



TEXAN PARENT NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Principal Mc Reynolds

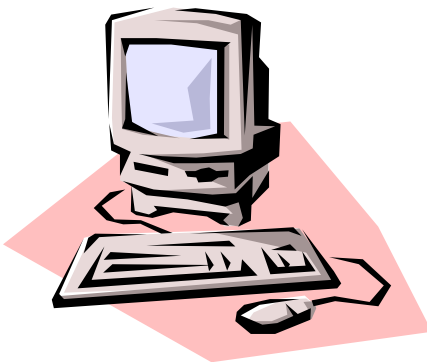
Dear Parents:

It might seem as if I always ask the same things of you from month to month and there is a lot of truth to that. The primary reason for the consistency of these requests is that we really do need your support and help. Making sure that students have a successful high school experience and graduate in four years is a team effort and you are one of the most important members of the team.

We will soon begin the new semester and while many of our students have been very successful, some have not. Please check the report card that you will receive during the week of

January 26. Grades below 70 are failing and you should make immediate contact with your son's/daughter's counselor and make a plan so that your child can stay on track for graduation.

The spring semester brings



us closer to TAKS and this is a very important time for our students, our campus and our District. As we look forward to a successful spring semester, I urge you to do the following:

- **Make sure that your son/daughter arrives by 7:30 am each day.**
- **Make sure that your son/daughter attends school each day**
- **Call the appropriate attendance office if you are aware that your son/daughter will be absent**
- **Make sure that you stay in contact with teachers and counselors**
- **Utilize InTouch to stay on top of grades. Call Mrs. Hamilton if you have questions about InTouch.**

I want to work with you to make sure that your make sure that your son/daughter has a successful school year. Please feel free to call if you have concerns or need my assistance.

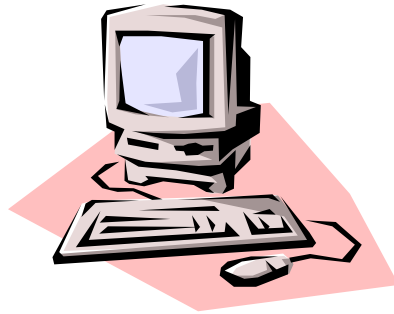
Sincerely,
Beverley McReynolds
Principal

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Estimados padres de familia:

Puede parecer que siempre les pido las mismas cosas de mes en mes y sí hay mucha verdad en eso. La razón principal por la frecuencia de estos pedidos es que realmente necesitamos su apoyo y ayuda. Es un esfuerzo de equipo asegurarse que sus hijos tengan un exitosa experiencia escolar y que se gradúen en cuatro años. Ud. es uno de los miembros más importantes de ese equipo.



Pronto vamos a empezar el semestre nuevo y mientras que muchos de nuestros estudiantes han tenido éxito, otros no. Por favor, revise el informe de calificaciones que recibirá durante la semana del 26 de enero. Las notas más bajas de 70 están reprobando y Ud. debe ponerse en contacto inmediatamente con el consejero de su hijo y ha-

cer planes para que su hijo cumpla con los requisitos de graduación.

El semestre de primavera nos acerca más a TAKS (Asesoramiento de Conocimiento y Aptitudes del Estado de Texas) y es una temporada muy importante para nuestros estudiantes, nuestro campus y nuestro distrito. Mientras anticipamos un semestre primaveral exitoso, le aconsejo que haga lo

siguiente:

- **Asegurarse que su hijo llegue cada día a las siete y media en punto**
- **Asegurarse que su hijo asista a la escuela cada día**
- **Llamar a la oficina de asistencia asignada si sabe antemano que su hijo va a estar ausente**
- **Asegurarse que Ud. esté en contacto con los maestros y los consejeros.**

- **Utilizar InTouch (sistema electrónico de comunicación entre los maestros y los padres) para que Ud. pueda estar enterado de las calificaciones.**
- **Debe llamar a la Sra. Hamilton si Ud. tiene preguntas sobre InTouch**

Llamar a la escuela a 682-867-8200 si tiene algunas preguntas

Me gustaría trabajar con Ud. para estar segura que su hijo tiene un exitoso año escolar. Por favor, no dude en llamar si tiene dudas o necesita mi ayuda.

Atentamente,

Beverly McReynolds
Directora

Senior Class News Last of the Decade Best of the Minds: Senior Class of 2009

Attention Senior Parents

Worried about how to send your Sam Houston student to College next year?



