

Tiger Tracks

Travis High School Parent Newsletter

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This Week in Tiger Land

Monday, October 5th

FBISD College Night at Austin HS - [CLICK HERE](#) for info.

Tuesday, October 6th

Volleyball @ Hightower (4:45/5:45/6:45pm)

FBISD Band Night - THS Auditorium - Tiger Band @ 7:15pm

Wednesday, October 7th

College Wear Wednesday!

Advisory Schedule - [CLICK HERE](#)

Thursday, October 8th

#ThemeDayThursday: Tie up the Rangers! Wear your best tie-dyed outfit!

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

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

FBISD College Night at Ridge Point HS - [CLICK HERE](#) for info.

Friday, October 2nd

Early release day for students - [CLICK HERE](#) for bell schedule

Volleyball vs. Austin (4:45/5:45/6:45PM)

Saturday, October 3RD

Varsity Football vs. Clements @ Mercer (6:00pm)

Important Senior Dates

October 22nd - 3rd period in the Auditorium - Senior Class Meeting

October 29th & 30th - Balfour graduation orders in the Commons during all lunches

Roaring Ahead!

October 12th

District Staff Development Day - NO SCHOOL

October 14th

PSAT Day (9th-11th grades)/Senior Workshop Day (12th grade) - 7:30am-12:30pm

October 16th

Report Card 1 - UIL Check

October 22nd

Senior Class Meeting - 3rd period

October 23rd

Pep Rally - PM Activity Schedule

October 28th

Advisory Schedule Day

October 29th

School Picture Re-Takes

November 12th

Academic Excellence Night

November 13th

Senior Panoramic Photo - 10:00am

November 23rd-27th

Thanksgiving Holiday - NO SCHOOL

December 9th

Group/Club Photo Day

Travis PTO Needs YOU!

THS PTO is doing a Cash Drive from Sept. 18 through Oct. 19. As this is THS's 10th Anniversary, we would like to use a portion of these funds to make some much-needed enhancements (painting walls with school colors, updating the marquee as well as other beautification projects across the campus).

Please see the letter on the last two pages of this newsletter for more details on the Travis High School PTO and what we are all about!

TRAVIS TIGER CODE OF CONDUCT

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE

BE READY TO LEARN

*"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world.
For, indeed, that's all who ever have."*

- Margaret Mead

Important Academy Dates

PSAT day is Wed., October 14th. FBISD invests in your child's future by allowing all students in 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades to take the PSAT at no charge.

- The PSAT/NMSQT is a great way to preview and practice for the SAT as it tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT in a way that makes sense for your student's grade level.
- Students can practice SAT skills without worrying about their scores being sent to colleges.
- When test results arrive, students can create and connect their College Board and Khan Academy® accounts to get free personalized SAT study recommendations.

Get Money for College

- Tell your student to mark "Yes" to Student Search Service™ when he/she takes the PSAT/NMSQT and make it easy for colleges and scholarship programs to find him/her. Millions of dollars are available!
- 10th and 11th grade students taking the PSAT/NMSQT are automatically screened for the National Merit® Scholarship Program

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR DROPPING 2015-2016 CLASSES

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2015	LAST DAY TO CHANGE A LEVEL AND/OR DROP A COURSE FOR STUDY HALL, OFF CAMPUS (SENIOR ONLY) OR OFFICE AIDE (JUNIOR OR SENIOR ONLY) LAST OPPORTUNITY TO DROP A FULL YEAR COURSE	LAST OPPORTUNITY TO DROP A FULL YEAR COURSE
TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016	LAST DAY TO CHANGE TO A NEW COURSE (1 SEMESTER ONLY)	THESE CHANGES WILL ONLY OCCUR IF THERE IS AN ERROR IN THE STUDENT SCHEDULE.
FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2016	FOR SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES ONLY (I.E., HEALTH) LAST DAY TO CHANGE A LEVEL AND/OR DROP A SPRING SEMESTER COURSE FOR A NON-CREDIT CLASS (I.E., STUDY HALL)	REMINDER: FULL YEAR COURSES HAD TO BE DROPPED BY OCTOBER 30, 2015

Important Academy Dates

The district has scheduled two "Academy Preview Nights" in lieu of the Academy Expo at Wheeler from previous years.

