# Elite College Prep Academy

"Our mission is to develop strong critical thinkers that will graduate from four year competitive colleges by providing strict character development and a rigorous academic curriculum."

### February 11, 2016

## Celebrate Black History Month!

Visit our webpage at **www.hgaschools.org** for the latest news and other important information. Please feel free to give us a call at (832) 649-2817 if you have any questions, concerns, or if you need to report any suspicious activity.

In 1976, the week in February became a month-long celebration, known today as African American History Month. Black History Month is an opportunity to emphasize the history and important achievements of African Americans.

<u>Marching Cougars:</u> Our Marching Cougars' band is participating in the African American History Month Parade on Saturday, **February 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. in Downtown Houston!

**Spring Pictures:** Lifetouch is returning for spring pictures on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Take advantage of bright colorful spring clothing and accessories! Students will be allowed to be out of uniform if they are taking the spring pictures, but if the attire has the <u>color red</u>, <u>then the student must</u> <u>change</u> into their full uniform following pictures.

**<u>Go Texan Day:</u>** Wear your favorite boots, cowboy hat, and western gear to celebrate Go Texan Day on **February 26<sup>th</sup>**!

**School Yearbook:** Order your yearbook by March 11<sup>th</sup> for <u>only \$50</u>. See Ms. Bogany for more details.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Spring Break

March 29, 2016 STAAR TESTING:

7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Writing 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Math 9<sup>th</sup> Gr. English I EOC

March 30, 2016 STAAR TESTING: 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Reading

March 31, 2016 STAAR TESTING: 10<sup>th</sup> Gr. English II EOC Character Counts: Courage

#### SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

**<u>Cell Phone Policy:</u>** Keep in mind that our school has a policy of NO cell phones or electronics. If confiscated, the parent must come to the office to retrieve it and pay a \$15 fee. All collected fees are applied to our generous scholarship account. **Dismissal:** Please ensure you pick up your students on time. A grace period of 30 minutes will be given to ensure all students are picked up. After the 30 minutes grace period, a fee of \$15 will be charged. Attendance directly affects your child's academic performance. Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. are considered tardy. If your child arrives to school tardy three times within the same week, Saturday detention will be assigned. Students who are absent should submit a written excuse (parent's note or doctor's excuse) upon returning to school. Excessive tardies and or absences are referred to the district's truancy officer. Furthermore, high school students with excessive absences will lose credit for the semester.

Be the change you want to see at Elite College Prep Academy!

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