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College Counseling August Newsletter

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Back to School!



Welcome back! We are back in the swing of things in the college counseling office and ready for the Class of 2017. We have planned some great workshops and events to make your college search and selection process as smooth and stress free as possible. Seniors-make sure you complete your summer surveys so you can schedule an appointment with your college counselor ASAP. Students can begin scheduling Friday, August 19 with Mrs. Roemer.

It's Time to Begin Writing Your Essay.

Here are a few tips.



1. Start EARLY. Time can quickly pass you by in your senior year. Make sure you begin brainstorming your college essay soon so your deadlines don't sneak up on you.
 2. Write in your own voice. It's okay to sound like a 17 year-old because you are 17.
 3. Stay focused. You don't have to tell your life story and list all of your achievements in 650 words. Stick to one main theme throughout the essay.
 4. Stay away from vague and informal words like "very" and "many". Your writing is stronger without them.
 5. Write, rewrite, and proofread. You will make so many improvements if you just put in the time. You want to be proud of your essay when you submit it.
 6. Send your essay to your college counselor. It is great to get a second opinion, especially from your counselor who has read thousands of essays. Don't be afraid to ask for suggestions.
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THIS MONTH'S
UPCOMING EVENTS



August 25-Colloquium 401 for seniors

August 25- Essay Writing Workshop @ 6:30p.m. in the Chapel Lecture Hall

August 28-Application Workshop @ 6:00p.m. in the Library

August 30-Colloquium 402 for seniors

September 1-Money Matters Workshop for parents

September 10-ACT

September 11-Application Workshop @ 6:00p.m. in the Library

Trivia Spotlight

Name a Baylor faculty member who attended the University of Richmond.

Which schools with a FBS football program have a mascot that does not end in the letter "S"? Hint: There are 12.

*Read next month's newsletter to find out.

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