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# NEW STUDENT PACKET 2020-2021

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# WELCOME TO TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL

## THS SCHOOL SONG

Hail Texas High School  
We are as one  
Standing together  
Till day is done  
Cheering our comrades  
As years go by  
We pledge our love to you  
Dear old Texas High!

## FIGHT SONG

.....T-E-X.....A-R-K.....ANA  
TIGERS  
Fight fight fight fight  
.....orange and white.....yeah team fight  
.....we'll win this game tonight  
FIGHT!

## THE EYES OF TEXAS


The eyes of Texas are upon you  
All the livelong day  
The eyes of Texas are upon you  
You cannot get away  
Do not think you can escape them  
From night to early in the morn  
The eyes of Texas are upon you  
Till Gabriel blows his horn

## I'M SO GLAD I GO TO THS

I'm So Glad I Go to THS, I'm So Glad I Go to THS,  
I'm So Glad I Go to THS  
Singing Glory Hallelujah, I Go To THS

# NEW STUDENT WORRIES

When we were kids our parents told us how to act, what to eat, even when to do our homework. But as we start taking charge of our own lives, many of us decide to make changes — decisions like eating right, being more environmentally conscious, striving for academic success, or doing better in a sport. If you're like most people, the easy part is knowing what change you want to make. The challenge is figuring out how to get there and sticking with it. That's why we've created this student packet. It will hopefully introduce you to what you should expect as a new student at Texas High School. The problems will be easier to handle and your goals will be easier to reach by breaking them down into manageable steps. We want you to continue the tradition of success that so many other students have accomplished— they did it, and we know you can too! Being a good student, passing exams, and getting a good grade doesn't just happen. You have to work towards success. You have to want to be successful; however, you have to want it enough to make yourself do things that will make it happen. So what's Texas High School really like? Is there more work? More stress? Will it be difficult going from being one of the oldest middle school students to one of the youngest high school students? If you're having thoughts like these, you're not alone. Lots of other new students are feeling the same way you are — you're all starting out in a new place. With that in mind, here are a few topics that commonly worry incoming students and some things you might want to know about them.



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## STARTING OUT AT A NEW SCHOOL

You may not know a lot of people when you start high school. Maybe your friends from middle school are going to a different high school. Even if you know other students, you might feel nervous that you don't know any upperclassmen. How are you going to make friends among this sea of unknown faces? Most high schools hold orientations before school actually starts. These are helpful not only because you learn your way around the building and get to meet some of your teachers, but you also get to meet fellow students. That way, when you show up on your first day of school, you may already recognize a few familiar faces. When you talk to people at orientation, you'll probably find that a lot of them are feeling just like you are. They're all new to the school and don't know what to expect. Talking about a common concern with your classmates can spark new friendships.

**ADVICE FROM A READER:  
"FRESH MEAT? NOT ME!"**  
*"I remember being a new student, although it was only last year. I actually made a ton of friends in the first week of school . . . It's just a matter of getting out there and creating you. Don't worry about what others think. If you like to cheerlead and you love to act, go out for both. I know quite a few cheerleaders who did that. High school isn't even that hard if you don't make it that way."*

# LEARNING INSIDE THE CLASSROOM



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— Is it harder? How about the workload in high school? This is something your classmates are probably worried about, too.

The work in high school builds on what you learned in middle school, giving you a more advanced knowledge of many academic subjects. You may find that you have more work to do or that it's a bit more challenging. These challenges can make you feel less bored with the usual routine — it feels great when you've mastered something really tough. Maybe you'll find a new appreciation for biology or discover a passion for literature.

If you ever find your work too overwhelming, teachers and tutors are available for extra help. While you have more independence as a high school student than you might have had in middle school, there are still many resources to fall back on if you feel the work is too much.

# LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

High school is a time of increasing independence and responsibility. As in middle school, you or your friends may encounter some tough times. But if you ever find that personal issues get overwhelming, find someone to talk to. Just because you're becoming more independent does not mean you're alone.

Friends and parents can be great resources, but sometimes that's not enough. School counselors can be very helpful if you want to talk with someone outside of your friends and family. So many people are available to help you.

Middle school taught you the basics of academics, time management, and social skills while providing you with a little extra support and guidance — kind of like a bicycle with training wheels.

High school gives you the chance to take off those training wheels and learn how to be more independent. It's perfectly OK if you're nervous at first. Even if you don't get off to the best start, that's normal, too — everybody's a bit wobbly the first time they take off their training wheels. Just be patient and keep trying. Once you've adjusted to your new independence, you may find you can go further than you ever imagined.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

High school also has more extracurricular activities than middle school did, such as clubs, music and theater groups, student government, and sports teams. This is a fantastic time to explore your interests and try new things. Who said school has to be all work and no play?

