

# Senior Parent Night

## Edna Karr High School

### September 17, 2008

Judy Lee, Counselor (A – G)  
Tamara Merricks, Counselor (O – Z)  
Patrick Tubbins, Counselor (H – N)  
Natalie Derham, College Counselor

# Introductions

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John Hiser, Principal

Mashandra Hall, Assistant Principal

Jamar McKneely, Assistant Principal

Judy Lee, Counselor

Tamara Merricks, Counselor

Patrick Tubbins, Counselor

Natalie Derham, College Counselor

# Greetings from the Principal

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**Mr. John Hiser**

# Class of 2009

## Senior Parent Night Agenda

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- I. Introductions
- II. Greetings from the Principal
- III. Counselor Topics
  - A. Graduation Requirements
  - B. ACT and SAT Readiness
  - C. How do Students get College Information?
  - D. College Application Process, Transcript Requests, and Letters of Recommendation
  - E. Louisiana Public University Minimum Admissions Criteria
  - F. TOPS
  - G. Financial Aid
  - H. Senior Bulletins
  - I. Dates and Deadlines
  - J. Next Steps for Seniors
- IV. Questions and Discussion

# Graduation Requirements

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- Coursework (23 required units)
- Verify transcripts
- LEAP/GEE: Make-up tests and re-takes  
October 20 - 24; last test date in March;  
[www.LouisianaPASS.org](http://www.LouisianaPASS.org) for practice using  
“Student” for username and “Tiger” for  
password
- Students must have four years of English, so  
Seniors must pass both semesters of English  
in order to graduate in May

# Senior Record Sheet

Received senior record at registration in August

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## Review the senior record and determine:

- That all courses you have taken are recorded on the record sheet
- That all the listed grades are correct
- That the appropriate level of the course was given (ex. AP, gifted, etc.)
- That no course is listed twice by error

***Review the record sheet to ensure you have all of the necessary units needed for graduation. If you have not done so, complete the lower portion of the following insert and turn in to your child's counselor.***

# 2008 – 2009 ACT Test Dates

www.act.org

<b>Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>(Late Fee Required)</b>
September 13, 2008*	August 12	August 13 – 22, 2008
<b>October 25, 2008</b>	<b>September 19</b>	<b>Sept 20 – Oct 3, 2008</b>
December 13, 2008	November 7	November 8 – 20, 2008
February 7, 2009**	January 6	January 7 – 16, 2009
April 4, 2009	February 27	Feb 28 – Mar 13, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8	May 9 – 22, 2009

\*The September 13, 2008, test date is available **only** in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

\*\* No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date.

**Edna Karr Code – 192032**

**Enter Karr code when you register for ACT or SAT**

**TOPS Code for ACT – 1595**

**Enter TOPS ACT code when you register for the ACT**

# SAT Test Dates

www.collegeboard.com

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Reg Deadline</b>	<b>Late Reg</b> <small>(fee)</small>
October 4, 2008†	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9	September 16, 2008
November 1, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 26	October 10, 2008
December 6, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5	November 18, 2008
January 24, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26	January 6, 2009
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10	February 24, 2009
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31	April 9, 2009
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5	May 15, 2009

## † Eid al-Fitr and the October 2008 SAT

The normally scheduled October 4 SAT test date falls during a time of Muslim religious observance, Eid al-Fitr. To avoid any difficulties for students of the Islamic faith, the October 2008 SAT has been rescheduled to **Saturday October 18, 2008** in [certain countries](#).

**Edna Karr Code – 192032**

**Enter Karr code when you register for ACT or SAT**

**TOPS Code for SAT – 9019**

**Enter TOPS SAT code when you register for the SAT**

# How do Students get College Information?

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- Visit college room, room 112. Talk with **Mrs. Derham** or search catalogs/websites on own.
- College **search engines**: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (Mrs. Derham's favorite), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.petersons.org](http://www.petersons.org),
- Meet with **college representatives** who visit Karr during school day
- **Edna Karr College Fair**:  
Tuesday, September 30, 9:00 – 11:00am
- College **Field Trip** available to all Seniors on **10/15**

