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# This Week in Tiger Land

# Monday, September 19th

Happy Monday!

# Tuesday, September 20th

Tennis vs. Westside (3:00pm)

Volleyball @ Austin (4:30/5:30/6:30pm)

# Wednesday, September 21st

College Wear Wednesday!

Visit from UofH (Lunches)

Practice SAT Results Night (5:00pm)

# Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday Theme Day: Give the Rangers the Boot! – Western Wear Day!

JV Tennis vs. Hightower (3:00pm)

Freshman Football @ Clements (4:30/6:30pm)

JV Football vs. Clements (4:30/6:30pm)

Volleyball vs. Bush (4:30/5:30/6:30pm)

Theatre Arts Fall Play – "The Children's Hour" (7:00pm)

### Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fort Bend County Fair Day – NO SCHOOL!

Theatre Arts Fall Play – "The Children's Hour" (7:00pm)

## Saturday, September 24th

Freshman Tailgate Party – THS (Time TBA)

Varsity Football@ Clements - Mercer Stadium (6:00pm) -

Theme: Rainbow Out

"BE TRUE TO YOUR WORK,
YOUR WORD AND YOUR
FRIEND."

- JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY

Need help? Have questions about dates/times for a school event? Want to know tomorrow's lunch menu? Want to purchase a parking permit? Click below to go to our website for all this and more!

http://www.fortbendisd.com/ths

# THS 2016-17 THEME "BE THE ONE..."

### **Student Parking**

Sophomores are now able to purchase a general parking sticker. We very few spaces remaining, so sophomores wishing to park on campus for the fall semester should plan on purchasing parking this week. Once we have closed parking sales, we will be unable to sell any more permits until December.

# **Assembly Links**

At Travis, we start every school year with an assembly for all four grades. Its purpose is to discuss with students our expectations for the upcoming school year.

CLICK HERE for links to all four assembly presentations.

# **255 DAYS**

UNTIL GRADUATION FOR THE THS CLASS
OF 2017!!!

# **Roaring Ahead!**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fort Bend County Fair Day (No School) October 1<sup>st</sup> – SAT

October 12th – Financial Aid Night/College Fair

October 14th – Early Release Day – Campus Professional Dev.

October 17th – District Staff Development – Student Holiday

October 19th – PSAT Test Day/Senior Workshop

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Homecoming Dance (8:00pm-midnight)

November 4<sup>th</sup> – Senior Panoramic Picture (10:00am)



# TIGER TRACKS

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# **Buy Your Pink Out Shirts!**

Sales for PINK OUT shirts end MONDAY
NIGHT!!! Shirts will be \$10 & will only be
available via online pre-order. All
proceeds will be donated to <a href="The Rose">The Rose</a>. You
can purchase your student's shirt at <a href="THIS">THIS</a>
LINK NOW! You can purchase multiple
shirts, but will have to place an individual
order for each shirt (sorry!).

Pink Out shirts will be worn at the Varsity football game vs. Clements on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>! Don't miss out on getting your OFFICIAL Travis 2016 Pink Out Shirt!!!







It's really pretty simple. The more school a student misses, the more likely he/she is to fall behind academically. State legislation requires students be in attendance for at least 90% of the days class is offered, and provide written excuse from the parent/guardian or doctor for any absence. This fall semester only has 77 days in it — so the MAXIMUM a student may miss AND receive credit for the class is 8 days. Please speak to your students about this as many do not realize the impact of this on graduation!!

If the student exceeds the absences, the parent and student are subject to truancy and credit for the class may be denied and the student may be required to take the course again. A student who attends at least 75 percent but fewer than 90 percent of the days the class is offered may receive credit for the class if he or she completes a plan, approved by the principal, which allows the student to fulfill the instructional requirements for the class.

If a student attends less than 75 percent of the days a class is offered or does not complete a plan approved by the principal, the student will be referred to the campus Attendance Review Committee to determine whether there are extenuating circumstances for the absences and this committee will determine how the student can regain credit, if appropriate. [See Board Policy **FEC** (LOCAL)]

Students can copy notes or make up assignments, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive.

I realize that there may be little we can do about viruses/flu that may hit our community; however, when students reach the 90% attendance limit, the students themselves may have consequences *regarding promotion and credits*. *Please* schedule vacations, doctors' appointments and other commitments during school breaks or outside school hours as much as possible. Thank you for understanding this very important component of student success. ~J.Diaz





Last week we introduced the image and story of the starving baker to our students. The baker that is so busy baking for others that he forgets to eat! He's starving himself!! Discussions led to recognizing that we all must take the time to take care of ourselves. If not, our fuel runs out. This is not necessarily a habit that our students (and some parents) understand. Just like a car, if you don't fuel yourself – you will stop.

This can apply to so many scenarios in everyday life. In life, especially high school, it is so easy to get into the swing of things that our kids forget to take a few moments to feed (either literally or figuratively) themselves. We have many student organizations, all with great purposes, that sometimes it is difficult to narrow involvement down to what can fit in one week. I, myself, am involved in organizations that I am absolutely passionate about because of their greater purposes. Just like the baker, who starts to lose his love for baking because of hunger, I sometimes begin to feel overwhelmed and tired. This can happen to all of us, not because we hate what we're involved in, but because we forget to feed ourselves first. Our kids have, on top of all of this, homework, practices, volunteering expectations, perhaps private lessons, family commitments and many also are working jobs. WHEW..... I think we sometimes forget this. Add to that, this Generation iY, as they are referred to, have grown up with social media being a HUGE part of their lives.

We will be talking about stress management this week with all of our students in advisory. We will talk with them about recognizing what stress is, what their stressors might be, and then, how to cope with that stress. Our lead counselor, Mrs. Metoyer, will also show students a very simple, but very effective breathing technique. Because, for students, it is easy to feel carried away with life, maybe even get to the point where they feel like they are about to lose it. We want them to remember the starving baker. Then take a moment and feed themselves. It really does make such a difference on the outlook of a crazy schedule. September is also National Suicide Prevention Month. Recognizing stress is an important part in this.

# **Habitude Exercise For the Week:**

TAKE A BREAK!! Take time for a walk, or go get ice cream with your child. Teach them NOW how to take care of themselves – so that when they go off to college, they will understand why it is so important. If you are thinking in your mind – "There's no time for this" then YOU really need to do this exercise this week!! I promise, it is worth it – and so are you – and so is the relationship with your child!!