

# TESLA COUNSELING SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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### Office Hours:

- ◆ **Molly Brownie:** Monday-Friday, 7:00am-2:50pm
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### **To The Wonderful Class of 2019-**

Welcome to senior year! We hope you are all settling into classes well and feeling ready for the great year to come! This year, you will probably hear from your counselor even more than before as we prepare college applications with you and check off any senior "to-do" items before you graduate from Tesla this June. Please be sure to check your school emails for any important updates from us and just as usual, come find us or email us if you have any questions, concerns or if you just want to stop by and say hi. :) Please read the important updates below and let us know if you have any questions!

### **Senior Graduation & College Application Updates:**

- ◆ As part of your graduation requirements, all seniors will need to have individual meetings with their counselor to meet your "High School and Beyond Plan" (a state graduation requirement). Not only will this be an informative meeting to review any "to-do's" during your senior year, it will also serve as a helpful tool to review your college applications and any questions you have. Email your counselor to schedule a time to meet! Keep in mind that for those of you needing a Counselor Letter of Recommendation for College applications, you must meet with your Counselor to submit/review your Senior Packet a minimum of **3 weeks** prior to your application deadline.
- ◆ When you begin filling out college applications, please remember to write your Counselor's name and email in your applications if your colleges are part of the Common App, or if they specify that they would like transcripts or documents sent electronically from your high school (eg. transcript, school report, school profile, recommendations). Make sure to do this at least 2 weeks prior to needing to "submit" any electronic applications, as Counselors do not have access to upload any information (GPA, recommendation letter, etc) until you provide your Counselor's email in your application.
- ◆ For paper (snail mail) transcript requests, please complete and return a Transcript Request Form at our Main Office. You will need to allow 3 school days to process your request.
- ◆ **Counselors will be in your senior History class next Wednesday the 25th to go over important senior information-** discussing seniors' graduation requirements as well as organizing the starting pieces of college applications. A copy of the PPT will be uploaded on the Counseling PowerSchool page under College & Career Info -> College Application Tutorials and Senior Tips. You will find many other useful college application tools, tips and information there as well.
- ◆ On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, STEM hosted a College Financing presentation by Seattle University. Those of you who were not able to attend the presentation can view the PPT on our PowerSchool page -> Financial Aid Resources (look on the Right tab).
- ◆ Please check your student email each week or our PowerSchool page for Mrs. Brownie's continually updated calendar of College Visits!