These activities take place before or after school. Because of this, it helps to sharpen your time management skills in your first year. Extracurricular activities are great, but remember to leave free time for yourself. Everybody needs some downtime.

## BEING A BALANCED STUDENT

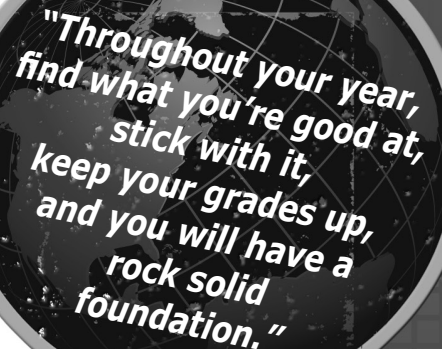
As a high school student, you will soon realize that high school has much more to offer. Thus, you have to learn to try new things, find what you're good at, and stay balanced.

High school is the "foundation" for your life goals. In other words, it sets the bar at how and where you will succeed over the course of the next years. Students are encouraged to not stick with one thing, but to get involved in a variety of different clubs and organizations.

Texas High has a seemingly endless list of different clubs that are waiting to be explored.

You should be able to pick out what your likes and dislikes are very quickly. Remember it's okay to have more than one activity, just don't become overwhelmed. You know your limits.

One problem, many students seem to face is not making academics their first priority. That's why everything else including clubs, organizations, student council, and even sports are considered EXTRAcurricular. Just keep your grades up, and you'll never have to worry about not being able to participate in your other activities. Find what you're good at, stick with it, and keep your grades up, and you will have a rock solid foundation.



*"Throughout your year,  
find what you're good at,  
stick with it,  
keep your grades up,  
and you will have a  
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# TIME MANAGEMENT

## BELL SCHEDULE

PERIOD	START TIME:	END TIME:
A1/B1 .....	8:25 .....	9:10 a.m. ( <i>Meets Every Day</i> )
A/B Enrichment.....	9:17 .....	9:47 a.m.
A2/B2 .....	9:54 .....	11:24 a.m.
A3/B3 .....	11:31 .....	12:01 p.m.
**1st Lunch.....	11:31 .....	12:01 p.m.
**2nd Lunch .....	12:10 .....	12:40 p.m.
**3rd Lunch.....	12:51 .....	1:21 p.m.
A4/B4 .....	1:28 .....	2:58 p.m.
A5/B5 .....	3:05 .....	3:50 p.m. ( <i>Meets Every Day</i> )

Being on time seems to always be a hard thing for students to understand. **YOU HAVE 7 MINUTES IN BETWEEN CLASSES.** That's plenty of time for you to use the restroom, go to your locker, and get to class on time. Some students tend to use those 6 minutes for personal obligations such as catching up on the latest gossip.

Students try to use distance as an excuse by saying, "Well, I have to walk from Room 1 to the 2nd floor of the Math and Science Building on the other side of campus. It's not enough time!" It didn't work for the students before you, and it's not going to work for you either. Every year before school starts, the principals test the bell schedule to make sure students can walk from one side of campus to another on time. Just do yourself a favor and get to class on time that way you can go to school activities such as games, dances, and even exemptions from exams at each semester. It pays off to be on time.

What is a Tardy? A tardy is when a student enters a class after the bell has rung. \*\*Note: After the first 15 minutes of class it is changed to an absence instead of tardy.

Three (3) or more tardies in a semester is considered excessive. Excessive tardies will result in further disciplinary action.

## NUMBER OF TARDIES..... CONSEQUENCE

**1, 2** ..... Warning

**3**..... 2 Days Grounds Improvement

**4, 5, 6,** ..... 2 Days Detention

**7, 8, 9, 10** ..... 1 Day of ISS and Loss of Dance Privileges for Semester

**11 PLUS**..... 3 Days of ISS and Loss of TISD Event Privileges



# HOMework

Do algebra problems 15 through 25. Conjugate the verbs on page 50 of your French workbook. Read pages 12 through 20 of the Shakespeare play, and when you're finished with that, don't forget to fill in the missing chemical symbols on the Periodic Table of Elements worksheet.

Sound like your homework for the next few nights — or maybe even just for tonight? Homework is a major part of going to school: It's your teachers' way of evaluating how much you understand of what's going on in class, and it helps reinforce important concepts.

## MAKING HOMEWORK LESS WORK.

Luckily, there are several things you can do to make homework less work.

First, be sure you understand the assignment. Write it down in your notebook or day planner if you need to, and don't be afraid to ask questions about what's expected. Although you may hope that things will get easier or that the explanation to the geometry theorems will magically appear in your dreams, most of the time this doesn't happen. It's much easier to take a minute to ask the teacher during or after class than to struggle to remember later that night!

