

CARROLL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Parent University Seminar Series  
January 30, 2010  
8:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Dawson Middle School – 400 S. Kimball Avenue, Southlake, TX

**15 Individual, unique sessions offered at multiple times**

(A minimum of 10 registrants per session time is required.  
Classes are limited to 25 registrants per session time unless otherwise noted.)

---

**Session #:** 1

**Title:** Gifted 101: A Guide from the Pros

**Presenter(s):** Judy Leddy, Durham Elementary School Gifted/Talented Teacher and Pat Watts, CISD K-12 Gifted/Talented Program Coordinator

**Intended Audience:** All parent groups

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM or 10:45 AM

**Description:** What is giftedness? In this session, parents will receive a broad overview of giftedness, including truths and myths about gifted students, specific information about identification and tips for raising a gifted child. This session is presented by two educators who have many years of experience working with gifted children.

---

**Session #:** 2

**Title:** The Carroll Medical Academy

**Presenter:** Sherry Martin, CSHS Carroll Medical Academy teacher

**Intended Audience:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM

**Description:** The Carroll Medical Academy is an advanced high school academic tract for students interested in pursuing careers within the medical field. This session will explain our core curriculum, discuss required prerequisites and review the application process. Current students will be on hand to help answer questions. Applications for the 2010-2011 freshman CMA class will be available.

---

---

**Session #:** 3

**Title:** The Writer’s Workshop

**Presenter:** Ellen Bruder Aster, teacher

**Intended Audience:** K-4 parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM or 10:45 AM

**Description:** This session will provide parents with an overview of The Writer’s Workshop method of teaching writing. Components of the workshop, along with the purpose for each, will be addressed. We will also discuss how parents can help their children at home to be more successful writers.

---

**Session #:** 4

**Title:** PSSS, PSAT, SAT, SATII and ACT — Too Many Tests, Not Enough Time!  
College Admissions Tests – Which Ones and When Should My Student Take Each Test?

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Becci Rollins, CISD Coordinator of Counseling

**Intended Audience:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**Offered:** 10:45 AM ONLY

**Description:** As parents help their students navigate the entire college admissions process, the issue of which tests students need to take and when the tests need to be taken is overwhelming and confusing. During this session, we will discuss the specifics of each test and a reasonable timeline for scheduling and taking the tests. We will also discuss the pros and cons of official test preparation courses.

---

**Session #:** 5

**Title:** Rachel’s Challenge: CISD’s anti-bullying program...and much, much more

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Becci Rollins, CISD Coordinator of Counseling

**Intended Audience:** All parent groups

**Offered:** 9:30 AM ONLY

**Description:** Rachel’s Challenge is a paradigm-shifting, climate-changing program that helps students, all CISD staff members, parents and community members create an environment in which everyone encompasses the characteristics of kindness and compassion throughout our schools and community. We will discuss the facets of the Rachel’s Challenge program and how CISD will utilize the program to help students feel connected and safe.

---

---

**Session #:** 6

**Title:** Resilience: How to help my student remain grounded during the tough times

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Becci Rollins, CISD Coordinator of Counseling and  
Darla Chupp, Carroll Senior High School Guidance Counselor

**Intended Audience:** All parent groups

**Offered:** 8:15 AM ONLY

**Description:** Why do some students handle stress and disappointment more positively than others? Join the presenters as they discuss the concept of resilience and how we can help young people develop this characteristic.

---

**Session #:** 7

**Title:** Taking the Mystery Out of the SAT Writing Exam

**Presenter(s):** Darrell Brown, CISD Executive Director for Teaching & Learning Services

**Intended Audience:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM

**Description:** Since the SAT added the essay component to the SAT test, it has been for many, the unsolved mystery. How is it scored? What does the SAT expect? How can your student write two pages in 25 minutes? How can your student score a “6”? All these mysteries and more will be explained by the presenter. Helpful tips for parents will also be provided.

---

**Session #:** 8

**Title:** Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

**Presenter:** CISD Guidance Counselor

**Intended Audience:** Pre-Kindergarten parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM or 10:45 AM

**Description:** Participants who attend this session will learn how to determine whether or not a child is ready for the challenges of the traditional kindergarten classroom. The information provided may help parents gain a better understanding of children of this age.

---

---

**Session #:** 9

**Title:** Transitions in CISD:  
How to help your student as he/she transitions between grades 4 and 5

**Presenter:** CISD School Guidance Counselor

**Intended Audience:** 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM

**Description:** The presenter will discuss the challenges and successes that students have when transitioning between schools. The presenter will focus upon strategies that parents can utilize to help their students be successful and secure.

---

**Session #:** 10

**Title:** Transitions in CISD:  
How to help your student as he/she transitions between grades 6 and 7

**Presenter:** CISD Guidance Counselor

**Intended Audience:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM

**Description:** The presenter will discuss the challenges and successes that students have when transitioning between schools. The presenter will focus upon strategies that parents can utilize to help their students be successful and secure.

---

**Session #:** 11

**Title:** Transitions in CISD:  
How to help your student as he/she transitions between grades 8 and 9

**Presenter:** CISD School Guidance Counselor

**Intended Audience:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM

**Description:** The presenter will discuss the challenges and successes that students have when transitioning between schools. The presenter will focus upon strategies that parents can utilize to help their students be successful and secure.

---

---

**Session #:** 12

**Title:** Transitions in CISD:  
How to help your student as he/she transitions between grades 10 and 11

**Presenter:** CISD School Guidance Counselor

**Intended Audience:** 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM

**Description:** The presenter will discuss the challenges and successes that students have when transitioning between schools. The presenter will focus upon strategies that parents can utilize to help their students be successful and secure.

---

**Session #:** 13

**Title:** Transitions in CISD:  
How to help your student as he/she transitions from grade 12 to post-secondary education

**Presenter:** CISD School Guidance Counselor

**Intended Audience:** 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM

**Description:** The presenter will discuss the challenges and successes that students have when transitioning between schools. The presenter will focus upon strategies that parents can utilize to help their students be successful and secure.

---

**Session #:** 14

**Title:** Preparing Students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Presenter(s):** Lisa Young, CISD Coordinator for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning  
Jon Fike, CISD Coordinator for K-6 Math, Science & Instructional Technology

**Intended Audience:** K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM

**Description:** All children in America need 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge and skills to succeed as effective citizens, workers and leaders. There is a gap between the knowledge and skills most students learn in school and the knowledge and skills which they need in typical 21<sup>st</sup> century communities and workplaces. To successfully face rigorous higher education coursework, career challenges and a globally competitive workforce, U.S. schools must align classroom environments with real-world environments by infusing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills into their teaching and learning.

---

---

**Session #:** 15  
**Title:** "Easing the Way" – How to help students transition into the world of advanced academics  
**Presenter(s):** Kathy Prado– Carroll High School Advanced Placement teacher  
**Intended Audience:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade parents  
**Offered:** 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM  
**Description:** With the increased focus on academic accountability and emphasis on advanced placement classes, student need proven techniques to implement which provide structure and guidance on the road to education success. Please join our CHS AP teacher for an informative discussion regarding advanced placement.

---