

Bulldog News for 2-13-2024

Hello Parents and Students,

Our MNHS Student Council is excited to be hosting our Winter Formal this Thursday night. It is important that our students understand they need to be in attendance at school on Thursday. Winter Formal is always a great event for our students and we don't want any students to miss out due to attendance issues. A few reminders are listed below to help ensure that all students have a safe and enjoyable experience:

- Winter Formal will be held at the Cotton Mill here in McKinney from 8:00pm - 11:00pm
- Students must bring both their ticket AND a school ID or valid TDL for entry.
- If your child depends on you for a ride please be sure to pick them no later than 11:00pm
- Our MNHS students may still purchase a ticket for Winter Formal at the door on Thursday night as long as they do not have any outstanding fines or fees.
- Any MNHS student that has planned to bring a non-MNHS student as a guest should have already completed the approval process for guests. We will not sell tickets for non-MNHS students that are attending as a guest at the door.
- All students must arrive at the dance by 10:00pm. Any student that arrives after 10:00pm, even if they have a ticket, will not be allowed into the dance.

Now is a great time to talk with your child about the dangers of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Our number one concern is the safety of our students, but it is also important for them to remember that all school rules for student behavior apply at this event. Our campus SROs and additional security are present throughout the event as well as teachers and administrators. Attending this school event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol will result in disciplinary consequences. More importantly, we want our students to be safe. We are all aware of the dangers of driving under the influence. Please take time to talk with your child about your expectations as well as ours and most importantly, their safety.

It is also important for students and parents to remember that any behavior that creates a disruption at any school event will result in disciplinary action. Whether it be at school or a school event, students that engage in physical confrontation (fighting) will be issued a ticket from our SROs and receive school consequences. While it may be a surprise to our students, fighting is a criminal offense and they will be ticketed. We do encourage our students to work with a teacher, counselor, or principal if they are having a disagreement with another student. We have measures we can put into place to help resolve disagreements between students.

The second interim progress report (IPR) for the 3rd Nine Weeks will be Tuesday, February 20th. Please remember that students do not have school this Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th. Students have through Thursday, February 15 to turn in work before grades are posted for the 2nd IPR of the 3rd Nine Weeks. Parents and students can view all published coursework in HAC at this time. As always, if you or your child has any questions about their progress in any class the best person to contact is their classroom teacher.

I would also like to remind all of our Juniors that we will be administering the SAT on Wednesday, March 6th. This is a free opportunity for all of our Juniors to take the SAT. Any Senior that would like to take the exam may sign up with this link www.tinyurl.com/NorthSAT24. The deadline for Seniors to register to take the SAT here at school is February 23rd. The cost of the exam for Seniors is \$60. Again, there is no cost and no registration for our Juniors, the March 6th exam is free to our Juniors and all have been pre-registered. Additionally, the SAT on March 6th will be administered online. It is always important for students to bring their charged laptop to school everyday, but especially on testing days. On Tuesday, February 20th, each student signed up for the SAT will do a quick laptop readiness check through their science classes. To ensure laptops are working properly and equipped with the most updated testing applications. All students must bring their fully charged laptop to school with them on Tuesday, February 20th.

Finally, a quick update on course registration for the 2024-2025 school year. At this time, all of our current Juniors have turned in their course requests for next year. Our counseling team is now meeting with our current Sophomores and next week they will begin meeting with our current Freshmen. Once all course cards are collected we will begin the process of verifying student course requests. Beginning on March 7th, students will be able to log into HAC to view their course requests and will have until March 19th to make any changes. A link for course request changes will be shared with students closer to March 7th.

I hope everyone has a great week. We look forward to seeing all of our Bulldogs the rest of this week and then again on Thursday night at Winter Formal. As a final reminder, there is no school for our students on Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th. Our school offices will also be closed on these dates as all staff will be in professional development.

Have a great evening,

Jae Gaskill
Principal