

Good Afternoon Falcons!

**Seniors, if you have not purchased your cap and gown for graduation, you will need to contact [hjgradcenter.com](http://hjgradcenter.com).**

**Students and Parents...Check out the online newspaper, The Nestline – <http://thenestline.com>**

## Counselor Corner

### ATTENTION 2016 SENIORS

**If your child has been offered a scholarship, complete the link below. Even if they don't plan to attend the university and/or accept the scholarship, the form should be completed. OTHS is compiling scholarship information for Katy ISD. Please complete by May 6, 2016.**

[HTTP://GOO.GL/FORMS/8YOGSLWGYB](http://goo.gl/forms/8yogslwgyb)

### **Dual Credit – FREE Tuition and Fees!!!**

That's right, HCC has waived all tuition and fees for dual credit classes! The only expense to students will be the textbook. This will take effect in the Fall of 2016. Summer school classes for this summer will still cost \$216 per 3 hour course. As of now, the dual credit courses that are being offered at Tompkins are Dual Credit English 4 (Seniors) and Dual Credit U.S. History (Juniors). Instructors for dual credit either come from HCC or the campus, if a teacher has the credentials. Instructors for dual credit must have a Masters degree and at least 18 hours in the course. The campus must provide the instructor for the U.S. History course, which could be a difficult process if no one on the campus has these credentials. Currently, we will be trying to hire someone who fits this position but there is no guarantee that the class will be offered if an instructor is not found. As it stands now, we currently have our own instructor for English 4. For other positions for dual credit, we are at the mercy of HCC as to whether or not an instructor is available. These are the reasons as to why it is hard to offer more than a few dual credit classes on the campus. This scenario exists at the other Katy ISD high schools as well.

### **Miller Career Center**

The Miller Career Center Counselor spoke to interested students during enrichment. If your child missed the presentation, feel free to view the information below. Miller has some outstanding programs. There is an application process. The application deadline is **February 12, 2016**. Students may pick up more information from the OTHS counseling office. Accepted students attend half the day at Miller Career Center and the other half at Tompkins High School. Transportation is provided.

<http://www.katyisd.org/campus/MCTC/Documents/MCTC%20Course%20Catalog%202016-2017.pdf>

### **OTHS Course Selection Parent Nights**

Current 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night: Tuesday, February 9 6:30pm OTHS PAC  
Current 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night: Wednesday, February 10 6:30pm OTHS PAC  
Current 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night: Thursday, February 11 6:30pm OTHS PAC

***Students will receive their course selection sheets on Tuesday, February 9 during enrichment. Completed sheets are due to the student's English teacher on Friday, February 12, 2016. Counselors will begin meeting individually with students on February 15-March 4.***

### **Scholarships**

**Check out the OTHS Scholarship**

**Page: <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/OTHS/CounselorsDocuments/Scholarship%20Corner%201-13.pdf>**

**Twitter: OTHSScholarship**

### **Katy Summer Academic Term**

Registration for High School KSAT will not begin until mid-April.

<http://www.katyisd.org/dept/campusadmin/Pages/Summer-Term.aspx>

### Katy Virtual School

Katy Virtual School Registration began on **February 1** for the summer session!

<http://www.katyisd.org/dept/technology/instructionaltechnology/katyonline/Pages/Registration.aspx>

**College Board PSAT/SAT/AP Test Accommodations** -Accommodations for these tests require a separate process from test accommodations which may be offered in a student's IEP or Section 504 plan within Katy ISD. Even if your student has accommodations specified within his or her Katy ISD- developed IEP or Section 504 plan, there is no guarantee he or she will be allowed them during the administration of the College Board and ACT tests. The allowance for test accommodations are determined solely by the College Board and ACT testing services. Families, and not Katy ISD staff, are ultimately responsible for obtaining these accommodations. Although Katy ISD will assist with the applications as a courtesy for all students with IEPs and 504 plans for families who timely follow the application process, families have the ability to submit their requests directly to the College Board and ACT test services. Any additional educational and neuropsychological testing needed for or requested by the College Board or ACT testing service offices is the responsibility of the family and will not be provided by Katy ISD staff. Families will receive notification directly from the College Board or ACT testing services on the accommodations granted. It is important for families to adhere strictly to the specified or recommended timelines for submitting all requests for accommodations and to provide whatever documentation is specified. This includes making requests to the appropriate Katy ISD staff within designated timelines as well as the timelines requested by the College Board or the ACT test services offices. Failure to timely submit the requested information to either the testing services or Katy ISD staff may result in your student's inability to be allowed accommodations on his or her test.