The University of Arlington is offering education scholarships to students who meet the following requirements:

1. Must be an undergraduate (graduate of high school)

2. Must be enrolled for at least half time (6 credit hours)
3. Meet family income limit of \$65,000 or less
4. Must meet academic requirements
5. 2009 Freshmen academic are eligible to receive for up to 5 years.

Students who apply after deadline will be awarded grant assistance on funds available basis.

So Seniors apply early and take advantage of this opportunity to get a

FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION!!

For more information, contact UTA Financial Aid Office at 817-272-3561 or visit.

www.UTA.edu/fao

UTA EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH HITS THE ROAD

The Advisory Center, located in the library of the Sam Houston High School. Is ready to assist students reach their education goals .

Talent Search students will have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to UT Arlington through the TS program. Student must meet the following criteria to apply for the scholarship:

1. Be an **ACTIVE** participant in the TS program
2. Must plan to attend UT Arlington immediately following HS graduation.
3. Other criteria and official applications will be available Spring 2009 newsletter

ROAD TRIP

Spring is out busiest travel semester. We take many trip to local and regional colleges and universities and we want you to be prepared an have fun on your trip.

Travel Agreement & Release Indemnification Agreement

Completed and turned in by the time we depart. Student must complete both forms for Every Trip and will not be allowed to load the bus without them.

Transportation , meals and hotel are covered by ETS.

Schools we hope to visit in the Spring and Summer 2009

- Sam Houston State Univ.
- TCU
- UT Arlington

- Univ. of Houston
- Baylor Univ.
- UT in Austin
- Texas A & M Commerce
- Texas A& M University
- TCC
- University of North Texas

List of Scholarship websites that may help you obtain financial assistance:

- Www.College for Texans.com
- Www.fastweb.com
- Www.netaid.org
- Www.educationisfreedom.com
- Www.beinganamerican.org

Schedule of Events

12/6 SAT
 12/13 ACT
 12/22- 1/2 Winter Break
 12/24 Christmas Eve
 12/25 Christmas Day

Christmas in the Land of Oz Picture



Dorothy & crew

DECEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 SAT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ACT
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Winter Break 12/22-1/2						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Winter Break 12/22-1/2						



DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



"Christmas in the Land of Oz" Written by :Ruth F. Perry, was the selected fall production performed by Sam Houston Theater students.



The play was very well received by the community; as well as over 1500 elementary students within the Sam Houston cluster of schools.

The public show featured a holiday reception catered by the **Food Nutrition Department** under **Dale Duncan's** direction.



Congratulations !!! Ms. Grogan ,Ms. Chapman & all who participated in this production.

- **LULAC Youth, Council 1001**
Meetings:
 Every other **Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00;**
Room 228
Membership dues: New members \$11.60
Returning members \$10.60
Focus: Education, Scholarships, Leadership, Community Service, Fundraising
District Convention:
Fort Worth, TX April, 2009
State Convention:
Dallas, Texas, June 4-7, 2009
Officers:
Jaime Villeda, Rito Herrera, Stephaine Gámez, Grisel Pérez, George Aguilar.



On December 6, Sam Houston Tex-Annes, participated in the 2008 Arlington Holiday Lights Parade

Under the direction of Sara Howard. The ladies of Sam ,danced, cheered and entertained both young and old at this event.



Thousands of people gathered for the annual parade of floats, bands, holiday music and dancers.

Way to go!!
 Tex-Annes!!





JANUARY 2009

Schedule of Events

1/5 First day back after Winter Break

School Board Meeting 7pm

1/15-16 Semester Exam s

1/16 End of the First Semester

1/19 MLK Jr. Holiday

1/20 Student Holiday

1/21 Second Semester Begins
(4th Six Weeks)

1/22 School Board Meeting 7pm

1/23 Report Card Day

1/24 SAT

1/21-23 Financial Aid Awareness Week -12th grade

1/26 Admission Application Workshop 2:45-4 pm

1/31 Football Banquet -SSHS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			1/15-1/16 SEMESTER EXAMS			
18	1/19 MLK Jr Holiday (No School)	1/20 Student Holi- day/Staff Development	21	22	Report Card Day	24 SAT
25			28	29	30	31

JANUARY CLUB & ORGANIZATION MEETING

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Wanted

Parents needed to lead
the Parent Student
Teacher Organization.