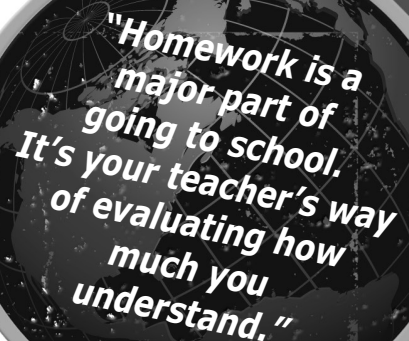
Second, use any extra time you have in school to work on your homework. Many classes have study time that allow students to study or get homework done. It's tempting to hang out with friends during study or unstructured time, but the more work you can get done in school; the less you'll have to do that night.

Third, pace yourself. If you don't finish your homework during school, think about how much you have left and what else is going on that day, and then budget your time. Some high school students have between 1 and 3 hours of homework a night. If it's a heavy homework day and it seems like you've got an assignment in every subject but gym and lunch, you'll need to devote more time to homework. It's a good idea to come up with some kind of homework schedule, especially if you are involved in sports or activities or have an after-school job.

## HOMework TIPS

Here's a quick checklist of things that can help you focus:


- DO** know your deadlines.
- DO** make a calendar of stages and final due dates.
- DO** include social events on this calendar for time management.
- DO** understand the assignment and expectations.
- DO** give yourself a quiet place to study with all the materials you need.
- DO** give yourself brief breaks.
- DON'T** put work off until the last minute; you'll be too frantic to focus.
- DON'T** do your homework late at night or in bed.
- DON'T** let yourself be bored; find the aspect of the project or paper that interest you — if you're dying of boredom, something's not right.



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# NOTES FOR NOTE TAKING

Note-taking is a skill that can help you do well on all your schoolwork — everything from taking tests to researching a paper. But unfortunately, most schools don't have classes that teach you how to take notes. So here are some tips.



**I. WRITE DOWN KEY FACTS.** If you have a teacher who writes notes on the board, that's a bonus: You can copy them down. If not, write down the most important points from class. Does your history teacher mention the date of a key Civil War battle? Does your English teacher give examples of Shakespeare's use of dramatic irony? Does your math teacher go over a particular formula? Write it down! It can take some experimenting to figure out what information really is helpful, so keep trying and don't give up. Different teachers do things differently. For example, some teachers may mention lots of dates and facts in class but only write the key ones on the board. Other teachers may not write anything down, but they may repeat a certain date or piece of information. That's a clue that it's probably important. After a while, you'll get to know a teacher's style.

**II. DON'T OVERDO IT.** Don't go crazy taking notes, though: You'll be frantic if you try to write down every word that's said in class. If you focus too much on getting your notes right, you might miss important points. Some people actually learn better by listening, writing down a few key points, and then going over the material after class when they have more time.

**III. ASK.** Don't be afraid to ask the teacher to repeat something you miss. If the teacher's going too fast, chances are your classmates will also be relieved to hear the information again. If you don't want to ask in class, see your teacher afterwards. It's much easier than wondering if you got the notes right as you study.

**IV. COMPARE.** Keep your notes handy when you're doing your reading assignments. Compare what you wrote with what the readings say — you may even want to add to your notes as you read.

**V. COPY.** Depending on how neat your handwriting is, you may want to recopy your notes when you get home. If you've taken notes in a hurry, you're more likely to figure out an unreadable word or sentence on the day of the lesson than you are weeks later when you look back over your notes in preparation for a test.

**VI. ORGANIZE.** Keep notes for each subject in one place so you can find everything easily when it comes time for a test. That may mean keeping a notebook or section of a notebook for each subject as you take notes in class.

Good note-taking requires extra time and organization. It may help if you think of the time you spend reviewing notes as an investment. For example, if you decide to recopy your notes each evening, you'll probably have less time to watch TV or IM friends, but you'll save time later when it comes to studying for the actual test. Note-taking gives your mind a chance to absorb the material it needs to learn. Not only can this help you to do better on a test, it's also a great confidence booster when you're studying and find yourself saying, "Hey, I remember that."



# WHY WORK ON GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH TEACHERS?

Your algebra teacher wears clothes from 1985 and always mispronounces your name. Your English teacher loves to start classes with pop quizzes. It can be hard to think of these givers of grades as real people. But they eat pizza, watch movies, and enjoy sports on the weekends, just like you.

## SO HOW CAN YOU GET ALONG WITH YOUR TEACHERS?

A good relationship with a teacher today may help you in the future. You will need teachers' written recommendations to apply to a college or for a job after high school. And if you're thinking about going into a career in science, who better to ask about the field than your science teacher?