If you are interested in your child's counselor submitting test accommodations, complete the parent consent form and return to the OTHS counseling office.

Parent Consent Form: <https://www.collegeboard.org/pdf/ssd/ssd-consent-form-accommodations.pdf>

Deadlines: <https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities/calendar>

### Career and Education Day - PICTURE a Brighter Future!

30th Annual Career and Education Day

Saturday, February 13, 2016

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

George R. Brown Convention Center

Free Event: Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/30th-annual-career-education-day-registration-17713097351>

- **FREE** child care, lunch for the whole family, FAFSA/DACA assistance and completion onsite, tax advice, and so much more!
- **55+** industry leaders discussing professions and careers (divided up by House Bill 5, Endorsements).
- **100+** colleges, universities, trade schools, government agencies and nonprofits will be on hand to chat about courses of study to be successful.
- The **Admissions and Financial Aid Plaza** that will provide valuable information on admission requirements, scholarships, and financial aid.
- The **Parent Track** that will empower parents and loved ones to assist their student to succeed by learning about trending jobs, how to help their student develop a personal plan, and how to tap into resources, and more.

- The special **Middle School Program** will ignite curiosity and interest of our younger participants.
- The **Counselor Track** will arm educators with the latest tools and techniques to help their students become college ready.
- **FREE METRO** rides to the GRB! Visit [www.hispanic-forum.org](http://www.hispanic-forum.org) to learn about free rides on METRO with registration to Career & Education Day 2016.

Don't delay! Please register to avoid long lines on Saturday, February 13, 2016.

**Take Flight** - February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (Teen DV Month.) This is a time for people all over the country to come together and raise awareness about the important issue of teen dating violence. After all, **one in three teens will experience some form of abuse in a dating relationship**, and we think that's one too many.

The next Take Flight session is on February 16 and will deal with teen dating violence. Students will view and discuss a short 20 minute video. Information about the program can be found at <http://dontletyourself.org/about/curriculum.html>

If you would prefer that your child **not** watch the video, please complete the opt out form attached. The form must be sent to the counseling office by **Friday, February 12, 2016**. Students will be assigned an alternative room and expected to work on homework during Take Flight time.

**PSAT Paper Copies** - PSAT Paper Copies will be given to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students during their English class. Information explaining what the scores mean can be found below:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/student-score-reports>

#### **Stress Management Student Group**

Is your child stressed? Do they need to learn positive ways to cope? If so, students may pick up information regarding our student stress management group. Parent Permission slips are available in the OTHS counseling office. Group will meet for eight weeks on Thursdays from 2:45-3:30pm. For more information, contact Mona Clark at [remonalclark@katyisd.org](mailto:remonalclark@katyisd.org)

#### **Love and Logic Parenting Classes**

**Love and Logic Parenting Classes are being offered at Tompkins High School.**

This course follows the video series parent training program titled "Becoming a Love & Logic Parent" developed by Jim Fay. For more program information log on to [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com)  
The sessions will be presented by Katy ISD facilitators.

The sessions have been designed to help:

- Put an end to arguing
- Teach responsibility without losing their love
- Set limits
- Avoid power struggles
- Guide kids to solve their own problems
- Teach kids to complete chores

A fee of \$10 for the Becoming a Love and Logic Parent workbook will be charged. Cash or a check made out to Katy ISD in the amount of \$10.00 will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling the hosting campus.

#### **Tuesday Sessions**

**Evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**February 9, 16, 23,**

**March 1, 8**

**Registration or questions: Mrs. Clark, 281-234-1031 or [remonaclark@katyisd.org](mailto:remonaclark@katyisd.org)**

**Free childcare available**

## **2016 FINANCIAL INFORMATION ACADEMY**

Saturday, February 27, 2016

9:00 – 11:30 AM and 12:30 – 3:00 PM

Katy ISD Education Support Complex

6301 S. Stadium Lane

Katy, TX

### **If you want to:**

- Learn how to save money for college
- Know the do's and don'ts when completing the FAFSA
- Find out what scholarships are available and how to apply for them
- Have your questions answered about student loans and which one will best serve your students' educational funding needs **JOIN US!!!!**

**This event is FREE for all parents of KISD students!**

**Registration is not required.**

**For more information, contact KISD Counseling & Psychological Services at 281-396-6229**



**Game Day Shirts:** The Senior women and Junior Girls will be selling game day shirts

**Project Graduation** is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used consumer electronics. Your used item(s) will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. 100% of the proceeds will help fund Tompkins Project Graduation.

