

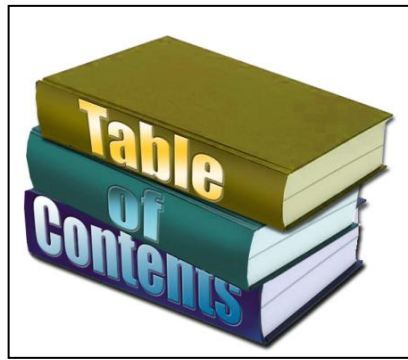
**Trinity  
Christian  
School**

**Senior  
Survival  
Guide**



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# Dates to Remember!

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<b>September 1</b>		<b>Begin applying for college!</b>
<b>September 26</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Jostens cap &amp; gown orders</b>
<b>September 19</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Senior Parent Meeting</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Senior Parent Meeting</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>SAT test</b>
<b>October 10</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Senior pictures</b>
<b>October 12</b>		<b>Jostens orders are due</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Homecoming 2011, Tiger Stadium</b>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>ACT test (September 16 registration deadline)</b>
<b>November 4</b>		<b>Jostens orders due</b>
<b>November 5</b>		<b>SAT test</b>
<b>November 9</b>		<b>Senior Picture re-takes</b>
<b>December 2</b>		<b>Jostens final Order due</b>
<b>December 3</b>		<b>SAT test</b>
<b>December 10</b>		<b>ACT test (November 4 registration deadline)</b>
<b>January</b>		<b>Check college deadlines!</b>
		<b>FAFSA accepting financial aid applications</b>
<b>January 23</b>		<b>Senior Parents Meeting</b>
		<b>(Mission Trip/ financial aid information)</b>
<b>January 28</b>		<b>SAT Test</b>
<b>February 1</b>		<b>NCAA national signing day</b>
<b>February 11</b>		<b>ACT Test (January 13 registration deadline)</b>
<b>February 16</b>		<b>AP calculus &amp; AP English exam fee due to Miss Ross (\$87/exam)</b>
<b>March 4 – 9</b>		<b>Senior Mission Trip</b>
<b>March 10</b>		<b>SAT test</b>
<b>April 5</b>		<b>Junior/Senior Breakfast</b>
<b>May 1</b>		<b>Graduation day pictures &amp; bio due</b>
<b>May 4 – 5</b>		<b>North Texas District Fine Arts Competition (SAGU)</b>
<b>May 5</b>		<b>SAT test</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Tiger Athletic Awards</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>AP calculus exam (required for all calculus students)</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Senior AP English exam (required for AP students)</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>TCS awards ceremony</b>



<b>May 11</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Junior Senior Banquet (tentative)</b>
<b>May 14 – 18</b>		<b>Senior final exams</b>
<b>May 18</b>		<b>Deadline- graduation senior spotlight table reservations</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Graduation practice</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Graduation!</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Senior Walk Day, Trinity Church (tentative)</b>

## College Visits

**Policy:** Each senior is allowed 2 days of absences for college visits.

Please choose wisely. Make sure to visit the university website in order to make the most of each visit. In order to be excused, prior to the college visit, each senior should obtain a college visit form from the high school office. Students must have each teacher sign the form and return it to the office. First college visit form is attached.



### Community Service Hours for Transcripts!

Students who give Miss Ross a list of service hours verified by authorities will have them recorded on their transcripts. Hours eligible must be from high school years old. All NHS Students may pick up a copy of the service hour logs from Mrs. Worley.



### Requesting Transcripts

All TCS transcript requests are handled through the TCS registrar's office. Fill out the form from the high school office & see Mrs. Tina Moore in the downstairs office.