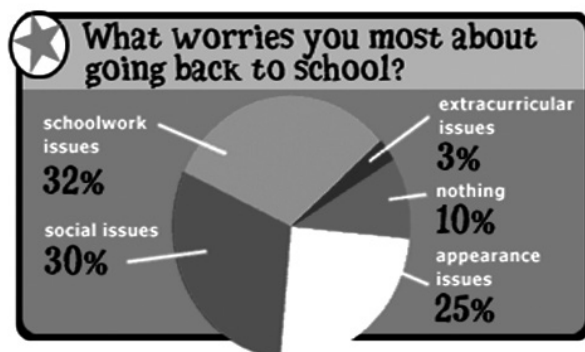
Teachers are often into the community and may be the first to find out about local competitions, activities, or contests. They also may know about grants and scholarships.

Teachers are often asked to appoint students to student offices or they may recommend students as volunteers for special community programs. All of these activities can help you get into college or get a good job.

Teachers are another group of adults in your life who can look out for you, guide you, and provide you with an adult perspective. Many are willing to answer questions, offer advice, and help with personal problems.

## HAKUNA MATATA - IT MEANS NO WORRIES

A new school year is exciting. There's that wonderful feeling of having a fresh start, catching up with old friends, and making progress by moving up a grade. But there's no denying that it can be stressful too. It's natural to feel a mix of emotions — such as excitement and nervousness — about what's ahead. Let's face it... School can be rough, and bring stress into your life. Figuring out what causes you to worry is the first step to take in conquering stress. Once, you have figured out what it is, you can have a better understanding on how to overcome it



**After Class**  
Teachers help with more than just school work. Many teachers know about competitions and contests you can enter. And they may be able to help you find funding and scholarships for college.

# CELL PHONES ARE A NO-NO!

So, you're in class and your teacher is giving the most boring lecture over the structure of a human cell. You should take out your phone and start texting, right? Wrong. Teachers know that most kids have a cell phone on them during the day, and keep a close eye out. Even when you think you're not obvious, you are. When they see you "Looking down at the ground," they know something's up.

**1ST OFFENSE:** A fee of \$15 will be charged (per the Texas Education Code Chapter 37.082) and a parent or guardian of record will be allowed to receive the telephone at the end of the school day.

**2ND OFFENSE:** A fee of \$15 will be charged and a parent or guardian of record will be allowed to receive the telephone five days from the time it was in the possession of the front office.

**3RD OFFENSE:** A fee of \$15 will be charged and a parent or guardian of record will be allowed to receive the telephone at the end of the semester.

## BE PREPARED

**STUDENT SUPPLIES:** Students are required to bring paper, pencils, pens, and other items as required by teachers for specific subjects. A list of required supplies will be provided during the first week of the course.

**KEEP THOSE ITEMS WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES . . .**

## BACKPACK BASICS

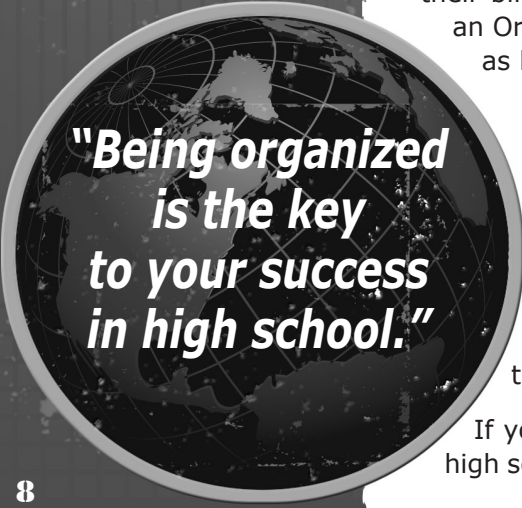
Should I have one binder for all my subjects? Do I need a locker? Being at a new school you're not quite sure on what's the easiest route to take when it comes to preparing for each class. Here's what we suggest.

We encourage you to purchase a 1 in. binder for EACH class (unless a teacher specifically requests differently). That way you have a binder for that class where you can take notes, keep graded papers, etc. Many students like "color coding" their binders. For example, you may want to consider your A day classes to be an Orange binder, and allow your B day classes to be something different such as black.

Another good idea is to buy a simple folder with pockets to keep your homework in. That way when you get home after a long day, you can open your homework folder and it's all in one place. This way you don't forget about an assignment because it's all together.

Do you really need a locker? That is your decision. Some students like them, and others don't. Most students use their backpacks as their "portable locker." They keep all their needs such as binders and books for that day in their backpack, and simply switch-out between days.

If you haven't already noticed being organized is the key to your success in high school. Using those simple tips, can help you start the school year off right.



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# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FRIEND

Friendships aren't easy. For some, adding a new friend is like adding a new member to your family. Think about friendship. What does it mean to you? Is it someone who helps you through grief after losing a family member? Some think it's the smaller gestures that mean most like a friend who talks for hours when you're feeling alone, even if it means going over on his cell phone minutes; the one who helps you with your homework, even when she hasn't done her own. Whatever your definition is; one thing is a fact — friendships are a vital part of high school.

