



LeFlore Magnet High School

Guidance & Counseling Department

"To Succeed, we must first believe that we can." Michael Korda

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Welcome Back Rattlers!

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to an exciting year at LeFlore Magnet High School. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know how excited we are to work with you and your child this school year. It is our goal to assist in making your child's school experience a safe and pleasant one, filled with enriching activities and experiences, as well as lasting friendships and memories. Our top priority is to ensure that every student achieves academic success and they prepare for a bright future after graduation.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child better as the year progresses. We understand the importance of your involvement in your child's education; therefore, please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns at 221-3125.

Marilyn Figures

9th/10th Grade Counselor
Ext. 73008

Gabarel Lasondra Lambert

11th/12th Grade Counselor
Ext. 73005

Summer Reading Reminder!

Black Boy by Richard Wright

Remind 101

Parents please sign up for the Guidance Remind 101 in order to receive important information from the Guidance Dept. (testing, scholarships, recruiter visits, etc.

Text: @leflo to 81010



What do Counselors do?

- Provide direct counseling services to students individually and in support groups
- Provide education and support services to parents
- Provide consultation service to teachers
- Facilitate referrals to community support services
- Advise students on academic planning
- Provide career guidance to students
- Assist students in preparing an Educational Plan
- Educate students on their post high school options
- Collaboratively track progress towards graduation requirements with students, teachers, and parents

What is a high school counselor?

School counselors work predominately with school related issues. A school counselor is not a therapist. When issues go beyond the training of a school counselor, parents can be assisted in seeking services from other community agencies.

How You Can Help???

Parents,

We are always in need of volunteers at LeFlore High School. We believe that parental and community involvement are the keys to success at any school. Please contact any of the grade level counselors if you are interested in being notified when opportunities become available where we are in need of your assistance.

Schedule Changes

Students will be allowed to drop and add any available courses prior to the beginning of school opening. Dropping and adding a course to a student's schedule must be completed before the end of the second full day of the school term. Courses may be dropped or added for legitimate reasons, but may not include the right to select teachers. The principal has final approval of any schedule changes. Schedules may change at the discretion of administrators due to scheduling conflicts, classroom overloads, etc. Please contact your grade level counselor prior to the beginning of school if you would like to make any changes to your child's schedule.

Important Test Dates

School Code 011-831

ACT Test Dates

Test Dates	Deadline	w/late fee
9/10/16	8/5/16	8/6—19, 2016
10/22/16	9/10/16	9/17—9/30/16
12/10/16	11/4/16	11/5—18, 2016
2/11/17	1/13/17	1/4—20 2017
3/17	3/3/17	3/4—17, 2017
5/10/17	5/5/17	5/6—19, 2017

Cost: \$42.50 plus writing \$58.50

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SAT Test Dates

Test Dates	Deadline	w/late fee
Oct 1	Sept 1	Sept 20
Nov 5	Oct 7	Oct 25
Dec 3	Nov 3	Nov 22
Jan 23	Dec 21	Jan 10
Mar 11	Feb 10	Feb 28
May 6	Apr 7	Apr 25
Jun 3	May 9	May 24

Cost: \$45.00 w/ Writing \$57.00

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

Test Date: 10/20/16

Cost: Free

PSAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

Test Dates: 10/19/16

Cost: \$15.00

**ACT/SAT fee waivers are available for students who receive free or reduced lunch.

(11th/12th graders)

Important Dates:

August 1st & 2nd—Freshman Camp

August 10th — First Day for students

September 5th—Labor Day (holiday)

October 7th—1st Qtr Ends

October 11th—2nd Qtr Begins



Senior Expenses 2016-2017

1. Senior Fee payment: **\$220.00**
2. Collection time: 11:00-12:15 pm
3. Deadline for payment: **January 5, 2017**
4. After January 5th the payment will be **\$230.00**, fees will **INCREASE** by **\$10.00** each month.
5. Payments can be made to Ms. Eubanks or Mrs. A. Phillips.
6. Payment can be made with cash, money orders, or cashier checks. **No Personal Checks.**

Make payable to: **LeFlore High School**

7. Payment must be made before the Senior Activities begin.

Senior Picnic		16.00
Baccalaureate		14.00
Diploma		12.00
Security		15.00
Senior T-Shirt		22.00
Senior Breakfast		20.00
Autograph Party		18.00
Printing		18.00
Graduation DVD		15.00
Yearbook		70.00
Total		\$220.00

Senior fees ***do not*** cover class rings, invitations, caps, or gowns.