Academy preview nights:

October 13, 6-8pm, Austin HS

October 21, 6-8pm, Marshall HS

Reminder: The GSA/IBMA Travis Academy Open House will be October 28, 6-8pm

Athletic Boosters!

We will be having an Athletic Booster Club meeting tonight at 7:00pm in the THS Commons!

Practice SAT Back Again!

The Class of 2017 will once again be sponsoring practice SAT administrations this year! Our partners at [Sylvan Learning Center of Sugar Land](#) will be administering the test on the dates below. Tickets for each administration will be \$25. You can purchase tickets to BOTH fall administrations for \$45 (CASH ONLY, payable to Ms. McAnelly in Room #C119 once tickets go on sale). Dates for administrations with results nights will be:

October 24th: Practice SAT Test #1 – 7:30am until 12:30pm- THS Auditorium

October 29th: Results Night for October 24th Practice Administration – 6:00pm and 6:30pm (choose one) – THS Library

November 14th: Practice SAT Test #2 – 7:30am until 12:30pm – THS Auditorium

November 19th: Results Night for November 15th Practice Administration – 6:00pm and 6:30pm (choose one) – THS Library



Principal's Post-It

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

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





**TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
2015-2016 THS PTO**

Dear Travis Family:

Travis High School prides itself on having an overall educational curriculum that rivals any school. Maintaining this standard of excellence requires financial resources beyond the amount received from the district.

Previous fundraising events relied primarily on food sales at lunch. In order to supplement this program, we have also created the **Tiger Fundraiser**. This fundraising program allows each family to donate money directly to the PTO through a tax deductible¹ contribution. 100% of your donation goes directly to fund classroom and school enhancements. *No other fund-raising program offers this!* Working *with* THS administration and teachers, your generous donations provides and funds programs and services for students and teachers.

Using funds that were raised last year the PTO (formerly known as VIPS) was able to purchase the following:

- **Monetary Contributions to the Activity Fund** – providing classroom supplies not funded by the district
- **Teacher Luncheon** – hosting two teacher appreciation luncheons, one in the Fall, one in the Spring
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – one hosted luncheon plus a variety of food items every day of this special week
- **Senior Breakfast** – hosting this event to celebrate all graduating Seniors

This year we are celebrating our 10th anniversary at Travis High School. In honor of this momentous occasion, we would like to use a portion of this funding to make some much needed enhancements by painting walls with school colors, updating the marquee as well as other beautification projects across the campus.

Your generous donations allow the PTO to sponsor these functions and provide valuable educational tools!

The PTO's goal is to raise \$25,000 this year through the **Tiger Fundraiser**. We are asking that each Tiger family consider a donation in the amount of \$25, less than 14 cents per school day. **We greatly appreciate any size donation, and are striving for 100% participation from our THS families this year!**

We have enclosed a **Tiger Fundraiser Form**. This fundraiser will run from September 18, 2015 through October 19, 2015. We would appreciate you donating to help our school.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to another fantastic year at THS and want you to be a part of it! Any questions, please contact Duyen Reynolds at hoangduyen@windstream.net (713-254-3102) or Mary Martinez marymatinez1@hotmail.com (281-513-1426).

Julie Diaz
Principal THS

Duyen Reynolds
Fundraiser Co-Chair

Mary Martinez
Fundraiser Co-Chair

¹THS PTO is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



**TIGER FUNDRAISER FORM
2015-2016 THS PTO**

Fundraiser date – September 18, 2015 through October 19, 2015.

_____ \$500 and above – donation includes school marquee recognition

_____ \$250

_____ \$100

_____ \$50

_____ \$25 (average donation per Tiger Family)

_____ Other \$ _____

_____ *Corporate Matching \$ _____; Company Name: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

For tax receipt of \$50+

Check # _____; Cash \$ _____

Student(s) Information:

Name	Grade	Name	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If donate by check, please make it out to Travis PTO and return your donation to the Front Office.

Parent's Employer Matching Program:

If your company has a donation matching program and you would like to ask them for their support, please do the following:

1. Obtain any required donation matching paperwork from your company's HR department.
2. Send or drop the paperwork off at the Travis HS Front Office attention to the Travis PTO.
3. Fundraiser Coordinator will complete the paperwork and send it to your company.