

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this update finds everyone well. I continue to be encouraged by the quality of character I see in the students at Danforth. It is evident that the values you are instilling in your children are taking root.

In the coming weeks, we will be focusing on the third tier of the WISD vision: service. Thanks to our PTO, our students will be encouraged to serve one another, their friends, and their families through the positive reinforcement of Raise Craze.

Thank you for partnering with the staff at Danforth to provide the best learning experience for your children, our students. It is an honor to serve you.

Raise Craze:

I'm excited to share information about a new fundraiser we are launching very soon. We are raising money for our campus "wish list," which includes purchasing equipment and games for outside recreation at lunch, future dances, beautifying our campus, and upgrading facilities such as the girls' locker rooms and new bleachers in the competition gym.

We are partnering with the Danforth PTO to launch Raise Craze! What is Raise Craze, you ask? Raise Craze is fundraising through kindness. That's right—kindness. All you have to do is ask your family and friends to donate money to our school and then pay your kindness forward by completing acts of kindness for others. For example, you can invite someone sitting alone to join you at lunch, pick up trash around the school, or write thank-you notes for family members, Danforth staff, or local services like fire, EMS, or police officers. No act of kindness is too small, and the possibilities are endless.

So you're probably wondering, how does this work? It's really simple: follow these three steps. If you are under the age of 13, you will need an adult to help you.

Step 1: Raise Craze has created a special code just for Danforth. You will find it on an instruction sheet that will be distributed via email and shared on the class GroupMe and Danforth PTO's Facebook page. Type in the registration link, including the code at the end, and you'll be off and running. Once there, you will create your account and dashboard.

Step 2: Select at least three ways you plan to give back and spread kindness. Choose from the options available in the system or create your own. This is what Raise Craze is all about—spreading kindness in your own unique way. One of the available options will be to bring in canned goods for our local Crisis Bread Basket. Bins will be available at the front of the school.

Step 3: Enter email addresses for family, friends, and neighbors who would support your efforts and our school. Raise Craze will handle the rest. They will send the emails, allowing you to start performing acts of kindness. Within your dashboard, you can check off acts of kindness as you

complete them. This is done on the honor system. You can also monitor the amount of your donations coming in.

This fundraiser will run from September 23 to October 4. Of course, we want to have some fun while we pay it forward, so we will have a number of fun incentives and rewards. Details will be provided in the instructions and communication, but if we meet our monetary goal of \$15,000, the reward will be... for the entire school. While we are raising money for our campus, the main emphasis is on acts of kindness, so we will have a competition. The grade that completes the most acts of kindness will win... for the entire grade.

We know that Texans have the power to make a huge impact in our school, our community, and beyond. So let's get out there and make a difference!

UIL Academics:

The University Interscholastic League, UIL, is an academic competition in several academic subject areas in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Students take tests and compete with other students from Fredericksburg, Bandera, and Llano.

How can a student make an Academic Team?

Tryouts will begin on Friday, September 20 during Texan Time. All of the following Fridays will be designated for UIL tryouts/practice. Competitors will be determined by the event's coach by early January at the latest. Three students per grade level will be selected to compete along with one alternate in all events except Art Smart and Music Memory (five competitors and 2 alternates).

How many events can a student try out/practice for?

1, 2, or 3 events. No more than 3.

Students are encouraged to choose an event and attend tryouts for that event on the first Friday (September 20). If a student is interested in 2 events, the student will attend tryouts for another event on the following Friday (September 27). If a student is interested in 3 events, the student will attend tryouts for their 3rd event on the following Friday (October 4). Students continue rotating events on Fridays until the event's coach selects competitors. If students are trying out for only one event, continue going to practice for that one event every Friday.

When is the UIL Meet and Where?

Friday, January 31, 2025 at Bandera Middle School

We will be leaving Danforth before school starts and returning after school ends.

Participants will need to be dropped off early and have transportation home.

Exact times will be announced when they are available.

What events are offered?

Please review the attached file.

National Junior Honor Society Application Information:

Students who were determined to be eligible for the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) received application packets on Friday, September 6.

Eligibility is based on your child's cumulative grade point average (GPA). To qualify, students must have a GPA of 90.0 or higher in the core subjects: math, science, history, and English. This is the first step in the selection process.

Eligible students can now submit additional information for review by the NJHS Faculty Council. In addition to academic achievement, NJHS membership is based on leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Students must demonstrate they meet these standards in their Candidate Application Form.

The completed form is due by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18. This deadline is firm—late forms will not be accepted. Forms should be submitted to Mrs. Hill, NJHS Adviser, in room 204. Candidates will be notified of the selection results by Thursday, September 26. If selected, students will be inducted into NJHS on the evening of Monday, October 7.

