

COLLEGE CORNER

October 2015

SHARPSTOWN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (6-12) MAGNET
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October is College Readiness Month

Sharpstown International School celebrates HISD's College Readiness Month.

College Readiness Testing:

PSAT 8/9 for 8& 9th Grade.

PSAT/NMSQT for 10& 11th.

Date: October 14, 2015

12th Grade students will complete College applications using the resources they received in a Senior folder at their first assembly.

The PSAT 8/9 will include grade-level appropriate content. The components for both the PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT/NMSQT are Writing, Math, and Critical Reading. College Board is providing free, per-

sonalized, focused practice resources for all students by partnering with Khan Academy.

Khan Academy can be used by all of our Sharpstown International School students, anytime, from any computer with Internet access. Students must go to the following site:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

Using Khan academy is essential for students to have the practice resources necessary to perform successfully on their PSAT exam.

Our 11th grade students are currently working daily in



their College Skill Building class with the Khan Academy program. Students are required to progress at a minimum of 1,000 energy points each week. The energy points are earned from performing various tasks in Khan Academy; watching videos, answering questions, and taking quizzes. Changes to the SAT include no penalty for guessing and free practice tests for all.

SIS Opportunities

All of our students in grades 6-12 have access and should be using the Naviance College and Career Readiness Program. There are tasks for the students to perform at each grade level.

We encourage parents to join their student in exploring the Naviance program. Information

on how to access Naviance was described in the September College Corner.

College & Career Path field trip to NRG is scheduled for 11th and 12th grade students on October 7, 2015. All Juniors and Seniors are expected to return their field trip form.

Our annual Combine College Fair with Challenge & Carnegie is Scheduled for October 6, 2015. We have reserved one bus for students needing transportation to the evening fair with Colleges from all over the country. Students may also take their own transportation to the event.

Points of Interest:

Naviance	On-going
Senior & Junior field trip to NRG-College Fair	10/7/15
Combined College Fair	10/6/15
Ivy League College Fair	10/6/15
PSAT 8/9 & PSAT /NMSQT	10/14/15
IFEST	12/04/16

See Mrs. Platt for Official Transcripts for College

Community Service is an important part of our school's philosophy of service learning. Students may obtain community hours through assisting in approved after-school events.

One of the big events to contribute to and gain volunteer hours is through this year's IFEST. See Ms. Reuter and your advisory teacher about this opportunity.

The I-FEST is scheduled for December 4, 2015

Ask your Advocacy teacher about how you can help support your grade level class.

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Power UP 1:1 Laptops for High School students and our 8th grade students.

Mrs. Brown-Robinson is the contact point for any additional information needed regarding this program.

Power Up provides are students with the important technology needed to accomplish 21st century goals.

Our 1:1 laptop program is a huge asset for our College and Career Readiness support for our students.

All High School students in grades 9-12 and 8th grade students should have already submitted the Power-Up agreement and pay the \$25 fee.

October

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| 10/3 Coach/GT Educator Training. Need service Hours? See Mrs. Reuter | 10/7 11th/12th Field trip Assembly in Auditor. |
| 10/5 IFEST: Student meeting 3:30pm-4pm Library | 10/14 PSAT testing (8-11) Senior College Apps |
| 10/6 Combined College Fair At Challenge HS 5:30pm-7:30pm | 10/15 Hispanic Heritage Culture Program 4:30pm-6:30pm |
| 10/6 Ivy League College Fair | 10/19 IFEST Auditions-Dance |
| 10/6 SIS Community Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm Auditor. | 10/23 IFEST Auditions-Instrumental/Sing |
| | 10/26 IFEST Auditions—Other |
| | 10/28 Early Dismissal |



OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cycle 1 8/24-10/23				1	2	3 OM Coach, Nature & Needs (SIS)
4	5 IFEST Prac- tice-fill out forms for Audi- tions	6 College Fairs: Ivy & Combined, Community Meeting	7 11th/12th grade field trip to NRG & Assembly	8 Sr. Meeting 8am	9	10
11	12	13	14 PSAT 8-11 Senior Apps.	15 Hispanic Her- itage Pro- gram	16	17
18	19 IFEST Dance Auditions	20	21	22	23 IFEST Sing/ Instrument Auditions	24 CSTEM Kick Off Online training.
25	26 IFEST Other Audition	27	28 Early missal	29 Dis-	30 Report Card	31

Community Meeting 6:30-
7:30pm

Hispanic Heritage Program
4:30pm-6:30pm

See Field trip forms regarding
scheduled times.

***IFEST Auditions start at 3:30pm in
the Auditorium. End at 4:30pm***



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