# College Application Process

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- **Search for colleges.** Select 3-5 (no more than 8-10) colleges to which you will apply.
- **Obtain college applications.** College applications obtained and completed *online* on college websites. Paper applications can be printed from websites or requested by mail, phone, or fax; however, most schools strongly encourage students to complete online applications.
- **Review applications.** Determine how many recommendations are needed for that application. Print recommendation forms.
- **Request transcripts/recommendations starting October 1.** Obtain a transcript request form (one is enclosed) from *Ms. Jackson* in the counselor's office. Complete a transcript request for each school to which you will apply.
- **Recommendations.** On the transcript request, list how many recommendations you need for each school. Turn in printed recommendation forms with each transcript request.
- **October 1!** Counselors will begin accepting transcript/recommendation requests.
- **Three weeks!** Allow three weeks for transcript requests, including recommendations, to be processed.

# Reminders about Transcript Requests and Recommendations...

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- **Student must complete a separate transcript request for each college application.**
- Transcript requests are obtained from and turned in to **Ms. Jackson**, the counseling assistant, in the counselor's office.
- The transcript request must completely list the student's personal information, the address of the college, and **how many letters of recommendation** that college requires, as well as any recommendation forms that college provides.
- **Student must return to Ms. Jackson to collect all materials.**
- **Allow 3 weeks for this process!**
- Request transcripts/recommendations **at least one month** in advance of the college application deadline.
- Request transcripts/recommendations starting **October 1**.  
If you need additional recommendations from teachers, you must request the recommendation yourself! Also allow teachers and staff three (3) weeks to complete recommendations!

# Transcript Request Form

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*See full-page insert...*

# Edna Karr

## Senior Student Profile

This form allows the counselor to write a glowing recommendation about the student even if the counselor does not know the students very well.

**Senior Student Profile is due tomorrow, September 18!**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

What is important to you in life?

What are your strengths your strengths, in and out of school?

What are your weaknesses?

What are your future goals?

What colleges are you considering?

What majors are you considering?

What careers are you considering?

What criteria do you have for selecting a college (i.e. size, location, campus life, special programs, etc?)

What are four adjectives that describe you?

What sets you apart from other teens?

For a letter of recommendation, what adults at Karr know you best?

What grades have you attended Karr?

Describe an important event that has impacted your life and what you learned from it.

Describe yourself and your family. (Include with whom you live, siblings, etc.)

Do you qualify for free/reduced lunch? Yes No

Have you completed the forms for free/reduced lunch? Yes No

# Senior Profile Achievement Chart

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Activity	Years/Grades Participated	Leadership Position	Awards Received
Work Experience	Years/Grades Participated	Leadership Position	Awards Received
Volunteer Experience	Years/Grades Participated	Leadership Position	Awards Received
Other	Years/Grades Participated	Leadership Position	Awards Received

# Louisiana Board of Regents

<http://www.regents.state.la.us/>

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- ❖ Louisiana Public University *Minimum Admissions Criteria*

<http://www.regents.state.la.us/pdfs/PubAff/amstandards.pdf>

- ❖ TOPS Core Curriculum

[http://www.osfa.state.la.us/Core\\_Curriculum\\_1.pdf](http://www.osfa.state.la.us/Core_Curriculum_1.pdf)

*See full-page inserts...*

# Financial Aid

- **Four Primary Types:**

1. Loans (Pay back after college graduation)
2. Scholarships
3. Grants
4. Work Study

Each can be from *federal* programs, *state* programs (like TOPS), *individual college* programs, or *private* programs

- **FAFSA**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Complete FAFSA form *after 1/1/09*

- **OSFA**

Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid

<http://www.osfa.state.la.us/>

Excellent source of information regarding aid to Louisiana residents

Includes TOPS!

- **Financial Aid Night: Wednesday, December 3, 6:00pm**

We will discuss the FAFSA form, TOPS, etc.

**Until then, search for scholarships using [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
or see Mrs. Derham in Room 112.**

**Specific scholarship options also will be given to seniors on a monthly basis in the  
Senior Bulletin!**

# TOPS

## Tuition Opportunity Program for Students

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- **2.5 GPA** based on 17.5 required courses
- Fill in worksheet using transcripts
- At least a **20 on ACT**, 950 on SAT
- TOPS code for ACT is 1595, SAT is 9019
- File FAFSA after 1/1/09. You do not have to complete a separate form for TOPS!
- “Don’t Blow Your TOPS” Once in college, must keep GPA at or above TOPS requirements.
- Avoid scams!

