

# Tiger Tracks

Travis High School Parent Newsletter

Issue #107, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## QUICK CLICKS:

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[Click Here](#) for a complete list of this week's events.

[Click Here](#) for the free/reduced lunch application.

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## This Week in Tiger Land

### Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Letter jacket fittings for all who are eligible – All lunches

### Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Letter jacket fittings – all lunches

Volleyball vs. Elsik (4:45/5:45/6:45pm)

### Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

College Wear Wednesday!

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

*#ThemeDayThursday*: The Rams are NO MATCH for the Tigers! It's MISMATCH DAY!

Senior Class Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Period

Freshman Football @ Elsik – Crump Stadium (4:30/6:30pm)

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

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

Pep Rally

THS Poetry Slam- THS Library (2:40pm)

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

### Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Varsity Football @ Elsik – [Crump Stadium](#) (1:00pm)

FFA Goodwill Drive – 9:00-11:30am

Practice SAT – THS Auditorium (8:00am-12:30pm)

Academy Codefest – Info on page 2

## TRAVIS TIGER CODE OF CONDUCT

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE

BE READY TO LEARN

## Roaring Ahead!

### October 28<sup>th</sup>

Advisory Schedule Day

Academy Open House

### October 29<sup>th</sup>

School Picture Re-Takes

Masquerade Serenade Concert

### November 12<sup>th</sup>

Academic Excellence Night

### November 13<sup>th</sup>

Senior Panoramic Photo – 10:00am

### November 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL

### December 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

STAAR Re-Testing

### December 9<sup>th</sup>

Group/Club Photo Day

Fall Sports Banquet – 6:00PM

### December 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

Semester Exams

### December 21<sup>st</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Winter Break

## Important Academy Dates

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

The remaining date is October 21, 6-8pm at Marshall HS

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

## Important Senior Date

**October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>** – Balfour graduation orders in the Commons during all lunches

*"Confidence doesn't come out of nowhere. It's a result of something...hours and days and weeks and years of constant work and dedication."*

- Roger Staubach

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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)	<b>REMINDER:</b> FULL YEAR COURSES HAD TO BE DROPPED BY <b>OCTOBER 30, 2015</b>

**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 24<sup>th</sup>**: Practice SAT Test #1 – 7:30am until 12:30pm- THS Auditorium

**October 29<sup>th</sup>**: Results Night for Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Practice Administration – 6:00pm and 6:30pm (choose one) – THS Library

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**: Practice SAT Test #2 – 7:30am until 12:30pm – THS Auditorium

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**: Results Night for Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Practice Administration – 6:00pm and 6:30pm (choose one) – THS Library

# Principal's Post-It

## BEING AN ENCOURAGER

Last week I wrote a note about success. This week I would like to follow up on, what I think, is a very important role that we have as a parent - that of being an encourager. Our kids take in everything we DO and everything we SAY whether we realize it or not. If all we do or say is critical of them or others, we're teaching them to look for what's wrong with the world, and **them**, rather than what's right.

We are ALL critical now and then! I know it can be a battle not to be sometimes. But if children get frequent feedback that is only negative - on their grades, how they perform, their chores, etc. - they **WILL** start feeling bad about themselves and it may lead to feelings of hopelessness - that they'll never satisfy YOU no matter what they do or how hard they try. This past week I had the opportunity to sit with high school students from around the nation at the National Forum for Character Education; these individuals really opened my eyes to what kids have to maneuver in life. They spoke about anxiety and depression and the feelings of helplessness that they sometimes experience when they get overwhelmed with things. They also talked about pressures from adults and what it's like to constantly feel like they are not good enough.

Dr. Peter Grey, an author and research professor at Boston College, states that it would be easy to think that a student's sense of personal control has increased over the last number of decades with all of the choices they may have - choices of careers, fields of study, and advances in technology. Yet Dr. Grey states, "The research indicates that young people's belief that they have control over their own destinies has declined sharply over decades." The kids feel as if adults control their lives and activities.

As a parent, the GOOD NEWS is we have a choice. We can choose to be critical of our kids or we can choose to be supportive and encouraging. Of course, our kids WON'T always be successful at what they do - nor SHOULD they be!! However, win or lose, A or C, we need to let them know that we will be there for them. Our support **MUST** be unconditional and we must encourage our kids to try new things; to risk failure; to explore new activities without thinking they'll lose out on future opportunities if they are not successful.

When my son was a young athlete he was on many baseball teams that were NOT championship teams. That taught him A LOT. On the way home from games I would use a Stephen Covey technique with him - asking him five simple questions:

- 1) Did you do your best? (Focus on EFFORT)
- 2) Did you help your team? (Focus on OTHERS)
- 3) Did you learn something? (Focus on LEARNING opportunity)
- 4) Did you have fun? (Focus on FUN)
- 5) Did you win? (LAST question and sometimes we didn't get there!)

4 out of 5 is a pretty good outcome!! I wanted him to be able to know that **INSIDE** he had what it takes to dig deep when the going gets tough. **AND IT WILL GET TOUGH!** He's not always going to be on championship teams or "win" at everything he does. My job, as a parent, is to encourage him to do his best and focus on what he can control. The rest will take care of itself!! Have a GREAT week - FOCUS on the POSITIVE !!!

~ 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 deductible<sup>1</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hoangduyen@windstream.net) (713-254-3102) or Mary Martinez [marymatinez1@hotmail.com](mailto:marymatinez1@hotmail.com) (281-513-1426).

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*Julie Diaz*  
Principal THS

*Duyen Reynolds*  
Fundraiser Co-Chair

*Mary Martinez*  
Fundraiser Co-Chair

<sup>1</sup>THS 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
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*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.