We Need Your Old T-Shirts!

Do you have any gently used shirts?

The Student council E&E committee will be collecting shirts this week to make blankets which will be donated to a local homeless shelter!

For each 10 shirts you bring to room 2070, your name will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a gift card!

To help make blankets come after school on 1/16 in room 2070.
MHA is hosting a talk on the risks of vaping on **Monday, January 29** during enrichment in the library.

Please visit the counselor suite to RSVP.
News from the library!

National Rubber Ducky Day is Saturday, January 13th, so are celebrating today. There are 25 hidden rubber duckies throughout the library. Stop by to find one and bring it to the circulation desk and you will receive a prize. Happy National Rubber Ducky Day!
ALL-STATE MUSICIANS

Henry Liu - Violin, Symphony Orchestra
Michael Brockmann - Bass, Symphony Orchestra
Adam Spillman - Violin, Symphony Orchestra
Sophia Tang - Violin, Sinfonietta Orchestra
Cristian Rodriguez - Tenor I, Tenor-Bass Choir
Ella Jackson - Bassoon
Jonas Ruelas - Trombone
Michael Guzman - Trumpet
New Drivers

Any new drivers should stop by the 11th grade office and speak with Ms. Jochec about getting a parking pass for the second semester if they want to drive to school each day.
Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

If you drive your student to school each morning and/or pick them up at school in the afternoon, please remember that we only have two (2) drop-off/pick-up locations:

- At the front of the school at the main campus entrance
- At the circle by the parking garage on Dominion Drive (on the East side of campus)
2nd Annual

KATY ISD
COURSE SELECTION FAIR

DATE: JANUARY 11, 2024  SHOWING: 5:30-8:30PM

Parents, guardians, and students in grades 5-11 are invited to a front-row seat to learn about the course selection process, explore a wide range of exciting elective courses, and learn about innovative programs available at all Junior High and High Schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

STARRING:

Fine Arts, Languages, Careers and Technology, Academic Electives, Special Programs, KAP, AP, Dual Credit, Raines Academy, Miller Career and Technology Programs, Athletics, SchoolLinks, 3 and 4 year planning, Course Selection 101

LEONARD E. MERRELL CENTER
6301 S. Stadium Ln, Katy, TX 77494
UNDERSTANDING 24-25 FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA WALKTHROUGH

EVENT #1 - DEC 13 @ 6PM

24-25 FAFSA WALKTHROUGH

uAspire will address common areas of confusion and guide students and parents on how to effectively respond to questions within the financial aid application.

EVENT #2 - DEC 18 @ 5PM

24-25 FAFSA WALKTHROUGH

This is a duplicate session offering the same content and information. Please note that uAspire will continue to host FAFSA walkthroughs from now until February 2024.

EVENT #3 - JAN 9 @ 4PM

24-25 FAFSA WALKTHROUGH

Guides students and families step-by-step through completing the FAFSA form, breaking down each section to provide a thorough understanding of the application.

EVENT #4 - JAN 18 @ 3PM

24-25 FAFSA WALKTHROUGH

The last virtual session will be in late February 2024, so please do not miss the opportunity to review what to expect when completing the FAFSA.
High School Preview Night

Wednesday, January 17th
6:00pm-7:30pm
For Grades 9, 10, & 11

- Architecture
- Automotive Technology
- Computer Technician
- Cisco Network Engineering
- Construction Trades
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Cyber Security
- Digital Audio
- Education
- Film
- Health Science
  - Clinical Rotations
  - Dental Assisting
  - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
  - Pharmacy Tech
- Law Enforcement
- Legal Studies
- Manufacturing Engineering
- PACE
- Practicum in STEM
- Veterinary Medicine

1734 KATYLAND DR. KATY, TX 77493
281.237.6300
WWW.KATYISD.ORG/MCTC
Wish your student a “happy birthday” on the THS Marquee. Registration & payment can be found on the THS website or follow the QR code.