## Helpful College Admissions and Scholarships Websites

- ✓ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT website)
- ✓ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT website)
- ✓ [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) (college applications for many of the universities in the US)
- ✓ [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) (access all Texas college admissions and their scholarships)
- ✓ [www.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com) (planning, applying & paying for college)
- ✓ [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (US financial aid application)
- ✓ [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (scholarships)
- ✓ [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) (scholarships)
- ✓ [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) (scholarships)
- ✓ [www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com) (scholarships)
- ✓ [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) (college sports)



## Senior Estimated Expenses

Event	Date	Estimated Amount
College visits	all year	varies
Off Campus lunch on Chapel day	all year	\$5 - 10 weekly
TAPPS and ACSI competitions	all year	\$20 each
NHS and other school dues	September	\$10 +
Princeton Review for SAT Classes	September	\$600
SAT/ACT exams	Fall	\$50/each exam
SAT/ACT preparation materials	Fall	varies
College admissions application fees	Fall	\$35 - \$200 each
Fall field trips	Sept - Dec	\$25 - 50
Homecoming	October	\$15 +
Cap and Gowns	Nov. 4	\$35 - 50
Graduation announcements/items	Nov. 4	Approx \$1.5 each
Graduation name cards	Nov. 4	approx \$1 each
Extra tassel	Nov. 4	\$10
NHS Sashes for Graduation	February	\$20
AP Calculus Exam	February	\$87
AP English Exam	February	\$87
NTD Fine Arts Festival Entries	March	\$25/each entry
NTD Fine Arts Festival team shirts	April - May	\$15
Mission trip extra meals and incidentals	March	\$150 - 200
Spring Field Trips	March - April	\$50
Band/choir end of year trips	April - May	\$80 - \$100
Prom ticket for date	May	55 +
Prom attire and evening	May	\$100 +
Graduation cords	May	\$3.50 each
Senior pictures	May	varies
Graduation Table	May	\$25 +
Graduation Celebration	May	varies
Graduation clothing	May	varies

**Note: Expenses affecting every senior are shaded**

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# Cedar Hill Texas Scholars Requirements

(See Miss Ross for Verification and Applications)

Four years of English, Math, Science, Social Studies

Two years foreign language

One half year each of Health and Speech

One year fine arts and one year computer

Choose one extra math, foreign language, science, computer

One and one half years PE

Ten community service hours

Attend one CHISD school board meeting\*\*

Attend one Cedar Hill city council meeting\*

\* **City council meetings** begin at 6 pm, in the 'Turk' Cannady/Cedar Hill Room in the Cedar Hill Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd.

*Scheduled meetings for this academic year:*

September 13    September 27    October 11    October 25    November 8    December 13

January 10    January 24    February 14    February 28    March 13    March 27

April 10    April 24    May 8    May 22

\*\* Cedar Hill ISD school board meetings begin at 6:30 pm, Cedar Hill Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd. Meetings are the *second Monday of each month*.

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## *AP English Literature and AP Calculus Exams*

*All students taking English IV AP and/or AP Calculus are required to take those AP exams in order to receive honors designation on their transcripts. Each exam is \$87 and payable to TCS. All exam fees need to be given to Miss Ross by February 16 in order for tests to be ordered.*

## **SENIOR MISSION TRIP 2012**



The TCS class of 2012 will complete their mission trip graduation requirements on a life-transforming trip to Boston, MA. The decision was made after much discussion and prayer by seniors, administration, and faculty advisors. Seniors will travel the week before spring break to this metropolitan area

to serve the lost and community, create a lasting bond as a class, and allow God to speak destiny, plan and purpose to each of their hearts. More details will be revealed at the January senior parents meeting!

Additional Information will be provided in January as to anticipated expenses that will be incurred for the trip. Please pray and partner with the TCS senior sponsors that all details will work to the benefit of God's glory and our students.



# Graduation Information!

BIOGRAPHY

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## Senior Graduation Biographies

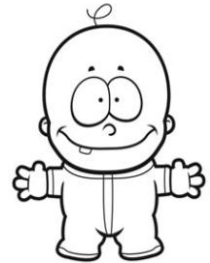
Attached to this guide is a copy of the senior bio form necessary for the graduation day script. You and your senior will need to return the form by May 1 to insure all accomplishments are announced. Please make sure you and your senior partner together to get the perfect information for the perfect day.

