

# Tiger Tracks

Travis High School Parent Newsletter

Issue #110, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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## This Week in Tiger Land

### Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Girls Basketball @ Cy-Creek (4:00/5:30/7:00pm)

### Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

College Wear Wednesday!

Texas Tech University visit - All lunches

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

#ThemeDayThursday: White Out the Wildcats!

Pep Rally - PM Activity Schedule

Academic Excellence Awards Night (6:00pm)

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

Senior Panoramic Picture (10:00am)

Spirit Day: RED OUT!!

Varsity Football Playoff @ Clear Creek - CCISD Veteran's

Memorial Stadium (7:00pm)

### Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Practice SAT

## Help MCJROTC Support Our Troops!

The William B. Travis Cadet Parent Association and the cadets of the THS MCJROTC program are raising funds for Wreaths

Across America Houston, an organization that needs our support in its effort to place a live Maine wreath upon all of the 59,000-plus fallen heroes' gravesites at the Houston National Cemetery. With help, the group can honor all of our veterans, one wreath at a time. To support our cause, [Click Here!](#)

## TRAVIS TIGER CODE OF CONDUCT

**BE RESPONSIBLE**

**BE RESPECTFUL**

**BE SAFE**

**BE READY TO LEARN**

## Roaring Ahead!

### November 18<sup>th</sup>

Advisory Schedule

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

Thanksgiving Holiday - NO SCHOOL

### December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Financial Aid Night

### December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Belles Holiday Dance Concert

### 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

### January 18<sup>th</sup>

MLK Day - Holiday

## Awesome Current Events Opportunity!

The Global Studies Academy invites Travis HS students to a guest presentation in partnership with the World Affairs Council of Houston on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 2:35pm-4:00pm in P218/P220. Liberty in North Korea (LiNK) is a nonprofit organization that will provide an interactive presentation about current facts from North Korea and an opportunity for students to hear the stories of the North Korean people themselves through videos and testimonials. Spots are limited so [sign up](#) today!

## Practice SAT - One More Chance!

The Class of 2017 and our partners at [Sylvan Learning Center of Sugar Land](#) will be administering one more practice SAT on the date below. Tickets will be \$25. You can purchase tickets (CASH ONLY) from Ms. McAnelly in Room #C119.

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Practice SAT Test #2 - 7:30am-Noon - THS Aud.

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

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."*

- John F. Kennedy

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER  
FOR  
DROPPING 2015-2016 CLASSES**

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
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 OCTOBER 30, 2015

**Travis Tiger Marching Band  
Poinsettia Fundraiser 2015**



This holiday season the Travis Tiger Marching Band is selling red and white poinsettias from Enchanted Gardens

Poinsettias are \$11/ each  
Checks should be made payable to THS TBBC  
**ORDERS AND MONEY ARE DUE BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th**  
Delivery will be Wednesday, December 2nd  
Every student sells a minimum of 5 plants

For questions contact Linda O'Leary at [lindavoleary@gmail.com](mailto:lindavoleary@gmail.com)



Poinsettias are 16"-18" tall  
in 6.5" foil covered pots

**JUNIOR MIXER POSTPONED**

The Junior Mixer originally scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. Please watch for information regarding a possible rescheduled date in future newsletters!

**Important Yearbook Info!**

Students and parents can purchase advertising space as well as yearbooks at [www.smart-pay.com](http://www.smart-pay.com). Once on Smart Pay's website, enter Travis High School's location information (Texas and Richmond) then select Travis High School. You can purchase a yearbook, personal and business advertisements, and other accessories for your yearbook. Please secure your ad spot early as the yearbook has a limited number of pages dedicated to advertisements. Once you make payment; please submit your photos and copy to the yearbook staff in room J210 or mail them to the attention of Ms. Lightfoot. The yearbook staff reserves the right to refuse any photo or copy deemed inappropriate for publication. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Staci Lightfoot, the yearbook adviser.

**Be Careful, Drivers!**

If your student drives to and from school, please counsel them on being safe as they do so. We have received calls from concerned parents and other drivers that our students are driving recklessly, most often on the way to school in the mornings. Please encourage your student to obey all signs, traffic signals and speed limits. We have also heard concerns about students pulling into the intersection at Grand Parkway and Harlem, blocking the feeder road after the light has turned red. As always, we want our students to be safe and drive defensively!

