

Hello Bulldogs and Parents,

Happy Fall Break! As a reminder, Friday, October 6th through Tuesday, October 11th will be our Fall Break. That means no school for our students. There are still many events and activities occurring here on campus and across the district. Below are a few reminders:

- Oct 6 - End of the 1st Nine Weeks - Grades will be viewable on HAC next week
- Oct 6 - MISD Fall Community Resource Night at MISD Stadium - 6pm to 8pm
- Oct 6 - Varsity Football at Hanby Stadium in Mesquite - 7pm
- Oct 7 - Varsity Volleyball at MNHS - 5pm
- Oct 8 - MISD Marching Contest at MISD Stadium - 9am
- Oct 11 - District Cross Country at Myers Park - 9am
- Oct 11 - Bi-District Tennis vs Forney HS at Rockwall Wilkerson Tennis Center - 10am
- Oct 13 - MNHS Drama Dawg Theater Haunted House - Runs through Sat. Oct 15th

As you can see, things stay busy here at school. Even when school is out there is still a lot going on and even more to continue planning. Another fast approaching and important event is the annual administration of PSAT. As a reminder, all 10th graders will take the PSAT. Any 9th or 11th grader that signed up for the test and paid the fee by the deadline will also be taking the **PSAT on Tuesday, October 25th** here at school. If your child needs to check out a calculator from school to use on PSAT testing day they must do so no later than Friday, October 21st. **Calculators will not be available for checkout on PSAT testing day.**

In the effort to provide information to parents and students about the lethal dangers posed by the drug fentanyl and the increase in fentanyl poisonings in North Texas, Drug Free McKinney is sponsoring a screening of the documentary **"The Fentanyl Factor" at the MISD Community Event Center on Wednesday, October 19, from 6 pm – 7:15 pm.** The 18 minute documentary highlights the increase of accidental overdose deaths due to the mixing or 'lacing' of fentanyl with other substances. The film will be followed by a Q&A discussion with local experts. Both the film and discussion are appropriate for parents and teens. **The event is free, but attendees will need a ticket.** For information and ticket registration, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/documentary-discussion-fentanyl-factor-tickets-423889854967>

For those who are unable to attend but would like more information about the dangers of fentanyl and substance use, MISD offers online resources:

*Talk It Up! Prevention Resources for Parents:* <https://canvas.mckinneyisd.net/courses/9320>

This self-guided course provides information about substance use facts and trends. Parents will be empowered to start conversations with their children about healthy coping strategies and ways to resist peer influences. It also provides local resources and tools to get support and treatment if needed. The course can be accessed on-demand from the privacy of your home.

The 14th Annual MISD Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Oct 22 at McKinney High School from 9am - 4pm. This fun shopping event is presented by McKinney ISD Special

Olympics. There will be over 100 vendors offering unique gift items, trendy clothing, arts and crafts, jewelry, home decor and collections for all seasons. Entry is free and proceeds from the event benefit our McKinney ISD Special Olympics, Special Programs, and scholarships. For more information contact Janice Morris at [HollidayBazaar@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:HollidayBazaar@mckinneyisd.net) or 469 302 6342.

If your child is enrolled in an AP course please remember that AP test fees are due by November 4th. All students taking AP courses are expected to take the AP test associated with the course. AP tests are administered in May. Parents of students that are enrolled in AP courses should have already received a letter with detailed information about test fees, payment and testing dates.

Laptop Annual Usage Fees are past due. If your child still has an outstanding balance for the annual fee on their HAC account please pay that as soon as possible. Students that have not paid the annual fee by November 18th will have internet access restricted. We are happy to set up a payment plan for any student or family that needs to pay the fee with installments.

Please be sure to bookmark our [McKinney North High School | Home of the Bulldogs](#) MNHS website. It is a great resource for both students and parents. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

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