

Tiger Tracks

Travis High School Parent Newsletter

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This Week in Tiger Land

Monday, October 12th

FBISD Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL!

Tuesday, October 13th

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

Wednesday, October 14th

College Wear Wednesday!

PSAT Testing (9th-11th) & Senior Workshop (12th) – 7:30am-12:00pm

Thursday, October 15th

#ThemeDayThursday: Run, Tigers, Run! – Wear warm-ups or dress like your favorite Forrest Gump character!

Cross Country District Meet

Fall Play Opening Night – “The Crucible” – THS Auditorium (7:00pm)

Friday, October 16th

Fall Play – “The Crucible” – THS Auditorium (7:00pm)

Saturday, October 17th

Fall Play – “The Crucible” – THS Auditorium (7:00pm)

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

TRAVIS TIGER CODE OF CONDUCT

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE

BE READY TO LEARN

Roaring Ahead!

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!

Important Academy Dates

FBISD 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.

“Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.”

- Abraham Lincoln

PSAT is THIS WEDNESDAY during School!

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

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 Oct. 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 Nov. 15th Practice Administration – 6:00pm and 6:30pm (choose one) – THS Library

Attention All Computer Coding Enthusiasts

You are invited to the IITAGH Codefest 1.1 on Saturday, October 24 from 1-4:30 p.m. in the THS Commons. This Codefest session is brought to you in partnership between the Global Studies Academy, the International Business & Marketing Academy, the THS Computer Science program, and the IIT Alumni Group of Houston. Students will be able to understand the basic concepts of HTML and develop a simple website from scratch which can further be developed by the students following the workshop. Programming is a unifying language across cultures and geographic divides. Technology in general, and coding specifically, is a critical part of today's globalized economy and an important aspect of any program with an international focus. This session is free, and is limited to current Travis HS students and FBISD 8th graders. Students must register to attend. Registration is limited to the first 100 students who sign up and **closes on October 16 at 11:59 p.m.** Students must bring their own laptop and all participants are required to submit a media release form to attend the session. Hope to see you there!



Principal's Post-It

What IS Success, Really??

I recently had a conversation with someone about their thoughts for their child's future. We talked about advantages and disadvantages of certain schools and colleges. We talked about class ranks, grade point averages and college admissions requirements. I brought up the fact that sometimes we need to reflect on our own definition of success.

Success means different things to different people. **My** definition of success is probably very different than anyone else's. Anna Quindlen, an essayist stated, "Satisfaction of the spirit, rather than the power of the resume," may best describe success.

Sometimes as a parent, I felt inadequate in raising my kids – Who's kidding – MANY times I felt inadequate! Of course I want them to have good resumes --- however, more important for me, is that I want them to be people of character, to have good work ethic, to take pride in succeeding when they give their BEST effort. I want them not to give up when things get hard or when troubles come. Because **I KNOW** things **WILL** get hard and troubles **WILL** come.

Unfortunately, I feel our society gives young adults a different view of success – meaning you're only successful when you have more, when you accomplish more – a better phone, better clothes, a more expensive car, bigger and better things, etc..... It's easy to begin thinking that for our kids to be successful they have to be the best at *everything* they do – so we enroll them in extra summer programs, tougher academic classes, more and more activities – just so they don't get "left behind." In all of our well intentioned efforts, sometimes **we're** the ones giving them **OUR** definition of success, when we are not giving them what they really need – time and space to figure out who they are, what their dreams are and discover their own unique talents.

I'm just as guilty – I have had to take some intentional steps to back off and listen. It's not easy either!! Parenting is **NOT** for the weak of heart! ☺ This weekend take some time and ask your child(ren) some questions like the following: If you could do ANYTHING in the world when you grow up – what would it be? What is ONE thing you would like to accomplish if you were given the time and talents to do it? **LISTEN** to their responses – don't follow it with – "Well, to do that you will have to.....(LECTURE)" Follow it with some of my favorite words – "AWESOME!! Thanks for sharing!" It's great to encourage our kids to do their best and prepare for the future, but let's also let them grow and develop at their own pace!!

Have a GREAT week!!

~ J. Diaz

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Global Studies Academy Booster Club. Come in to the Chipotle at 2280 Lone Star Dr in Sugar Land on **Wednesday, October 14th** between **5:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Global Studies Academy Booster Club.



Attention all Eligible Lettermen: Dilly Letter Jackets will be at Travis High School on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 19 and 20, 2015 in the Commons during all lunches to size jackets for FALL Sports and Organizations.

Please see your Coach or Sponsor to verify whether or not you are on the eligibility list to receive an Award Letter/Patch this month. If you are on the list, and are interested in purchasing a Travis High School Letter Jacket, you may pick up a Dilly Letter Jacket packet on or after October 15th in order to review your options to prepare for your fitting on either October 19th or 20th during your lunch. Please plan to bring the completed form with you to your fitting. You will have the option to pay at your fitting or online by the deadline that Dilly gives you.



**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).

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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.