## WHAT FRIENDS DO FOR YOU

Big or small, it's actions that seem to count the most in friendship. In a time when we can chat effortlessly by text and IM, talk is getting cheaper. Many of you believe that the evidence of true friends is what they do to show their loyalty, honesty, trustworthiness, or willingness to make a sacrifice when you need help.

## WHAT YOU DO FOR FRIENDS

It works both ways — you do as much for your friends as they do for you. Sometimes the most treasured acts of friendship are those for which you expect to get nothing in return, not even credit for a good deed.

# NO ONE EVER TOLD ME . . . THE UNWRITTEN RULES OF TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL

Texas High School enforces all the rules, but sometimes they forget to mention the small things that can get you in trouble.

- *In the mornings before school, you are supposed to be in the cafeteria.*
- *The school opens at 7:45 am and students should be off campus no later than 4:00 pm (unless they are in a school sponsored activity.)*

# VOTER REGISTRATION

One of the many benefits of going to high school is getting the privilege to vote on school issues, allowing the students voices to be heard. At Texas High, you must be a registered voter to vote in school elections. Voter registration takes place during the first two weeks of school. If you want to vote for homecoming court, class favorites, class officers, etc. you **MUST** be registered to vote.



# TEXAS TRADITIONS

Being a member of the Tiger Family, we invite you to participate in all of our **"TEXAS TRADITIONS."** After all, you're only in high school once . . . **LET'S MAKE MEMORIES TOGETHER.**

## TEXAS VS. ARKANSAS WEEK

From the beginning of this amazing week to hearing the final horn of the game Friday night, everyone knows about Texas High School's biggest tradition — The Texas vs. Arkansas game. This becomes the one week where school spirit is overwhelming. Students, who drive, decorate their vehicles orange, white, and hang Texas flags from the back. Each day of the week has a designated dress up day that leads up to Game Day. Friday morning brings the legendary **BACON FRY**. The students gather in the courtyard (outside the cafeteria) for free bacon, eggs, and orange juice.

Friday is also extreme **ORANGE** day. All students are encouraged to wear orange. On Friday morning, students participate in face painting, orange hair spray, and other activities. At 3:00 students head to the gym for the pep rally. The Game is alternated between Arkansas and Texas home stadiums each year, and will be the most exciting game of the year. You don't want to **MISS IT!**

## SPRING OLYMPIAD

The Olympic Games were created within the Shadow of Mt. Olympus in ancient Greece, right? **WRONG!** It all started when a group of students came together in pursue of the title **CHAMPION** of Texas High School. Thus, the Spring Olympiad was born. Every year during the month of May, Texas High holds the Spring Olympiad. Students come together and create teams of 15 people to participate in a variety of random games such as egg toss, crab walk, and so much more. Teams must agree on a name, and create a "jersey" that each member must wear. After competing in the random games, the two teams with the highest total of points compete in the final game. The final game is usually a "deadly" game of dodge ball or tug-o-war. Make sure to bring friends, family, and most importantly your game face—because now there's only one thing to say, **"LET THE GAMES BEGIN!"**

## POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL

One day. One game you don't want to miss. Powder Puff Football is a Texas Tradition that occurs every May. It's not your ordinary football game. It's completely opposite. The senior girls play against the junior girls in the game of a lifetime. Guys, don't worry, we have roles for you! Since, the girls are playing football the cheerleading and Drill Team spots are open for tryouts. Freshman and sophomore guys become members dressed in the sparkling uniforms of the Texas Highsteppers, and junior and senior guys dress up in wigs and wear cheerleading skirts. It's loads of fun, and definitely gives you the **"TAKE A WALK IN MY SHOES FEELING."**



# HOMECOMING

"It's an autumn evening in Texarkana, and Texarkana is the whole world. It's Homecoming Night, the backdrop to the time of students' lives. The "fellas" are looking spiffy in their suits, and the girls are giggling their way through a Texas High Tradition."

Even if you don't want to go to the dance, the week is filled with events for you to enjoy. One of our most famous events is B.Y.O.B (Bring Your Own Banana). Everyday during lunch, Student Council will sell Ice Cream for \$1 allowing you to have a "sweet treat." Homecoming Week at Texas High builds up to the crowning of the Homecoming Queen at the Friday night game through a series of themed days – such as Greek Day, Hippy Day, and Hillbilly Day.

Thursday is the day of the pep rally in Tiger Center at 6:30 followed by a "Texas sized" bonfire at 7:00. Bonfires have followed the Homecoming pep rally for years. On Thursday night, the fire is roaring, cheerleaders are cheering, and the smell of pepperoni pizza being sold by the prom moms wafts by. Students sit on the grass, run around, and just hangout.

On Friday, if you have a date to the dance, you and your date exchange mums that you can wear to school and to the football game. Before the football game Friday night, the maids, escorted by their parents, are presented to the fans. The bleachers are awash with orange and white.