NOTE: JOSTENS will be our vendor this year!

Senior Newsletter

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Getting Ready for College

Steps to Preparing for College

Apply to colleges. Make Decisions. Finish your senior year with pride in your achievements

September

- Make sure you have started submitting applications for college admission.
- Check on application and financial aid deadlines for the schools in which you plan to apply.
- Register for the October ACT or October/November SAT, make sure test scores are sent to the colleges on your list).
- If the colleges require recommendations, ask the appropriate people to write on your behalf.
- Plan college visits.

October

- Attend college fairs, college senior day events.
- Mail applications in time to reach colleges by the deadline.
- Check with the school registrar to make sure your transcripts have been or will be sent to the colleges to which you have applied.
- Register for the December ACT or January SAT if you are not happy with your previous test scores.

November

- Don't forget to have your ACT/ SAT test scores sent to the colleges on your list.
- Make sure your 1st quarter grades are good.
- Continue completing college applications and keep copies of all applications that you have submitted (keep all important information in a binder).
- Keep track of scholarship and admission deadlines (many colleges have a December 1st deadline for priority consideration of scholarships).

December

- File your last college applications. If you have been accepted, follow the instructions for admitted students.

January

- Request that the school registrar send your 1st semester grades to the colleges in which you have applied.
- Complete and return your FAFSA as quickly as possible after January 1st in order to be eligible for financial aid.

February

- Continue to monitor your application to make sure information is sent and received on

time.

- If you completed your FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within four weeks. Review it for any mistakes.
- Continue to complete scholarship applications, and apply for as many as you can.

March

- Enjoy the remainder of the year, but don't lose focus. Your courses continue to count throughout your senior year.

April

- Some colleges do not have application deadlines and they continue to accept students on a continuous basis.
- Review your college acceptances and financial aid awards and begin making your decision on which college you will attend (May 1st deadline).
- Send your tuition deposit.

May

- By May 1st, decide on the one college and send your tuition deposit.

June

- Request that the school registrar send your final transcript to your college.

College Recruiter Visits

USA Library @ 11:00	8/26
Troy Univ (Library @ 11:00)	8/29
Univ of W. AL (Library)	9/06
FAU Library @ 10:00	9/13
Alabama State (Library @ 10:30)	9/15
Tuskegee University @ 10:30	9/16
Univ of Mobile (Library @ 11:00)	9/22
Bethune Cookman (Theater @ 1:00)	9/22
Faulkner Univ(Library @ 11:00)	9/26
Alabama A&M @ 11:00	10/03
Univ of Alabama @ 11:00	10/17

Military Recruiters

United States Army

Sgt. Dejournette Moore
334-294-7498

Sgt. Hysell
1-877-314-1958

U.S. Air National Guard

Sgt. Alyssa Christen
334-306-0626

U.S. Army National Guard

SFC Michelle Kizer
251-379-7241

U.S. Navy

LaShelby Conley
601-814-1110

U.S. Marines

SSGT Sanford James
334-799-9089

U.S. Coast Guard

Ryan Reed
251-479-4526

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AP Exams (Advanced Placement Program)

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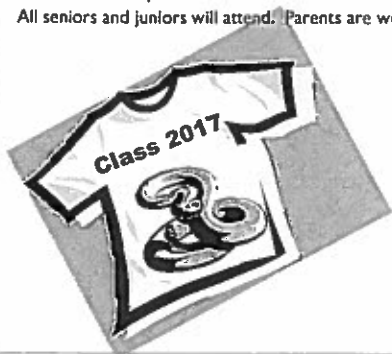
Reminders

Senior Class Meeting (TBA)

Jostens representatives will be here on Oct. 27th to discuss graduation supplies/packages, senior fees, senior obligations, etc. Parents are welcome to attend.