Positions Available

President

Vice-President

Treasury

Secretary

Please call Ms. Burch at
682-867-8543 for more details

All we need is You!

- Ready, Set, Teach** is coming the Sam Houston . Look for posters and flyers around with meeting time and room assignment.

For more information see Ms. Hennington.

- SWAT**(Students with a Testimony) Meet with Thursday at 7:15 in Room 920.
- Key Club** Meeting every other Thursday in Room #108 after school.



FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ACT
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 2/16 President's Day No School	16	17	18	19 2/19 Teacher Talent Show Main Auditorium	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Schedule of Events

- 2/5 School Board Meeting 7pm
- 2/7 Sweet heart classic 7-11
- 2/7 ACT
- 2/9 College Financial Aid Night
6:30 -8 pm
- 2/9 Career Exploration-Nursing
6:30-8pm
- 2/16 President's Day/Student holi-
day
- 2/19 School Board Meeting 7pm
- 2/19 SHHS Teacher Talent Show
Main Auditorium
- 2/21 DFW Alliance:Trio Day Cele-
bration 8:30-3pm UT Arlington
University Center 2nd Floor
- 2/26 Black History Month Pogram
Little Theater 6:30 -8:00 pm
- 2/28 Girl Univ. 8am-4pm UTA
Arlington University Center 300
W. 1st St.

FEBRUARY CLUB & ORGANIZATION MEETING

Sweetheart Classic

Saturday February 7

7 pm - 11 pm

Admiral Hotel

Sponsored by Student Council

- Art Club meets every
Thursday, Room #915 at
3pm.

Upcoming Testing in March 2009

Senior Parents.....

Exit Level TAKS (Spring 2009)

- March 3-ELA
- March 4-Math
- March 5- Science
- March 6- Social Studies
- Academic Quiz Team will
meet Wed in Room 421

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Sam Houston High School Administrators

Beverly McReynolds LaJuan Grammar Hugh Spence Joe Loftin Katrina Semones Ivy Haynes Blanca Riyanto Hugh Spence Sara Clardy Charmaine Johnson	Principal Senior AP A-Z 9-11 A-BI 9-11 Bm- FI 9-11 Fm-Hern 9-11 Hero -Med 9-11 Mee-Pen 9-11 Peo-So 9-11 Sp-Z	682-867-8200 682-867-8502 682-867-8504 682-867-8514 682-867-8508 682-867-8516 682-867-8512 682-867-8510 682-867-8506
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SAM HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS & STAFF

Susan Hunt Susan Miller Terri Butler Ruth DeAnda Jameson Francis Raveen Singh Becky Brewer Jason Waite	A-Be Bf-Dom Don-Gua Gub-Laz Lb-Mol Mom-Q R-Step Steq-Z	Parents you may contact your students counselor regarding testing and scholarship information by calling the Counseling Office at 682-867-8206. Counseling Secretary: Alma Recendez 682-867-8206 Guidance Tech: Tamra Garcia 682-867-8207 Testing Coordinator: Dayna Taylor 682-867-0180
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TAKS and College Entry Exam Schedules

Senior Parents..... Exit Level TAKS (Spring 2009) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3-ELA • March 4-Math • March 5- Science • March 6- Social Studies **** SAT TESTING DATES Saturday, Dec..6	Saturday, Jan 24 ACT TESTING DATE Saturday, Dec.13 Saturday, Feb. 7 *** College Course Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 29th (all day) and continues from 6:30-8:00 pm. Parents you are welcomed ,so please plan to 	<u>Pre-Registration for Classes</u> Freshmen, Sophomore , and Juniors Pre-Registration will be held: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 7th& 8th- Juniors • Jan 23rd & 26th- Sophomores • Jan 27th & 28th-Freshmen During these meeting we will be stressing the importance of understanding your graduation plan, credits, and course selection. -Counseling Office
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Winter Sports: Get on Board

The Sam Houston Winter Sport Season has begun: Boys'/Girls' Basketball, Boys' soccer and baseball.

The Fighting Texan Basketball Teams are led by two new arrivals to the Sam Houston Family.

Boys Head Coach Donte' Wilson and Girls Head Coach Andrea Robins. Both bring talent, determination and skill to the fighting Texan family.