On Saturday of Homecoming Week, students experience the first school dance of the year. Girls are dressed waiting for their prince charmings to arrive looking "spiffy" in their suits. Couples usually go out to eat with other couples, and go to the dance together which is held from 7:00-10:00.

# SADIE HAWKINS

A different kind of dance is held in late winter or early spring. Texas High's first Sadie Hawkins dance was in March 1974 and has been a favorite Texas High tradition. Girls, homecoming is all about you, but Sadie Hawkins is all about the guys. It's the girl's responsibility to ask a guy to the dance. Most girls think of creative ideas on how to ask their date such as a sticky note on their guys' car, scavenger hunts, but whatever you do . . . Don't be shy! It may seem like a lot of work, but it's loads of fun! Another great thing about Sadie Hawkins is it's VERY casual (usually jeans and a t-shirt). You and your date need to get together and go shopping for matching shirts to wear to the dance. Girls always buy some sort of crazy stuffed animal or toy for their date. On Saturday of the dance, get a group of friends, go out to eat, and head to the dance where you can "Get-Hitched", take photos, and, of course, dance the night away.



# OUR HISTORY . . .

The first classes of Texas High school's history were held in the fall of 1889 at a school built for grades 7 through 11. A small rectangular frame building, it was located on Spruce street between Sixth and Seventh Streets adjacent to a recently opened elementary school.

The first graduating class in 1890 had three students: Eugenia Reed, Nina Trigg, and Jack Trigg. A photograph of the very ornate diploma presented to Miss Reed (Mrs. S. A. Collom, Sr.) now hangs in the Board Room of the Texarkana ISD Administration Building.

As the 20th century began, growth in Texarkana and high school enrollment necessitated a larger and more modern building located at 16th and Maple (now Texas Blvd.). Citizens approved a bond issue for construction of a modern facility which was occupied in 1910.

In the 1920s enrollment increased and additional facilities were again required. The new building, located at 1915 Pine Street, was completed in 1930. Also completed that year was the Texas Public Schools Auditorium. Other facilities were added as the enrollment continued to grow: Tiger Gym, a cafeteria, band hall, and the B. B. Lawson Science Building.

In 1953 the Texarkana Junior College Building at the corner of Sixteenth and Pine Street was donated to the Texas High School and was immediately put to use to accommodate the growing enrollment.

In a 1963 interview, the superintendent stressed the need for a high school facility to serve the 1,100 students since the 1930 building was designed to serve 500.

In 1965 a \$3,000,000-bond issue for a new high school on Kennedy Lane, just west of Summerhill Road, was approved. Designed by world-famous architects Caudill-Rowlett-Scott and local architects Moore and Thomas, the school provides students, teachers, and administrators made-to-order spaces for a broad-based educational program.

Within the last few years, Texas High School has received rapid growth through the building of a Math & Science Building, the Indoor Multi-Purpose Building, and the Sullivan Performing Arts Center home to the John Thomas Theatre.

## TROCHIA & TITUS

In the early 1960s, a live tiger from the zoo was used as a mascot and brought onto the football field as part of the festivities of the game. However, all that changed in 1964, when an 8-AAAA conference ruling barred live animals from the football field.

A uniform, like that of the Louisiana State University Mascot, was ordered from New York and arrived in time for the football game on September 25, 1964.

Naming the Tiger then became an exciting prospect. The Tiger Times staff ran a contest to help the Tiger mascot get a name. The name finally decided upon was "Trochia," which meant "atrocious." Trochia practiced with the Pep Squad and cheerleaders, and had to go to summer camp just like other spirit club members.

In 2014, a second mascot, Titus, was revealed during Homecoming week. Students nominated potential names for the new male mascot and the top five names were voted on by the student community. Titus, nominated by Robert Hoover (THS Class of 2015) was the overall favorite.

The clowning and prancing done by Trochia and Titus at pep rallies, ball games and other events is a leading symbol of Tiger Spirit. When you attend any of the Tiger events, be sure to join Trochia and Titus as they cheer on the Tigers!





**IMPORTANT  
DATES TO  
REMEMBER...**

# FALL

**AUGUST 19**  
FIRST Day of School

FIRST Day of  
1st Grading Period

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
Labor Day Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

**SEPTEMBER 25**  
LAST Day of  
1st Grading Period

**SEPTEMBER 28**  
FIRST Day of  
2nd Grading Period

**OCTOBER 8**  
Early Release Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences

**OCTOBER 9**  
NO SCHOOL  
Instructional Planning Day  
for Faculty

**OCTOBER 12**  
Columbus Day Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

**MAKE GOOD FIRST IMPRESSIONS,**  
*especially on teachers.*

*The impressions you make during  
the first week of school affect your  
entire high school career . . .*

*with most teachers, if they  
get it in their heads that you're  
a good student early  
you won half the battle.*



