

TRAVIS TIGER CODE OF CONDUCT

BE RESPONSIBLE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE SAFE
BE READY TO LEARN

This Week in Tiger Land

Monday, January 23rd

HAPPY MONDAY!

Tuesday, January 24th

Tiger Tuesday Theme Day: Nerd Day!

Girls' Soccer @ Clements (4:30/6:30pm)

Boys' Soccer vs. Clements (4:30/6:30pm)

Girls' Basketball @ Ridge Point (4:00/5:30/7:00pm)

Boys' Basketball vs. Ridge Point (4:00/5:30/7:00pm)

Wednesday, January 25th

College Wear Wednesday

Thursday, January 26th

PSAT Parent Night @ Bowie (6:00pm)

Friday, January 27th

Game Day Spirit Theme: Grey Out!

Pep Rally—PM Activity Schedule

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

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

Girls' Soccer @ Dulles (4:30/6:30pm)

Boys' Soccer vs. Dulles (4:30/6:30pm)

Roaring Ahead!

February 2nd—Course Selection Parent Night (6:00pm)

February 6th-7th—Letter Jacket Fittings (All lunches)

February 11th—Project TEaM Day

February 17th—Early Release Day

February 20th—Staff Development/Student Holiday

***"THERE ARE TWO WAYS OF
SPREADING LIGHT: TO BE THE
CANDLE OR THE MIRROR THAT
REFLECTS IT.***

- EDITH WHARTON

Have questions about date/time for a school event? Want to know what's for lunch tomorrow? Want to purchase a parking permit?

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to our website for all this and more!

If you would like to submit an announcement for addition to this newsletter, [CLICK HERE](#).

Submit announcements for this newsletter [HERE](#).

THS 2016-17 THEME

"BE THE ONE..."

IMPORTANT: Student Arrival Changes

Please note that starting on Monday, January 30th, we will begin altering the traffic flow in the parent drop-off driveway in front of the school. For details on the changes that will be made, please [click here](#).

Technical Education Center Application

Attention all current 10th and 11th graders. Would you like to take a course in Automotive, Computer Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Fire Fighting, Hospitality and Tourism or Welding at our Center? Our application will be available from January 17, 2017 through February 17, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

Click here to apply: <https://secure.fortbendisd.com/techedapp/> Additional Information at: www.fortbendisd.com/tec



AP Exam Registration 2017

AP Online Exam Registration is now open. Registration ends on February 28th. Late Registration will begin on March 1st and end on March 13th.

Use the following link to complete online registration: www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/445848

This year each AP exam costs \$93.00. William B. Travis High School desires that every student be able to take their AP exams. Students requiring financial assistance should contact Ms. Metoyer, carlete.metoyer@fortbendisd.com, in the Travis Counseling Office to learn more.

122 DAYS

**UNTIL GRADUATION FOR THE THS CLASS
OF 2017!!!**

TIGER TRACKS

TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER
ISSUE #155 JANUARY 23RD, 2017



TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKING PROBLEM-SOLVING TO THE NEXT LEVEL, FEB. 11!

*Documentary to be filmed while students work to make a difference
where it matters most to them.*

FORT BEND ISD, TX (Jan. 20, 2017) – Students at **William B. Travis High School** are taking on an ambitious assignment called **Project TEaM**, Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event will bring together a portion of the 2,600 students for a day of painting the school's first floor in its spirit colors – scarlet, gray and white.

Heading up this student-led event is senior and award-winning filmmaker Danish Nelson. "TEaM stands for Travis Extreme Makeover," said Nelson. "Our goal from the very beginning was to make this a community-wide, collaborative project. Therefore, the result was to build a 'TEaM.'"

The idea for this project was the result of a student climate survey given during the 2015-2016 school year. "Our students were vocal when it came to the look of our school's interior colors of blue, rust, grey, green, brown and tan," said Travis High School Principal Julie Diaz. "They believed our halls should represent our school spirit."

"We spend eight hours a day, five days a week, for 40 weeks, in a school that is just plain drab," said Nelson. "If we are going to spend so much time in a single place each year, for four years, it should be a place that we enjoy, that inspires us, that makes us happy – a place we can be proud to show off when we have visitors."

Diaz and her team of administrators did look into the cost of having the interior of the building professionally painted earlier this school year. When the quote exceeded \$100,000 Diaz turned to her students and said, "So what, now what?"

"Our primary job as educators is to build future leaders," said Diaz. "One way to do this is to model for our students. Teaching our students how to problem solve life's issues may be one of the most important activities we can do to foster success in college and the professional world. If you want something, you must take action. Project TEaM was their idea and is their way of making a difference within their own community."

Nelson, under the direction of Travis High School Arts/AV instructor Vince Beck, will be filming the day's events that showcase the hundreds of students, teachers, parents and other community members who come together to achieve this goal. "Project TEaM is going to be a transformation unlike any other," said Nelson. "We want to combine stop-motion/time-lapse with live action, hands-on views of the pure magnitude of the project."

"Our purpose is not to make films," said Beck. "Our purpose is to make films with purpose. This film will show the scope of the project and the drive of our students to complete a real-life task."

The film will be turned around in three days to share with the public.

Once the District's administration approved the project, students moved quickly. "Our senior math class calculated the square footage to be painted," said Diaz. "Sherwin-Williams estimated the cost would be approximately \$7,500 in paint and supplies to make this a reality. They agreed to donate \$1,500 of paint, but of course, that leaves us short \$6,000 to complete the extreme makeover plan. Our students and staff are currently looking into additional fundraising options."

The day of the event, students will be taking on various tasks including the preparation work and the painting of the walls. School staff members are also assisting wherever they can - helping with event logistics, coordinating the student painters, reaching out to members of the community and more.

Nelson's hope for his film is that others will see Travis High School as a special place to be. "We are going to show the world that when our students see something wrong, we will work together to make it right," said Nelson.

"When we turn them loose and empower them, students come up with some of the most amazing solutions to problems," said Diaz. "I am beyond proud of these student LEADERS. This is more than about getting a building painted. In a world where it's easier to act entitled, get lost in digital screens, and let somebody else figure out solutions, they have stepped up and acted. Who says kids can't or don't want to make a difference?"

Businesses or members of the community who would like to make contributions in the form of goods or time, please contact Allison Hill at Allison.Hill@fortbendisd.com.

To make a cash donation towards Project TEaM, please visit <https://goo.gl/XyqUkt> or, on the Travis High School website, use the Online Payments –THS Web Store link to access the Travis Project TEaM donation button.