



Stone Memorial High School
PANTHER SENIOR



Dear Seniors (and parents!),

I know you are working hard to get that diploma and make your Senior year a success. In an effort to make things run a little more smoothly, I have tried to put some information together that will help. The following "newsletter" has answers to questions that I am getting daily and answers to questions you should be asking. Hope this helps! If there is any information that you would like to see in future "newsletters" let me know.

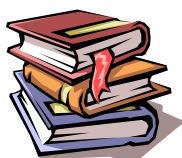
As always, if I can help you in any way, please stop by my office, or call 484-7123. Sincerely, Lisa Dillard

Graduation/General Class Info

Graduation is set for Thursday, May 20, 2010.

Class Night is set for Monday, May 17, 2010.

Prom April 24, 2010.



Credit Recovery Session

The next **Credit Recovery** session will begin September 14, and run through October 20 at the Phoenix School. Class will be held Monday – Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00. Come see me if interested.

Gateway Exams

In order to receive a high school diploma in the State of Tennessee, a student must pass 3 Gateway Exams (Mathematics, Language Arts, Biology). Gateway exams will be given on December 8- 10. Anyone who has not passed all three tests should plan to take them during this time.

ACT/SAT

- ✎ **ACT test dates :** September 12, October 24, December 12, February 6, April 10, and June 12th. Remember that registration is do be done approximately 4 weeks prior to test, and you can do that online at www.actstudent.org. **Mrs. Blake is offering ACT tutoring on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:55 am – 7:40 am. Please see her if interested.**
- ✎ **SAT test dates:** October 10, November 7, December 5, January 23, March 13, May 1, and June 5th. Register at least 5 weeks prior to test at www.collegeboard.com/mysat.



Financial Aid/Scholarships

- \$ There will be a **Financial Aid Workshop** on October 8 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Media Center. There will be a representative from TSAC here to present information on the Lottery Scholarship and FAFSA form. There will be a representative from Tennessee Tech University here also. Please make plans to attend with your parents.
- \$ Word of warning – It is highly recommended that you not utilize any service that charges a fee, especially for the FAFSA form. There is a website out there that charges a \$100 dollar fee. This is not the government website. The correct link is in the website section of this newsletter.
- \$ The local scholarship packet will be available in February. Be getting your resume ready! List things that you have done in school, church, community, Scouts, HOSA, FFA, etc. Be active in your community and school.
- \$ Please remember to check our guidance page on the school website for updated scholarship information.

College/Career Info

- ☞ Be researching your college choices. Some colleges will have application deadlines beginning November 1st. Schedule college visits soon!
- ☞ There are college handbooks and information available in the Guidance Office. New information arrives weekly so check back often.
- ☞ Dates are being set for a college fair at Tennessee Technological University sometime in October. I will send out information as soon as available.



Websites of Interest

www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.CollegePaysTN.com
www.collegeanswer.com
www.nelnet.net/collegeplanning
www.collegeboard.com
www.tn.kuder.com
www.schoolsoup.com
www.jostens.com
www.MeritAid.com



Special Note to Parents

It is the time of year when outside organizations request directory information about our students. Please refer to page 34 of the Student Handbook for more information about Federal laws governing this directory information and what to do if you do not wish for your student's information to be shared.

If I may be of assistance to you in any way, please contact me at the school at 484-7123 or by email at dillardl@k12tn.net.