# SEMESTER

**NOVEMBER 6**  
Early Release

LAST Day of  
2nd Grading Period

**NOVEMBER 9**  
FIRST Day of  
3rd Grading Period

**NOVEMBER 16**  
College Night

**NOVEMBER 23 - 27**  
NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving Holidays

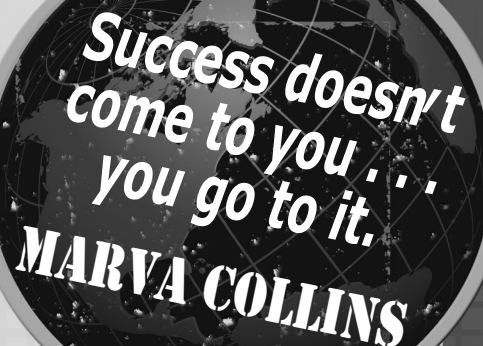
**DECEMBER 14 - 16**  
Fall Semester Tests

**DECEMBER 17**  
Early Release Day

**DECEMBER 18**  
Early Release Day

LAST Day of  
3rd Grading Period

**DECEMBER 21 -  
JANUARY 4**  
NO SCHOOL  
Christmas/New Year's Holidays



*Success doesn't  
come to you...  
you go to it.*  
**MARVA COLLINS**

# SPRING

## **JANUARY 5**

NO SCHOOL  
Instructional Planning Day  
for Faculty

## **JANUARY 6**

FIRST Day of  
4th Grading Period

## **JANUARY 18**

NO SCHOOL  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## **FEBRUARY 12**

LAST Day of  
4th Grading Period

## **FEBRUARY 15-16**

NO SCHOOL  
Instructional Planning Day  
for Faculty

## **FEBRUARY 17**

FIRST Day of  
5th Grading Period

## **MARCH 15-19**

NO SCHOOL  
Spring Break

*Be involved in some sort of extracurricular activity. Fall sports that begin before school are always a plus because they allow you to meet new people and make new friends before school even begins. High school is a great time to figure out what you are interested in, and follow your interests through clubs and sports. These activities are also a crucial part of your college application. As more and more people apply to colleges every year, colleges become more and more focused on the smaller details, such as your extracurricular activities.*

# SEMESTER

**APRIL 2**  
Bad Weather Day

**APRIL 9**  
LAST Day of  
5th Grading Period

**APRIL 12**  
NO SCHOOL  
Instructional Planning Day  
for Faculty

**APRIL 13**  
FIRST Day of  
6th Grading Period

**MAY 24-26**  
Spring Semester Tests

**MAY 25**  
Early Release Day

**MAY 26**  
Early Release Day

Last Day of School

Last Day of  
6th Grading Period

**MAY 27**  
Instructional Planning Day  
for Faculty

**MAY 25**  
Memorial Day

**MAY 28**  
Bad Weather Day

**MAY 31**  
Memorial Day

*We are  
what we  
repeatedly do.  
Excellence, therefore,  
is not an act  
but a habit.*

**ARISTOTLE**



# Texarkana

Independent School District

## 2020 - 2021

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## 2020

JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER						
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## SPECIAL DATES

First Day of School	Aug 19
Early Release/Parent Conference	Oct 8
Early Release Days	Nov 6, Dec 17, 18, May 25, 26
Student Holidays	Oct 9, Jan 5, Feb 15, 16, Apr 12
*Bad Weather Days	Apr 2, May 28
Last Day of School	May 26
THS Graduation	May 29

\* If not used as Bad Weather Day, date will be considered a holiday.

## GRADING PERIODS

1st	Aug 19 - Sept 25	(27 days)
2nd	Sept 28 - Nov 6	(28 days)
3rd	Nov 9 - Dec 18	(25 days)
4th	Jan 6 - Feb 12	(27 days)
5th	Feb 17 - Apr 9	(32 days)
6th	Apr 13 - May 26	(32 days)

## STATE TEST DATES

Dec 8 - 11	May 4 - 7
April 6-9	May 11 - 14

## 2021

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							
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## HOLIDAYS

Independence Day	July 6 - 10
Labor Day	Sept 7
Columbus Day	Oct 12
Thanksgiving	Nov 23 - 27
Christmas & New Year's Break	Dec 21 - Jan 4
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan 18
Spring Break	Mar 15 - 19
Memorial Day	May 31

## LEGEND

- Holiday
- ◆ Bad Weather Day
- ▲ Early Release/Parent Conference
- ▲ Early Release
- Instructional Planning
- ★ First Day/Last Day of Classes
- Beginning/End of Six Weeks
- S STAAR Testing Dates

APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
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# GOAL MANAGEMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## SHORT TERM GOALS

