

## Important Dates:

❖ Jan. 10:  
Open House

❖ Jan. 10 –  
Mar. 25:  
District  
Wide  
Fundraiser

❖ Jan. 20:  
Martin  
Luther King  
Jr. Day

❖ Jan. 22:  
Stephen F.  
Austin  
College  
Tour

❖ Apr. 7 – 8 &  
May 5-8:  
STAAR/  
EOC  
Testing

❖ May 12-13:  
STAAR  
Testing

Texas Education  
Agency (TEA)

2019

Accountability  
Ratings:  
Coral Campus  
"A" 92 Overall  
Elite Campus  
"A" 92 Overall

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### Greetings Elite 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

Welcome to 2020! The New Year provides an opportunity to refocus on what has been achieved and what still needs to be accomplished. We are ready to make 2020 a year filled with success through hard work and dedication by providing scholars with daily opportunities to grow. The hard work is the responsibility of us all – teachers, scholars, staff, families, and administrators.

**Open House:** We are excited to invite you to our second Open House on Friday, January 10 from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to retrieve your child's report card for the second nine weeks. This is a great opportunity to speak with teachers about your child's progress, needs, and abilities.

**District-Wide Fundraiser:** We are conducting our annual car raffle fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 each and the Grand Prize is a brand new Nissan Armada. We need everyone's support and cooperation to make our fundraiser a success. All proceeds will go towards scholarships, sports, clubs, and activities. Visit our website for official rules and other information.

**National Holiday:** There will be no school on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**College Trip:** Our 12<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to take a site tour of Stephen F. Austin on Wednesday, January 22.

**Attendance:** Regular school attendance is a key factor in scholar success. It is just as important that scholars arrive to school on time. Scholars are expected to be at their desks ready to learn promptly at 7:45 a.m. Three tardies will equate to one day of Saturday detention. Students who are absent must 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.**

**Student Check-Out Policy:** Anyone checking out scholars early must bring a government issued identification and must be listed on the scholar's emergency card. Scholars will not be released after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 2:00 p.m. on Fridays

**Cell Phone Policy:** Keep in mind that our school has a policy of **NO cell phones or electronic devices.** If confiscated, the parent must come to the office to retrieve it and pay a \$15 fee. All collected fees are applied towards our scholarship account.

#### Assessment Dates (STAAR):

**April 7** – Grade 7 Writing, Grade 8 Math and, Grade 9 English I

**April 8** – Grade 8 Reading and Grade 10 English II

**May 5, 6, 7** - Grades 9 & 10 Algebra I, Biology I, and U.S. History EOC

**May 7** – Grade 8 Science

**May 8** – Grade 8 Social Studies

**May 12** – Grades 6 & 7 Math

**May 13** – Grades 6 & 7 Reading

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