



Terrell High School Quarterly Newsletter February, March, April 2010

It seems hard to believe that we have reached the end of first semester. Report cards were sent with students on January 29th. This is a busy time of the year in the classroom and for extracurricular/co-curricular activities – Net Ole` and the National Spanish Exam, UIL contests, concerts and band competitions, livestock shows, DECA, Skills USA, tryouts and shows, and sports.

Testing Season

TAKS testing falls within this quarter. Teachers are working to tutor students who need additional work. There is a bus that runs a late route at 5:00 every Monday through Thursday from the bus pick up area. We will also be coordinating a Saturday program for Math and Science starting in March and are working on a number of student incentives. Seniors who have satisfied all testing requirements will be released at 10:15 am (with projects) on March 3, April 28, 29, and 30. We ask that you help us by delaying appointments on testing days and communicating to your student the importance of doing their best.

- **March 3 – Reading (9th grade), ELA (10th and Exit)**
- **March 1, 4, 5 – Exit Retest for seniors/graduating juniors**
- **April 27 – Math (10th)**
- **April 28 – Math (Exit and Retest)**
- **April 29 – Math (9th), Science (10th, Exit, Retest)**
- **April 30 – Social Studies (10th, Exit, Retest)**

Graduation

Commencement exercises are moving back to Terrell. The date is June 3, 2010 at 8:00 pm. We will graduate at Memorial Stadium and reserve the Performing Arts Center/Athletic Complex as an inclement weather site. Tickets will not be required for seating at the stadium; however, the PAC will be ticketed if we need to go there. We will provide as many tickets per graduate as we can and the number will be based on the number of graduates. The decision to move graduation was made based on requests received through Mr. Rodger's office and the costs associated with renting the Special Events Center (over \$22,000).

2010-2011 Scheduling

A reminder that course selections for next year are due to the Counselor's Office by February 15th. Counselors have been meeting with individual students to review transcripts, personal graduation and four-year plans. If you still need to visit with your student's counselor, please make an appointment so we know you are coming. Student schedules can be adversely affected by poor TAKS performance.

College Planning Website

This is a free website that helps with college search, planning and information. It is sponsored by **Peterson's, a national clearing house.** To access, please go to www.mystudentedge.com. The initial access code for Terrell is **QUAGPAJG**. To complete registration, all you have to do is provide additional information and then individual passwords can be created.

Junior English Research Paper

Juniors will start their annual research project during March. Please remind your student to be very aware of timelines for this project. English III grades for both the fifth and sixth six weeks will be impacted. Be on the lookout for additional information from Ms. Harrelson and Mr. Drake.

Open House

Spring Open House is March 9th, at 6:30 pm. Teachers will be available for conferences and activities will be occurring in conjunction.

Science Fair

Check with your student about their science fair project. All students should be working on project or research for Science Fair. Science Fair will be March 9th, along with Open House.

Senior Scholarships

The counselors will be meeting with seniors on February 17th to provide information about the 2010 Local Scholarship Program. The deadline for submitting applications is March 11. Senior Awards are May 27th. Last year, local community and civic groups, churches, and others gave over \$300,000 to seniors.

Campus Events (as received by 2.1.2010) Check the district web site for athletic activities and additional events.

February 2-6FW Livestock Show	February 2	DECA Competition
February 3-6Skills USA Competition	February 6	Solo & Ensemble
February 10 Class Meetings (9 th , 10 th , 11 th)	February 11	Black American History Program
February 17 Senior Scholarship Meeting	February 20	Jazz Ball
March 6 Cheerleader Tryouts	March 9	Open House
March 11/12 Early Release/Staff Development	March 15-19	Spring Break
March 24-28 State Skills USA	March 29	Net Ole`
Spanish Competition		

April 2 Drill Team Tryouts
April 22-25 Band Trip
May 14 Shattered Dreams

April 14-16 Band Solo & Ensemble
April 24 Tigerette Show
May 15 Prom - Citiplace

Prom

Prom is May 15th at Citiplace in Dallas. Tickets are on sale now at their lowest prices; the closer to prom, the more expensive tickets become. Students with outstanding fines cannot purchase tickets until fines are paid. Prom escorts who are not THS or Phoenix Center students must be enrolled in high school and be approved by campus administration. Prom is held at a secure location. For the past two years, students have had a very enjoyable experience. Always looking for parent chaperones....