Leflore College & Career Fair @ gymnasium. Oct 25th at 8:00 a.m. All seniors will participate. Parents are welcome.

FAFSA Workshop November 2nd at 8:30 in the Leflore gym. All seniors and juniors will attend. Parents are welcome.



Scholarship Information

Types of Scholarships

Merit-Based (academic scholarships) are awarded by a college for academic achievement. Inquire about these at the financial aid offices of the colleges in which you have applied. Some colleges do not require that you apply for these scholarships and you automatically considered for these awards once you are accepted, based on your g.p.a. and ACT/SAT score. Other colleges may require that you complete a separate scholarship application and may have a scholarship priority deadline of December 1st. Check with the colleges in which you have applied to find out about merit based scholarship requirements and deadlines.

Institutional-Based scholarships are often awarded by a colleges based on particular skills or abilities in areas such as athletics or musical achievement. Contact the colleges athletic or music department to find out information about the requirements for these particular scholarships. (Speak with Leflore's coaches, band director, and choral instructor to find out about scholarship audition dates at the school. Also many colleges have scholarship auditions during their "Senior High School Day").

Departmental Awards are available to students in their departments field of study. If you know what your major will be, contact the department to inquire about scholarships.

Private Scholarships (Need Based, Ethnicity Based, general) There are thousands of private and corporate organizations, unions, and businesses that offer scholarship awards ranging from \$50.00 to \$20,000 that many students do not even try to obtain. There is money available, but you have to do the work to get it. Most of them may require an essay, letters of recommendation, transcript, and resume.

* There are many scholarship search engines that will assist you in this scholarship search. You should also listen for scholarship announcements made through the Guidance Dept.

College, Financial Aid, Scholarship, and Career Websites

Scholarship.com

Fastweb.com

Uncf.org (United Negro College Fund)

<http://studentaid.gov>

www.findtuition.com

www.salliemae.com

www.collegeboard.com (SAT and college info)

www.sparknotes.com (test prep & college planning)

www.alabamamentor.com (college planning)

www.thecollegehound.com

www..xap.com (college information)

www.ecampustours.com (virtual campus tours)

www.commonapp.org (common application)

www.petersons.com (tips for writing essays, etc.)

www.collegeplanning.com (colleges and careers)

www.nacac.com (college and career fairs)

www.mymajors.com

www.ncaa.org (register for the NCAA clearinghouse for athletes)

www.fastweb.com (scholarship search)

www.scholarships.com

www.scholarshipstree.com

www.finaid.org (financial aid guide)

www.fafsa.ed.gov (FAFSA free application for Federal Student Aid)

www.studentaid.state.al.us

www.students.gov

www.alstudentaid.com

www.smartmoney.com/college

www.princetonreview.com (career & test info)

www.zaps.com (local test prep workshops)

www.bls.gov (Occupational Handbook)

www.acinet.org (America's career infonet)

www.alabamahealthcareers.com

www.shelbyed.k12.al.us (scholarship link can be found through "Resources".)

www.blackexcel.org/25scholarships.htm

<http://www.aflcio.org/scholarships/scholar.htm>

<http://mach25.collegenet.com/cgi-bin/M25/index>

Tuitionfundingsources.com

12th grade student conferences will be held during the month of Sept-Dec with Mrs. Lambert to review graduation status and post secondary plans. Please listen to announcements and come by guidance weekly to check the scholarship board.

Guidance Corner.....

FAFSA start date October 1st (parents will use their 2015 tax information)

- Create your FAFSA ID at studentaid.gov/f said
- Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov

Kuder Career Interest Portfolio (every senior must have a completed Kuder Career Portfolio in order to graduate. Seniors will begin finalizing their portfolios in Nov. Seniors must have the following completed in Kuder:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Educational Plan

Online Homework Help websites:

- www.khan.academy.com
- www.kaplan tutoring.com
- Homework Help Alabama

Mrs. Lambert would like you to join
Leflore Guidance!



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'unsubscribe @leflo'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting
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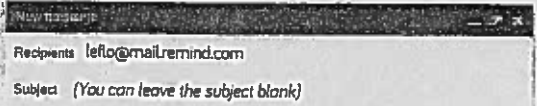


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