# TOPS Brochures

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- ❖ TOPS Opportunity, Performance, and Honors Awards

[http://www.osfa.state.la.us/TOPS\\_OPH\\_brochure\\_8-11.pdf](http://www.osfa.state.la.us/TOPS_OPH_brochure_8-11.pdf)

- ❖ TOPS Tech Award

[http://www.osfa.state.la.us/TOPS\\_Tech\\_brochure\\_8-11.pdf](http://www.osfa.state.la.us/TOPS_Tech_brochure_8-11.pdf)

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# Helpful websites

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Search for colleges

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Plan for college or career

<https://www.laeportal.com/main.aspx>

Register for the ACT

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Action Plan for Seniors

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/action/seniors.html>

LOSFA (Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid)

<http://www.osfa.state.la.us/>

TOPS Index Page (TOPS brochures, core curriculum, etc.)

<http://www.osfa.state.la.us/schgrt6.htm>

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) \*Complete this form after 1/1/09

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Search for Scholarships on Fast Web

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

# Senior Class Dates and Deadlines

- Sept. 03 **Senior Parent Night**
- Sept. 18 Student profiles must be completed before requesting transcripts.
- Sept. 19 Deadline for ACT registration for October 25, 2008 test date
- Sept. 25 Transcript request deadline to meet Oct 15 college deadline
- Sept. 26 Deadline for SAT registration for November 1, 2008 test date
- Sept 30 **Karr's College Day** 9:00-11:00 - Cafeteria
- Oct. 1 Start date for students to request transcripts/recommendations
- Oct. 4 Transcript request deadline to meet Nov 1st college deadline
- Oct. 15 Senior College Field Trip
- Oct. 15 English IV AP Project Due
- Oct. 20- 24 **LEAP- GEE TEST WEEK for ALL RETESTERS**
- Oct. 23 Transcript request deadline to meet Nov 15 college deadline
- Oct. 25 **ACT** – National Test Date
- Oct. 30 Transcript request deadline to meet Dec 1st college deadline
- Nov. 1 **SAT** – National Test Date
- Nov. 5 Deadline for SAT registration for December 6, 2008 test date
- Nov. 7 Deadline for ACT registration for December 13, 2008 test date
- Nov. 8 Transcript request deadline to meet Dec 15 & Jan 1st college deadlines  
(Transcripts cannot be processed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks)
- Nov. 29 Transcript request deadline to meet Jan 15 college deadline
- Dec. 6 **SAT** NATIONAL TEST DATE
- Dec. 11 **SENIOR PROJECTS DUE**
- Dec. 13 **ACT** NATIONAL TEST DATE
- Dec. 3 **Financial Aid Night at Karr**
- Dec. 19 **END OF FIRST SEMESTER**
- Dec. 26 Deadline for SAT registration for January 24, 2009 test date

# A Senior's Guide to Planning for College

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[http://www.lela.org/dynaweb/1001222/docs/senior\\_checklist\\_08-09.pdf](http://www.lela.org/dynaweb/1001222/docs/senior_checklist_08-09.pdf)

# Next Steps for Seniors...

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## ***September...***

- **Search for colleges.** Obtain/review applications for schools you like. Begin the process! [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- **Complete Student Profile.** Return to Mrs. Derham in Room 112 ASAP.
- **Register for October 25<sup>th</sup> ACT.** Late registration on [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) by October 3.

## ***October...***

- **Turn in transcript requests starting October 1.** Turn in a request for each school to which you want to apply. On transcript request, list how many recommendations you will need for each application. Attach printed recommendation forms.
- **Complete applications and request additional recommendations from teachers** (if college requires them).

## ***November...***

- **Continue to complete applications, request transcripts, and request recommendations if necessary.**
- **Research college scholarships.** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## ***December...***

- **Attend Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, December 3 at Karr.**

# Mission Statement

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The mission of Edna Karr School is to teach all students to be independent life-long learners and achievers through the involvement of all stakeholders.

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# Thank you for coming and good luck.

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