## Get out those baby books and scrapbooks!

**Pictures are needed for graduation power point as your student receives his or her diploma! Provide the following five pictures:**

1. *Baby picture*
2. *Childhood picture*
3. *Action shot (athletics, dance, fine arts, etc.)*
4. *Family picture*
5. *Senior picture of choice*

**These may be delivered via email or CD to Mr. Koland no later than May 1. Hard copies will be accepted if student's name is on the back.**



## Trinity Church Senior Walk Day

Trinity Church will honor all graduates from high school and colleges during the second service, 10am. Those planning to be introduced must complete a form and return to the HD Office by the deadline printed on the form. Forms will be available in May from the HD office, high school office, and room 305.

## Senior Spotlight Tables – Graduation Day

Reserve your graduate's table at graduation starting May 1 by emailing [nbyrd@trinitychristianschool.com](mailto:nbyrd@trinitychristianschool.com)

- ✓ Tables may be decorated Friday afternoon, May 25 beginning at 5 PM.
- ✓ They must be completed by 9 am, Saturday, May 26.
- ✓ Tables will be first available.
- ✓ Tables will need to be cleaned up by Saturday afternoon.



## ***Guidelines for Graduation Attire***

### *Men*

- *Ties must be worn appropriately*
- *Black or brown dress shoes must be worn (no tennis shoes, sandals, Toms, etc.)*
- *Must be clean shaven*
- *No earrings*
- *No jeans - dark dress pants only*
- *No extreme hairstyles or colors*
- *All dress code policies apply*
- *No gum chewing*
- *No cell phones will be allowed in worship center during graduation*



### *Women*

- *No piercings except in the earlobe allowed*  
*Dress shoes must be worn (no flip flops, toms, etc.)*
- *No extreme hairstyles*
- *No jeans - dress pants or dresses of appropriate length only. Dresses must conform to standards of modesty in length, fit, and coverage*
- *No extreme make up or jewelry*
- *All dress code policies apply*
- *No gum chewing*
- *No cell phones will be allowed in worship center during graduation*

*Note - any graduate who comes to the commencement exercises in non-compliance of dress code will not be allowed to participate.*

## ***ONCE YOU ARE TCS ALUMNI...***



**The TCS Alumni Association wants to stay in touch with you in order to invite you to homecoming and various alumni activities. Please help us by keeping your information current, go to the website [www.trinitychristianschool.com](http://www.trinitychristianschool.com), click on *Alumni* and fill in the info. Since college students often move, you are welcome to keep your parents address in our database. We will communicate mostly by email.**

**If you have any alumni questions, please contact Debbi Taber, the Alumni Director, at [dtaber@trinitychurch.org](mailto:dtaber@trinitychurch.org).**

# Permission to Take a College Day

Trinity Christian High School  
1231 E. Pleasant Run Rd. Cedar Hill, TX 75104  
972-291-2505, Fax 972-291-4739

- Juniors and seniors may use **two days** during each school year for college visits (excused absence).

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Visit \_\_\_\_\_

College or University to visit \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

## Checklist before leaving:

- Secure travel arrangements. (Describe: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Schedule an appointment with the university admissions counselor. (When: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Notify teachers of your absence, and find out about make up work.

	Teacher Signature	Make up work/notes
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

- Get parental approval and school approval.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Dean Signature

## Checklist during visit:

- Meet with an admissions counselor. (Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Meet with a financial aid counselor. (Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Meet with an academic professor in your area of interest. (Professor signature: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Take a campus tour, led by a campus representative. (Representative signature: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Obtain a copy of the campus newspaper/newsletter.
- Obtain a copy of the financial aid/scholarship application.

## Checklist upon returning:

- Turn in this form to the Academic Dean.
- Turn in the campus newspaper/newsletter and the financial aid/scholarship application to the Academic Dean.

## Graduating Senior Bio Form – 2012

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(first, middle, and last name)

**Parents** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Town** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years at TCS** \_\_\_\_\_

List 6 items of interest (honors, awards, school activities, etc.) Please list them in the order of importance.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Future Plans**

Where do you plan to study in the fall?

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your major/career plan?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Favorite Scripture**

\_\_\_\_\_

*Complete and return to Mrs. Smith by May 1.*