**New Travis Website is LIVE!!!**

We are excited to let our parents and students know that our NEW campus website will go live this Wednesday! For the past few months, our administrators, teachers and other staff members have worked hard to build a new dynamic communication tool for our campus. We are confident you will find the ease of navigation and integration into the structure of the District's website a huge asset as you search for campus and teacher information. To access our website, go to [www.fortbendisd.com/this](http://www.fortbendisd.com/this).

Some of the new features include:

- **Translation tool** that allows the website to be viewed in more than 25 different languages
- A **Search feature** that will allow you to find information more quickly on the THS website
- **Global Icons**, in the upper right-hand corner, that appear on every webpage and help users navigate quickly to our most-used functions
- **Group tabs** which house timely information for Community, Parents and Students
- A **Main Menu bar** that will quickly direct you to the information you're seeking through drop-down menus
- **Rotating images**, showcasing the wonderful things going on and about
- **Upcoming Events, Quick Links, our Twitter Feed, Announcements, Headlines & Features** – all to keep you up-to-date on THS happenings

Our website is a vital communication tool, and the new site was designed to keep you informed. Thank you for your continued support, and please let us know what you think of the new Travis High School website.

**Fan Bus FRIDAY!!!**

THS is ordering a fan bus to support the football team in their 6A Bi-District Football Playoff game on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The bus will travel to CCISD Veteran's Memorial Stadium to allow students to watch the Tigers play against Clear Creek at 7:00 p.m. Two adult chaperones from THS will ride on the bus with the students to and from the game. There will also be four administrators supervising students at the game. Students are reminded that all school rules are in effect during this trip.

Free pizza and drinks will be available for the students riding the fan bus – beginning at 4:00 – in the THS Commons. The bus will depart THS at 4:30pm SHARP and return at approximately 10:45 pm

**The fee for the bus is \$5 a student and we need at least 30 students to sign up in order to run the bus. Students must sign up for the bus and submit their signed permission slip (see below) and money by the end of 5<sup>th</sup> period lunch (12:40pm) on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Students will also need to purchase a ticket to the game at lunch on Wednesday or Thursday (\$4)**

**School – Sponsored Trip To:** Veteran's Memorial Stadium for THS Football Playoff Game 11-13-15

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

My signature below indicates that I give my child permission to participate in this activity, to have any medications administered that would normally be given at school, and that I authorize any needed emergency medical treatment. I also acknowledge that I have been informed that Fort Bend Independent School District has immunity from any liability. Transportation will be provided by the District or a commercial carrier. Students are reminded that all school rules are in effect during this trip.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Emergency Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**List any physical limitations: (temporary or permanently):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**List any current medications taken: (prescribed or over the counter):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**List any allergies (food, insects, medications, etc...)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of child's physician:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Insurance Company:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Policy Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Parents,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the way our Travis High School students, staff and community members responded following last week's unfortunate incident. Know that our administrators and counselors are always available to answer any questions that our students and staff may have. Providing a safe and secure learning environment is our top priority and we take these incidents very seriously. Thank you for your continued support.

I am very proud of the way our staff and resource officers acted immediately to ensure student safety. I am also proud of the way our students and staff have joined together to continue to make each day a great day to be a Travis Tiger.

As you may be aware, last week's incident has led to much discussion in our community and beyond. There were comments made that I was not able to discuss. For instance, under state and federal laws, there are a number of reasons that a student may attend a campus other than their zoned campus. However, due to confidentiality, we are unable to share details of a student's individual circumstances. Also, other students may not have been aware of what was happening as the situation was contained immediately. That is the goal of any incident.

We discuss with our students the need to report any behavior they notice which they feel compromises their safety. As parents, you can help. Please take this opportunity to speak to your child about the importance of school safety. I ask that you, as parents, use this opportunity to discuss with your child the importance of sharing only factual information through social media and word of mouth. This is also something for all of us to keep in mind. Please, also encourage your child to let a teacher or administrator know if a situation exists which could ever place them or others in danger. While peer pressure is great at this age, we want to encourage students to feel comfortable reporting any information they may have that compromises their safety and the safety of others. Working together we can maintain an environment where students are free to focus on learning. We are all here to keep our staff and students safe.

Only by working as a school community, in partnership with parents, can we create and maintain the level of safety that we want for our children and that they certainly deserve. Our school should not be defined by a single incident or student's actions – and we are committed to making Travis High School a school that inspires success and constant learning.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any concerns. Thank you for understanding that there are times when I will not be able to respond quickly. I hope that this letter has answered some of your remaining questions. Thank you again for your support. I am **PROUD TO BE A TIGER!!**

Sincerely,

Julie Diaz  
Principal, Travis High School