Your Student

- $25 through Pay-N-Go
- Sign up 1 week ahead of time
- Stays up for 3 days
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ORDER A SENIOR AD

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PRICING
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• Half page: $150
• Quarter page: $75

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Design it yourself online.
You’ve got total creative freedom!
Order today before space is gone...
We’re excited to introduce an incentive plan to recognize and reward students for their commitment to attendance and good behavior.

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WHAT is it?
A placement test that determines college readiness.

WHO takes the TSIA?
Any student enrolling in a public college or university in Texas.

FREE to Katy ISD students.

UNLESS exempted by meeting set criteria for one or more of the following:
- College Level Courses
- SAT scores
- ACT scores
- Prerequisite for dual credit enrollment
- Immediate score results list strengths and weaknesses
- Grants access to a Student Portal
- Required to enroll in public colleges and universities in Texas (unless exempt)

HOW to enroll & prepare?
Contact your campus CFF for more information.

WHY does it matter?
Adaptive (adapts to your ability in real time)

Junior Mustang of the Month

James Shirley
Nominated by Ms. Hendricks

Alayna Klinger
Nominated by Ms. Abedi
Junior Mustang of the Month

Kira Bruce
Nominated by Ms. Ferreira

Michael Dagenais
Nominated by Mr. Simmons
FINE ARTS FLASH
JANUARY 8TH-14TH

ART
Congrats Dana Kawashi and Erin Jeon as a HISD Rodeo Finalist!

BAND
Congratulations to Ella Jackson, Jonas Rueles, and Michael Guzman on making All State!

CHOIR
Masterworks is February 3rd at 7pm in the PAC.
Congrats Cristain Rodriguez on making All State!

DANCE
Save the Date: January 25th Contest Preview at 6:30 in the Competition Gym!

ORCHESTRA
Masterworks February 3rd in the PAC at 7pm

THEATRE
Spongebob the Musical runs January 19th and 20 as well as 26th and 27th 7pm in the PAC.

PIECES OF THE WEEK
THIS WEEK’S FEATURED ART IS BY (LEFT TO RIGHT) LEINA, 10TH GRADE AND MARIA 11TH GRADE
JAMES E. TAYLOR
MUSTANG THEATRE

25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee
September 28th, 29th, 30th

MacBeth
October 19th, 20th, 21st
Performing Arts Center

A Christmas Carol
December 8th and 9th
Black Box

SpongeBob The Musical
January 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th
Performing Arts Center

Disney’s Frozen Jr.
April 25th
Performing Arts Center

Tickets at Mustangtheatre.org
JET CHOIR
CONCERT SEASON
2023-2024

FALL PREMIERE  26 SEP
EXPRESSIONS SONGFEST  26 OCT
KALEIDOOSCOPE OF CHOIRS  30 OCT
40TH ANNUAL MADRIGAL DINNER  1/2 DEC
MASTERWORKS  3 FEB
EXPRESSIONS MADRIGAL PREVIEW  20 FEB
CHORAL CLASSICS  26 MAR
NON VARSITY UIL  2/3 APR
VARSITY UIL  4/5 APR
EXPRESSIONS REVUE  8 MAY
TAYLOR TUNES  14 MAY

MORE INFO
TAYLORCHOIR.ORG
Swimming & Diving

District Meet
@Jordan HS
Friday-Saturday, January 26-27
Golf

**Varsity Boys vs Clear Brook**
@ Gus Wortham/Bay Oaks
Monday-Tuesday, January 15-16

**Varsity Girls vs Clear Creek**
@ Moody Gardens
Monday-Tuesday, January 15-16
Wrestling

District Dual Championship
@ Merrell Center
Wednesday, January 10

Huntsville Dual
Saturday, January 13
Boys Basketball

vs Cinco Ranch
Tuesday, January 9
4:00 pm - Soph & 9B
5:30 pm – JV & 9A
7:00 pm – Varsity

