

Bulldog News 3-1-2024

Happy Friday Bulldogs. I know everyone is ready for some sunshine and it looks as though this weekend will not disappoint. Speaking of the sun, I know everyone is aware of the amazing celestial event that will be happening in our community. The total eclipse of the sun will occur on Monday, April 8th at approximately 1:43pm. While an eclipse will typically occur somewhere in the world every 1 to 2 years, it could be up to 400 years before it will ever repeat this path over the North Texas area. We do not want our Bulldogs to miss out on this amazing opportunity. Our campus is in the planning stages to ensure that all students will have the opportunity to participate in a solar eclipse viewing party. MISD will be supplying every student with ISO certified glasses to view the solar eclipse. These glasses are only to be worn while viewing the eclipse, not while driving or doing other outside activities. Students will be provided with the glasses during their 7th period class immediately before they go outside to view the event. While this is an amazing opportunity, we also understand and respect that some students should not participate. If you prefer that your child forgo the opportunity to participate please use this link to access our [Opt Out Form](#). This form communicates to us any parents' desire for their child to not participate in viewing the Solar Eclipse all together, even virtually, or allows students to remain indoors if needed. Parents will need to print the form and either scan and email to [yday@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:yday@mckinneyisd.net) or hand deliver to Libby Baumgartner in the MNHS Front Office. All opt out forms must be received no later than Wednesday, April 3rd 2024.

I mentioned in my last few letters that our MNHS Counseling Team has been working with our students on their course requests for the 2024-2025 school year. It is important for all students and parents to remember that beginning on March 7th, North's 2024-2025 student course verifications will be available in HAC. We encourage students and parents to review the course requests together and complete the [online form](#) to verify your requests are correct OR that you would like to make a change. There is no need to email, call, or make an appointment once you have completed North's verification Google link. To streamline North's counselors' workload, they will be working directly from the Google form. Please be patient and the counseling team will respond electronically once your change has been made. Sending multiple follow-up emails and phone calls will merely delay the overall process. Due to various course closings and class size issues, students may have been assigned to one or more of their alternate choices. If a student did not list any alternate courses or if those listed will not be available during the 24-25 school year, the counseling team worked to place students in courses that closely matched their original requests, if possible. **This link is currently NOT accepting responses. So please do not try to use the link at this time. The link will go live on March 7th and remain open through March 19th.** All requests to make adjustments to current course requests MUST be made using the link to the online Google form and must be submitted no later than the end of the school day on March 19th.

Next Wednesday, March 6th is our SAT School Day test for our Juniors and any Senior that has paid to take the test. **Students need to be sure to fully charge their laptops and bring both their laptop and charger with them to school on Wednesday, March 6th.** Students that do not have a school issued laptop will be provided a school laptop for testing. Students may not

take the SAT on their own personal device. It is also recommended for students that are in testing to leave their phones, smart watches, wireless headphones (airpods) or other tablets at home. All electronics other than their school issued computers must be turned in before testing.

Other reminders for our students that are involved in testing:

- Bring a light jacket or sweater. Blankets and pillows are not allowed.
- Bring a sack lunch or students may order a lunch from the cafeteria. The lunch will include a ham sandwich, fruit or vegetable snacks and a drink.
- Bring a water bottle or drink with a resealable lid. Canned drinks or “to go” drinks are not allowed.
- Arrive early - testing room assignments have been posted for students but we want to ensure that everyone has time to get to their room and not feel rushed.
- Students may eat breakfast in the cafeteria in the morning before school starts at 7:30am.
- All students are encouraged to eat a good dinner and get a good night’s sleep the night before testing.

We wish all of our students involved in SAT testing the best of luck. Students that are not involved in SAT testing will follow their normal schedule so it is important for all students to be in attendance.

The 3rd Nine Weeks will end next Friday, March 8th. Teachers will be submitting final grades on Friday, March 8th, but Report Card grades will not be posted until after we return from Spring Break on Tuesday, March 19th. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress in any of their classes please contact their teacher directly.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Jae Gaskill  
Principal