TRAVIS TIGER CODE OF CONDUCT BE RESPONSIBLE BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE BE READY TO LEARN

This Week in Tiger Land

Monday, September 12th NHS Blood Drive

Athletic Booster Club Board Meeting (7:00pm) Tuesday, September 13th

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Junior Class Assembly – 4th period Volleyball vs. Dulles (4:30/5:30/6:30pm) ROTC Booster Club Meeting (7:00pm)

Wednesday, September 14th

College Wear Wednesday!

Thursday, September 15th

Thankful Thursday!

Friday, September 16th

Spirit Day – Put Ridge Point to Sleep! Wear PJ pants! Volleyball vs. Ridge Point (4:30/5:30/6:30pm)

Saturday, September 17th

Practice SAT (8:00am-noon) Senior Conferences with Counselors

Roaring Ahead!

September 23rd – Fort Bend County Fair Day (No School) October 1st – SAT October 12th – Financial Aid Night/College Fair October 14th – Early Release Day – Campus Professional Dev. October 17th – District Staff Development – Student Holiday October 19th – PSAT Test Day/Senior Workshop October 22nd – Homecoming Dance (8:00pm-midnight) November 4th – Senior Panoramic Picture (10:00am)

"Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later." - Og Mandino

Need help? Have questions about dates/times for a school event? Want to know tomorrow's lunch menu? Want to purchase a parking permit? Click below to go to our website for all this and more! <u>http://www.fortbendisd.com/ths</u>

THS 2016-17 THEME "BE THE ONE..."

Student Parking

ALL STUDENTS parking on campus during the school day should have a parking permit affixed to the lower righthand corner of their windshield at this point. Students may NOT place their sticker on the dash or transfer their sticker to different vehicles. If a student parks on campus without having first purchased a sticker, he/she may incur an additional \$10 fee when purchasing a sticker.

Also, please remind your student that loud music, texting while driving and driving above 5 mph are all against parking lot rules. Please encourage your student driver to BE SAFE!!!

Students who park in the Scarlet Zone (Band/Belles practice area) MUST have removed their car from the Scarlet Zone by 2:50pm. Thanks!!!

ATTENTION SOPHOMORE PARENTS:

Parking is now available on a limited basis to sophomores. We only have a very few spaces remaining, so sophomores wishing to park on campus for the fall semester should plan on purchasing parking this week.

Assembly Links

At Travis, we start every school year with an assembly for all four grades. Its purpose is to discuss with students our expectations for the upcoming school year. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for links to all four assembly presentations.

262 DAYS

UNTIL GRADUATION FOR THE THS CLASS OF 2017111

TIGER TRACKS

TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER ISSUE #140, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2016



Pink Out is COMING!

This year, your student will be able to buy his/her shirt for our Pink Out Game vs. Ridge Point on October 8th ONLINE! Shirts will be \$10 & will only be available via pre-order. All proceeds will be donated to <u>The</u> <u>Rose</u>. You can purchase your student's shirt at <u>THIS</u> <u>LINK</u> once the webstore has opened. We will tweet THIS WEEK when the webstore is up & running!

Take a look!!!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

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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

PRACTICE SAT OPPORTUNITY

When: Sept. 17th 8:00am – 12:00pm

Where: THS Commons

Cost: \$25 cash. Purchase tickets at lunch from Coach Hitt.

Who does this benefit: EVERYONE! But especially the Class of 2017! Anyone can take this test!

What should the students bring? Several #2 pencils, a calculator & Travis ID!

How do the students get results? On Sept. 21st we will hold a Results Night with Sylvan Staff. (This will also be a good night for parents and students to ask Sylvan questions about test preparation classes and materials! If students can't make it to that event, they can talk to Sylvan directly.)

THE STARVING BAKER

Have you heard the story about the starving baker? The baker that is so busy baking for others that he forgets to eat! He's starving himself!!

This week we will be introducing "the starving baker" to our students.

This is a common hazard for leaders – and we will talk about how it's a common hazard for students. Leaders must feed themselves for personal growth, and students must take time for themselves too. We can give, work, practice, play so much that we neglect our own internal health and growth. Sometimes students get so wrapped up in social activities, and even though they are good activities, they neglect the things that will help them in the long run. Things like eating right, goal setting, planning the day or projects, taking a break from social media. We ALL need some "margins" in our lives — time away from everything and some solitude.

They must "feed themselves" before they can feed others – like on an airplane – when there is a change of air pressure and the air mask falls down – you are to put the mask over yourself first, THEN help others.

Just as you would not let one meal per year attempt to curb your appetite, you must make sure that you are doing the things you need to do in order to grow as a leader.

Areas to grow:

HABITUDES

CORNER

Reading/Learning Slowing Down Simplifying things Working on Relationships Personal Goal Planning Diet and Physical Exercise

So, push "pause" and take the time to feed yourself. If not – you may begin to feel hollow or perhaps even fake. You are not fake. What you are is a starving baker. You've gotten busy and you've stopped growing. We've all been there before.

Taking time for our personal and professional growth provides nourishment for ourselves, and it fuels our minds. It makes us more effective for *everyone* in our lives we influence—our families, friends, and our teams.

You can only go as far as you grow!

Habitude Exercise for the Week:

Choose an area in which you wish to grow. Identify resources to help you learn. Put specific and regular time in to read, listen, and learn. Keep a small notebook of notes. Find one new thought or idea and write it on a notecard. Look at it every day this week. Attempt to practice or apply the principle throughout the week. Modeling this to your children can be one of the best things you can do!