## ACTIONS/ACTIVITIES

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## INTERMEDIATE GOALS

## ACTIONS/ACTIVITIES

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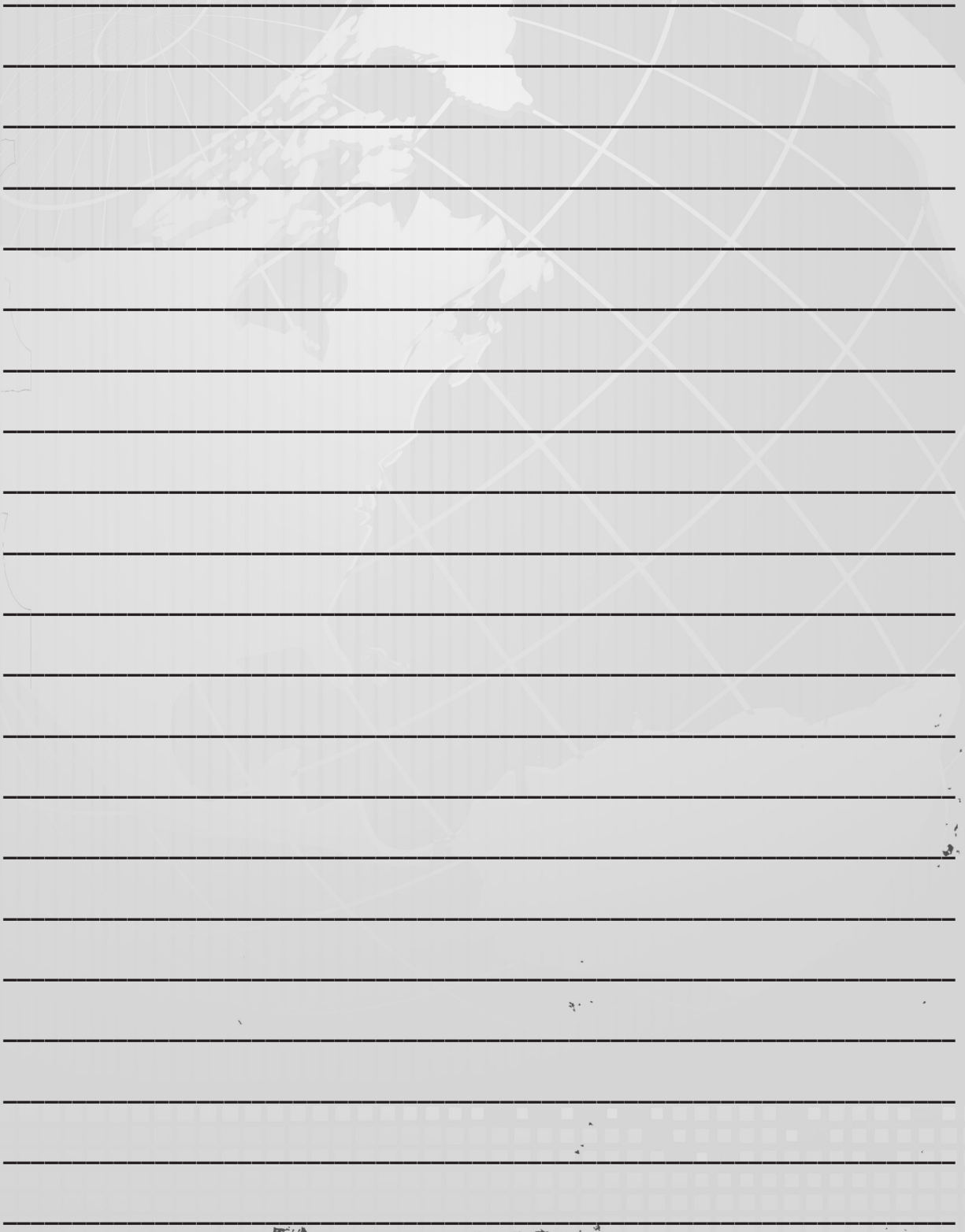
## GOALS FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

## ACTIONS/ACTIVITIES

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# NOTES



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# WELCOME TO TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL

## THS SCHOOL SONG

Hail Texas High School  
We are as one  
Standing together  
Till day is done  
Cheering our comrades  
As years go by  
We pledge our love to you  
Dear old Texas High!

## FIGHT SONG

.....T-E-X.....A-R-K.....ANA  
TIGERS  
Fight fight fight fight  
.....orange and white.....yeah team fight  
.....we'll win this game tonight  
FIGHT!

## THE EYES OF TEXAS

The eyes of Texas are upon you  
All the livelong day  
The eyes of Texas are upon you  
You cannot get away  
Do not think you can escape them  
From night to early in the morn  
The eyes of Texas are upon you  
Till Gabriel blows his horn

## I'M SO GLAD I GO TO THS

I'm So Glad I Go to THS, I'm So Glad I Go to THS,  
I'm So Glad I Go to THS  
Singing Glory Hallelujah, I Go To THS



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