@ Seven Lakes
Friday, January 12
4:00 pm - Soph & 9B
5:30 pm – JV & 9A
7:00 pm – Varsity
Girls Basketball
@ Cinco Ranch
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7:00 pm --- Varsity
vs Seven Lakes
Friday, January 12
4:00 pm --- 9A
5:00 pm --- 9B
5:30 pm --- JV
7:00 pm --- Varsity
Girls Soccer

vs Cy Creek
Tuesday, January 9
5:30 pm – JVB
7:15 pm – Varsity

I-10 Shootout
Thursday-Saturday, January 11-13
Boys Soccer

Varsity @ Cy Ridge Tournament
Thursday-Saturday, January 11-13

JVA & JVB @ Klein Collins
Friday, January 12
5:30, 7:00 pm
Baseball Tryouts!

For all those who have not signed up for baseball tryouts, there will be an informational meeting on January 5\textsuperscript{th} during Enrichment.

It will be held in Coach Krenek’s room, 2060.
Softball

Softball season is almost here. We will have softball tryouts on **Friday, January 12th starting at 3:00pm** at the softball field. Bring your equipment. If you have any questions, please see Coach Powell in 9111 or Coach Larsen in 9212.
THIS WEEK IN TAYLOR ATHLETICS

MONDAY, 1/8
NO EVENTS

TUESDAY, 1/9
GIRLS BASKETBALL: @ Cinco Ranch
9A, 4:00; 9B, 5:00
JV, 5:30; Varsity, 7:00

BOYS BASKETBALL:
vs. Cinco Ranch @ THS
9B & Soph, 4:00
9A & JV, 5:30
Varsity, 7:00

GIRLS SOCCER:
vs. Cy Creek @ THS
JVB, 5:30; Varsity, 7:15

WEDNESDAY, 1/10
WRESTLING:
All Teams @ District
Dual Championship, LMC

THURSDAY, 1/11
GIRLS SOCCER:
All Teams @ I-10 Shootout

BOYS SOCCER:
Varsity @ Cy Ridge Tournament

FRIDAY, 1/12
GIRLS SOCCER:
All Teams @ I-10 Shootout

BOYS SOCCER:
Varsity @ Cy Ridge Tournament
JVA @ Klein Collins, 7:00

GIRLS BASKETBALL:
vs. Seven Lakes @ THS
9A, 4:00; 9B, 5:00
JV, 5:30; Varsity, 7:00

BOYS BASKETBALL:
@ Seven Lakes
9B & Soph, 4:00; 9A & JV, 5:30
Varsity, 7:00

SATURDAY, 1/13
GIRLS SOCCER:
All Teams @ I-10 Shootout

BOYS SOCCER:
Varsity @ Cy Ridge Tournament

WRESTLING
All Teams @ Huntsville
Dual, 9:00

#HORSEPOWER
Any Vaping/e-Cigarette Offense = Mandatory OAC Placement

What?
- NO VAPING

New State Law
In an effort to emphasize the dangerous and addictive nature of e-cigarettes and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the Texas Legislature passed HB114 into law requiring mandatory disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) placements for vaping offenses.

Why?

Katy ISD Discipline Management Plan

Learn More
https://www.katyisd.org/Page/7504
DRESS FOR SUCCESS
Katy ISD Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct

- No head covering allowed (unless for religious or medical reasons)
- Entire shaded area must be covered
- School ID must be worn at all times
- Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh
- Shoes must be worn at all times

No alcohol, drugs, violence, profanity

School attire may not cause a material or substantial disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations. Failure to adhere to the dress for success expectations will result in disciplinary consequences.
It is *mandatory* for students to wear their school ID's everyday while on campus.

If students forget their ID at home, they must get a temporary ID for that day from their grade level AP office. The cost for a temporary ID is $1.00.

If a student has lost their ID, they can purchase a replacement ID for $3.00 in either the 9th grade front office (freshmen-only) or the counselors' office (all other grades).

Lanyards and ID sleeves are also available to purchase for $1.00 each. Payment can be made either in cash or through Pay N’ Go.