We are currently collecting the following items:

Cell Phones      Inkjet Cartridges iPads      Smart Watches

Please drop off any items you would like to recycle at the Tompkins High School Main Office.

We greatly appreciate your support!

**Save the Date:** Project Grad will be having their next parent meeting on **February 10th at 7 pm**. We are getting to the really fun part of planning for the party at Main Event so even if you have never been to a meeting NOW is the time to come and help make the party great for this first graduating class! We are also requesting that all parents bring a donation for the February Food Frenzy to the meeting! (soft drinks; individual bags/bars of candy; chips or other snacks) Donations for the past Food Frenzy Days have been a huge help - we appreciate everyone's support!

Graduating Class at Tompkins High School but are just too busy with work and other commitments to volunteer?

- Here is a way you can help! We are looking for donations for the next Falcon Food Frenzy. **We are asking for the following items to be brought to the Front Office by Thursday, February 18th. Please label your donation with February Food Frenzy.**

soft drinks - 12 oz cans of Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, Crush

individual bars/bags of candy or snacks

**Thank you so much for your help!**

If you have questions about Project Grad or would like to be a sponsor please contact Stephanie Kelly at 281-744-8067 or [stephanie.kelly429@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.kelly429@gmail.com)

### **Tompkins PTSA**

- If you missed the opportunity to order your singing telegram and you are still looking for a way to surprise that special friend, order some chocolates from Schokolad Chocolate Factory. Print the attached form or pick up a form in either front office. Turn your order in by Wednesday, February 10 and pick it up during your lunch or after school in the main commons on Friday February 12. If you



order Chocolate Covered Strawberries, your order will be available after school in the main commons so they stay cold. Please be sure to write your students name and grade at the top of the order form. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Debbie Conaway at [debbie\\_conaway@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_conaway@yahoo.com). Thank you for supporting your OTHS PTSA.

- A special general meeting will be held on Friday, February 19, following the 9 AM Coffee With the Principal. The business of the meeting will be the election of the 5 members and 3 alternates for the Nominating Committee.
- Elections for next year's PTSA Board will take place at the regular general membership meeting at 7 PM on Monday, March 28.

### **TOMPKINS FFA BOOSTER CLUB - 2016 SUPER DRAWING**

The Tompkins FFA Booster Club is selling tickets for a Super Drawing to be held at the KISD Livestock Show & Rodeo on Feb. 20. The grand prize is a Polaris ATV (\$7,250.00 value). Additional prizes include a hind quarter of beef (\$500 value), a 48x36-in. painting of the Texas Flag by Tompkins parent Cindy Levine (\$1,400 value), a 25-qt. Brute cooler (\$325 value), and a \$250 gift certificate from Top Golf. Donations of \$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100 could win you one of these prizes! Please contact any Tompkins FFA student if you are interested in purchasing tickets. FFA students will also be selling tickets at Tractor Supply in Katy, Steinhausers in Brookshire, and Ace Hardware on Feb. 6-7 and Feb. 13-14. Make checks payable to Tompkins FFA Booster Club. Thank you in advance for your support! Contact: Kimberly Domangue, fundraising committee chairman, at (832) 723-5363.

### **Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament**

Mark your calendars for the Fourth Annual Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament, Friday May 6th at the Cinco Ranch Golf Club. Enjoy a day of golf while raising money for our teams and the scholarship fund. If you don't golf you can still join us for the reception and silent auction where you can bid on some of our great auction items donated from our sports teams and/or join us for dinner following. If you would like to donate an item, service, gift card or gift basket to be auctioned off at the dinner, please contact the booster club. All proceeds help support our Falcon athletes! For more information regarding Athletic Fundraisers, please go to the Tompkins Athletic Booster Club website for details. [Tompkinsabc.org](http://Tompkinsabc.org)

**SAT Prep Seminar**- Katy ISD, Community Education is sponsoring an SAT Prep Seminar hosted by Sycamore Learning Company. The seminar will be February 13<sup>th</sup> at Morton Ranch High School from 9:00am – 3pm in the LGI. The cost of the seminar is \$89. To register, go to [www.prepforthefuture.com](http://www.prepforthefuture.com) or call 866-223-9691.