The Boy's Basketball team recently competed in the South Lake Carroll Tournament and finished in second place. The Girls Basketball Team recently completed in the Ennis Tournament and were very competitive.

Games start at 7:30

Boys Basketball Schedule

Dec 19 Sam Vs Cleburne
 Jan 2 Sam Vs Mansfield – Away
 Jan 6 Sam vs Arlington Lamar –Here
 Jan.9 Sam vs Arlington - Away
 Jan 13 Sam vs Arlington Martin-Away
 Jan.16 Sam vs Mansfield Summit– Away
 Jan.20 Sam vs Arlington Bowie-Away
 Jan. 27 Sam vs Mansfield-Here
 Jan.30 Sam vs Arlington Lamar –Away
 Feb. 3 Sam vs Arlington –

Games start at 7:30

Girls Basketball Schedule

Dec 16 Sam vs Arlington Bowie-Home
 Jan2. Sam vs Mansfield –Away
 Jan 9 Sam vs Arlington –Away
 Jan 13 Sam vs Arlington Martin – Away
 Jan 16 Sam vs Mansfield Summit-Home
 Jan 20 Sam vs Arlington Bowie-Away
 Jan 27 Sam vs Mansfield-Home
 Feb. 3 Sam vs Arlington-Home
 Feb 10 Sam vs Mansfield Summit–Away

Varsity Boys Soccer

Jan 2 Sam vs Mansfield Timber-view-Away 2pm
 Jan 8-10 Desoto Tourn
 Jan 13 Sam vs DeSoto –Home
 Jan 16 Sam vs FW Carter Riverside –Home 8pm
 Jan 20 Sam vs SGP 8pm
 Jan 22-24 Crowley Tourn
 District Games (all games listed 8 pm)
 Jan 27 Sam vs Mansfield -Away
 Jan 30 Sam vs Lamar
 Feb 3 Sam vs AHS –Away
 Feb 6 Sam vs Martin -Home
 Feb 10 Sam vs Mansfield Summit-Home
 Feb 13 Sam vs Bowie –Away
 Feb 20 Sam vs Mansfield-Home 6pm

Texan Baseball Schedule

The Sam baseball team has been working hard all off season. Our 2009 edition returners include outfielder Terry Voung, Pitcher Jose Martinez, Shortstop Jerry Perez, outfielder Armando Cardenas and 1st baseman Miguel Gil.

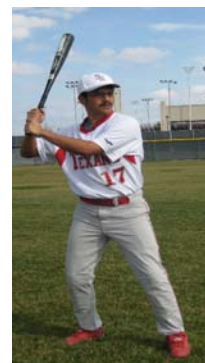
This year we are hosting an Alumni game scheduled for April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Our baseball players decided to form a spirit group this fall to support other sports on campus. The charter members were inducted in a ceremony this fall.

Tryouts are scheduled for Jan 30 and Feb 1st. Contact Coach Powers or Chance for more info.

Texans Baseball Schedule

2/10 Sam vs Argyle-Home
 2/14 Sam vs Garland –Away
 2/17 Sam vs Trinity –Home
 2/21 Sam vs Cleburne –Away
 2/24 Sam vs Poly –Home
 2/26-2/28 Desoto Tournament



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2000 Sam Houston Dr.
Arlington, TX 76014

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Parenting Teens

Parents and other family members have an enormous effect on the emotional health of teenagers. The teenage years are normally challenging even when kids are raised in well-adjusted, communicative families that **foster honesty and a healthy self-esteem.**

Teenagers naturally struggle with issues of self-identity and rebellion, burgeoning sexuality, fluctuating hormones, and evolving brain function.

The more educated parents are about what is happening to their teenagers, the easier it will be to handle any problems that may arise, particularly drug and alcohol abuse.

The most effective and most important skill parents can have to help their teenagers steer clear of drug and alcohol abuse is **COMMUNICATION.**

“Once you know your family loves you,



You are free to fail and free to succeed.”

President George W. Bush

There are things you can do to help keep your teenagers off drugs.:

- Let your teenagers know that you love them. Kids need to hear that you care.
- Teach, don't criticize. Instead of getting angry, give other options
- Learn to communicate in positive ways. Learn to explain why you want them to do certain things and not other things.
- Talk about drugs and alcohol
- Learn about current drugs. Educate yourself about different drugs and their common or slang names.
- Be involved in your teen's life

Let your teenagers know that you love them and are looking out for their safety.