customize the questions. It is more detailed, so it may take more time to complete, but it can also result in additional financial aid. It is a nonfederal financial aid which can be completed in addition to FAFSA
- Check the university website financial aid page for information regarding requirements
- CSS Profile: <http://css.collegeboard.org/>

FAFSA and CSS Profile open October 1st

Capstone Progress

HSPVA Seniors have already:

- Created a Common App account
- Waived FERPA
- Learned how to add schools to Common App
- Learned how to order official HSPVA transcripts
- Learned how to order letters of recommendations
- Discussed deadlines and application types
- Learning how to organize application requirements

Types of Applications

- Common Application
- Common Black College Application
- Apply Texas
- Coalition Application
- University website application

Colleges require only one application and there is no admissions advantage to which one the student chooses. Colleges just want them to apply.

Types of deadlines

Early Decision 1 & Early Decision 2

- BINDING COMMITMENT
- Requires **parent** and **counselor** acknowledgement
- Usually due in November/December
- Could find out in December/January

Early Action / Priority

- Usually due in November/December
- Could find out in Jan/Feb
- Could be scholarship deadline

Regular Decision

- Usually due in January/February/March or later
- May not find out until April (or later)

Rolling Deadline

- Colleges read these as they receive them and do not wait until after a specific date to read all

- Most common early deadline is November 1
- Pay attention to University scholarship deadlines
- A college within a university may have a different deadline
 - A&M Engineering vs general admissions

Who is responsible for submission?

Student is responsible for submitting

- ✓ Application
- ✓ ACT/SAT Scores
- ✓ FAFSA
- ✓ CSS Profile
- ✓ Load transcript & letter requests into Naviance
- ✓ Optional:
 - Resume
 - Portfolio/audition
 - AP scores

Who is responsible for submission?

HSPVA will submit

- ✓ Transcripts
 - ❖ Initial, midyear, final
- ✓ Counselor/teacher letters of rec
- ✓ School Profile
- ✓ Supplemental forms
 - ❖ School Reports
 - ❖ Current schedule

Mrs. Christy Farris

Dance, Theatre Arts & Visual Arts

Things we told the Seniors!

Be Careful

- Watch grades and homework!
 - Best to have no surprises on the transcripts
- Attendance
 - Credit can be lost, and grades are replaced with NG's
 - **Transcripts with NG's can be sent to the colleges, and it is a red flag**
- Talk to your teachers early and often if you have concerns
 - Communication is key
 - Attend Wellness day tutorials
 - Turn in your work on time – last year some seniors were not able to attend senior events due to not passing classes
- Recommended that parents keep an eye on Power School and grades to assist students to stay on track and focused
- Complete Socio-Economic Form
 - Must complete it and qualify to receive fee waivers for applications and tests
 - These fees can add up

How can parents help?

Make sure the student is driving the application process.

We want the students to be fully invested

- Assist students with contacting college reps with questions
 - Help them create an appropriate email address and find college reps contact info.
- Assist students with emailing counselors/teachers with questions
 - The seniors have been given lots of resources, encourage them to review those before reaching out. They might solve their own problem.
- Don't log into virtual college visits
 - Colleges prefer for only students to login to virtual visits, it is a time for them to meet and get to know prospective students.
 - Read the Virtual Visits emails or log into Naviance to see the schedule.
 - Encourage student to attend and help them prepare.
- Don't apply for the student
 - We know they're busy, but this can lead to some negative consequences.
- Read and help edit their essays but don't write them for your student
 - The essays need to reflect their voice as who they are as a person so the college can decide if they are a good fit for them.

Help them stay organized

- Help them set up a spreadsheet/planner for schools in which they are applying.
- Help them research college application requirements per school and track submissions.
- Help them understand and input deadlines into the spreadsheet and sort by deadline.
- Help them track what has been submitted and what is pending.
- Keep master list of usernames and passwords for University Application Portals.
- Research scholarship opportunities.

Encourage them to use their resources

- Each college and university has their own requirements and policies, and the school's website should be the first stop
- The senior class of 2022 Capstone webpages and the HUB has all the resources on how to use Naviance
- Try to encourage them not to email college reps with questions without looking it up first on the college website
- Don't assume your counselor and Mrs. Landry know all the answers and use us as the first resource – there are thousands of schools, and they change their requirements frequently
- Don't assume that an older sibling who has been through this process has up to date information

Search for Scholarships

Naviance Scholarship List

- College specific scholarships
- Local & regional scholarships
- National scholarships
- Scholarship matching
- Sort the scholarship list the the deadline and monitor weekly

Scholarship opportunity emails sent out frequently from PVA

- HISD Hot Scholarships list

HISD scholarships

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/187410>

Other Scholarship resources

- Fastweb: www.fastweb.com
- Cappex: www.cappex.com
- Unigo: www.unigo.com
- Scholar Snapp: www.scholarsnapp.org
- College Board Opportunity Scholarships: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

Weekly college updates at home

It is our recommendation that students and parents/guardians create a schedule for discussing college, the future, applications...

- Leaving home and going to college may be the first big life transition for these kids, which is exciting but also very scary.
- Every year seniors come to our offices very upset and scared about the unknown of what their lives are going to look like in one year.
- Spending quality time with loved ones helps the seniors relax, be themselves, and enjoy the year.
- Many seniors talk about how the added stress of constantly talking about college makes it difficult for them to enjoy the time they have left before leaving.

Example: Pick a day a week to talk about all things future and then take a break for 6 days.

- They can use this time to process, research, and be prepared to answer questions.
- You can all enjoy each other's company and spend quality time together.

Questions:
Please email your counselor