

Tiger Tracks

Travis High School Parent Newsletter

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This Week in Tiger Land

Tuesday, January 5th

Advisory Schedule Day

Boys Basketball @ Hastings (4:00/5:30/7:00pm)

Girls Basketball vs. Hastings (4:00/5:30/7:00pm)

Wednesday, January 6th

College Wear Wednesday!

Friday, January 8th

Spirit Day: Wear your Travis Tiger Gear!!!

Senior Assembly (3rd period)

Girls Basketball @ Dulles (4:00/5:30/7:00pm)

Boys Basketball vs. Dulles (4:00/5:30/7:00pm)

TRAVIS TIGER CODE OF CONDUCT

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE

BE READY TO LEARN

Roaring Ahead!

January 13th

Advisory Schedule Day – PSAT Results

January 14th

Yearbook Group/Team Photo Day

PSAT Parent Night (6:30pm)

January 18th

MLK Day – Holiday

January 27th

Advisory Schedule Day

January 28th

8th Grade Parent Night (6:00pm)

February 8th-9th

Dilly Letter Jacket Fittings (lunches)

February 10th

Academy Course Selection Night (6:00pm)

February 11th

Course Selection Parent Night (6:30pm)

February 17th

NHS Induction Ceremony (7:00pm)

February 24th

Advisory Schedule Day

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)	REMINDER: FULL YEAR COURSES HAD TO BE DROPPED BY OCTOBER 30, 2015

Did your student take the practice SAT?

If so, you might have been scratching your head about the new scoring methods. [Click here](#) for a conversion chart!

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"Good seasons start with good beginnings."

- Sparky Anderson, longtime Detroit Tigers manager

Some Important Information from our Principal, Ms. Diaz

WELCOME BACK TO SPRING SEMESTER 2015-2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Spring semester 2016! I hope you all enjoyed your holiday season and that each of you took some time to reflect on all of the good things that you have to be thankful for in your life. A few reminders to help all students be successful for Spring:

DRESS CODE REMINDERS: This general policy acknowledges that appropriate, decent and non-distracting attire must be worn in an educational setting. Students are expected to show pride **in themselves and TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL**. For more specific requirements, please check the FBISD website at <http://www.fortbendisd.com/th.s>.

TARDIES: In preparation for future employment and post-secondary education, students are expected to learn career readiness skills such as punctuality; therefore, students are expected to be in class and ready to begin work at the beginning of each instructional period. Each term, as soon as all students have had a few days to find their classes, familiarize themselves with the stairwell locations, and adjust to their routes, our tardy process begins. A tardy student is one who is not inside his/her classroom when the bell rings. Teachers are directed to lock classroom doors when the bell rings to begin class and start instruction immediately. From that point forward, any late student must report to the Smart Start station to get a pass to class or receive another consequence. All tardy offenses are recorded electronically in Skyward.

ABSENCES: All excuses for absences must be documented in writing and delivered to the Attendance Office. We have moved the attendance drop off location to the front counter to make it easier for students. It is the responsibility of the student to bring in a note signed by a parent or physician confirming the reason for the absence within five school days of the absence. After this, an absence will automatically be unexcused. Please include contact names and phone numbers. All student business with the Attendance Office must be conducted outside of class hours. The Attendance Office is open 7:00 AM – 2:45 PM daily. Taking class time to submit an excuse does not exempt a student from the attendance/tardy policy. Please remember that attendance DOES affect credits. Students must be in class 90% of the time the class is offered in order to receive credit for the class.

DROPPING OFF ITEMS FOR STUDENTS: Instructional time is valuable and we must avoid interruptions. However, we want to be supportive of our families who are dealing with emergencies. If you need to reach your student due to a family emergency, please contact your student's administrator. If that administrator is not available, please ask for any TRAVIS HS administrator and let the our receptionist know it is an emergency.

We respectfully request that parents avoid asking our staff to deliver items or messages to students. We do not want to interrupt the instruction for a whole class for deliveries to one student. Our electronic device phone policy allows students to check their phones between classes for messages and/or make necessary phone calls. If students do not have a cell phone and wish to call you, we have a phone available in any administrator's office.

We also request that you avoid dropping off forgotten items: food, clothing, sports equipment, money, homework, projects, etc. during the school day. We will not call classrooms and interrupt instruction for routine issues or to ask a student to come pick up a forgotten item. If you must bring something to school, it will be left at the front office reception area on a table. You will be responsible for labeling your child's name on the item. Please remember, however, we do not have a secure place to leave such items. There will be no delivery of balloons, flowers, cupcakes or other such items. Please plan on celebrating events, such as birthdays, outside of school time.

Delivered lunches (labeled) will be left on the table at the front office until the student can come to pick it up. Lunches for groups of students will not be accepted.

It will be the student's responsibility to check the table for forgotten items.

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FBISD Spring Semester Exam Exemptions 2016

Note: For some students exemption eligibility criteria includes passing an End of Course Exam (EOC). If a student has not passed the EOC exam for that course they are not eligible to be exempt from the spring semester exam in that course. If EOC scores are not received from TEA prior to the start of spring semester final exams then the exemption criteria will only be based on attendance, discipline, fines/fees, and grades. Exams will NOT be given early due to travel.

9th and 10th Grade

Attendance: No more than 4 absences for the spring semester. 3 tardies equals 1 absence for exemption purposes.

Discipline: No removals to DAEP/JJAEP in the spring semester.

Fines/Fees: No outstanding fines or fees.

Grades: Must have a semester average of 80 or above for the spring semester in the course eligible for exemption.

State Testing: Must have met minimum standard on the EOC exam for the course eligible for exemption.

Exemptions: Eligible for 3 exemptions in core courses only. (Math, Science, ELA, or Social Studies)

Test Days: Students must attend class during exam exemptions to receive exemptions.

11th Grade

Attendance: No more than 4 absences for the spring semester. 3 tardies equals 1 absence for exemption purposes.

Discipline: No removals to DAEP/JJAEP in the spring semester.

Fines/Fees: No outstanding fines or fees.

Grades: Must have a semester average of 80 or above for the spring semester in the course eligible for exemption.

State Testing: Must have met minimum standard on the EOC exam for the course eligible for exemption (US History).

Exemptions: Eligible for 4 exemptions in core courses only. (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies)

Test Days: Students must attend class or all required activities during exam exemptions to receive exemptions.

12th Grade

Attendance: No more than 4 absences for the spring semester. 3 tardies equals 1 absence for exemption purposes.

Discipline: No removals to DAEP/JJAEP in the spring semester.

Fines/Fees: No outstanding fines or fees.

Grades: Must have a semester average of 80 or above for the spring semester in the course eligible for exemption.

State Testing: Must have met minimum standard on the EOC exam for the course eligible for exemption.

Exemptions: Eligible for exemptions in all courses.

Test Days: Students must attend class or all required activities during exam exemptions to receive exemptions.

Graduation is June 3, 2016 at 11:30 AM!

AGAIN, welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! Thank you for taking the time to read all of the information covered within this letter!

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Julie Diaz

Principal

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