For any questions regarding NJHS or the selection process, please contact Mrs. Hill at lindsay.hill@wimberleyisd.net.

Project Art:

Project Art is trying to fill our Middle School class, which meets on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. There are 7 available spots. Tuition assistance and prorated tuition are available. Here's the registration link: [link](#):

Rotary Loves Readers! Contest:

The Rotary Club of Wimberley is sponsoring a reading contest. The winner will receive \$100, and the runner-up will receive \$50. Entries must be submitted to carriec1970@gmail.com or delivered to the Danforth Library by September 30th at 3:00 p.m.

Here's how to enter: On an 8.5 x 11-inch piece of paper, create a cover sheet that includes the following information:

- Student name and grade
- Parent's email address
- Title of the book
- Author of the book

On the next sheet of paper, answer this question: What elements make a book a perfect read for a vacation?

Attention 6th and 7th grade parents:

Does your child love the outdoors? Would they love learning about Florida's diverse wildlife and their habitats? We are teaming up with World Strides and offering your child the opportunity to take a trip to the Florida Keys and Everglades. Come and learn about this trip, what all the students will see, and the many tools available to help families pay for this incredible opportunity. A trip information meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 17th at 5:30 PM in the library. Contact Jaime McCullough at jaime.mccullough@wimberleyisd.net for questions or additional information.

Go Texans!

Joseph T. Holzmann

Principal, Danforth Junior High

Estimados Padres y Tutores,

Espero que esta actualización les encuentre bien. Continúo sintiéndome animado por la calidad de carácter que veo en los estudiantes de Danforth. Es evidente que los valores que están inculcando en sus hijos están echando raíces.

En las próximas semanas, nos enfocaremos en el tercer nivel de la visión de WISD: el servicio. Gracias a nuestra PTO, nuestros estudiantes serán alentados a servir a los demás, a sus amigos y a sus familias a través del refuerzo positivo de Raise Craze.

Gracias por colaborar con el personal de Danforth para proporcionar la mejor experiencia de aprendizaje para sus hijos, nuestros estudiantes. Es un honor servirles.

Raise Craze: Estoy emocionado de compartir información sobre una nueva recaudación de fondos que lanzaremos muy pronto. Estamos recaudando dinero para nuestra "lista de deseos" del campus, que incluye la compra de equipos y juegos para la recreación al aire libre durante el almuerzo, futuros bailes, embellecimiento de nuestro campus y mejoras en instalaciones como los vestuarios de las chicas y nuevos bancos en el gimnasio de competencia.

¡Estamos colaborando con la PTO de Danforth para lanzar Raise Craze! ¿Qué es Raise Craze, se preguntan? Raise Craze es una recaudación de fondos a través de la amabilidad. Así es: amabilidad. Todo lo que tienen que hacer es pedir a sus familiares y amigos que donen dinero a nuestra escuela y luego transmitir su amabilidad realizando actos de bondad para los demás. Por ejemplo, pueden invitar a alguien que esté solo a unirse a ustedes durante el almuerzo, recoger basura alrededor de la escuela o escribir notas de agradecimiento para miembros de la

familia, personal de Danforth o servicios locales como bomberos, EMS o policías. Ningún acto de amabilidad es demasiado pequeño y las posibilidades son infinitas.

Entonces, probablemente se pregunten, ¿cómo funciona esto? Es muy simple: sigan estos tres pasos. Si tienen menos de 13 años, necesitarán la ayuda de un adulto.

Paso 1: Raise Craze ha creado un código especial solo para Danforth. Lo encontrarán en una hoja de instrucciones que se distribuirá por correo electrónico y se compartirá en el GrupoMe de la clase y en la página de Facebook de PTO de Danforth. Escriban el enlace de registro, incluyendo el código al final, y comenzarán. Una vez allí, crearán su cuenta y panel de control.

Paso 2: Seleccionen al menos tres formas en las que planean devolver y difundir amabilidad. Elijan entre las opciones disponibles en el sistema o creen las suyas propias. Esto es de lo que se trata Raise Craze: difundir amabilidad a su manera única. Una de las opciones disponibles será traer productos enlatados para nuestra Crisis Bread Basket local. Habrá contenedores disponibles en la entrada de la escuela.

Paso 3: Ingresen las direcciones de correo electrónico de familiares, amigos y vecinos que apoyarían sus esfuerzos y nuestra escuela. Raise Craze se encargará del resto. Ellos enviarán los correos electrónicos, permitiéndoles comenzar a realizar actos de amabilidad. Dentro de su panel de control, podrán marcar los actos de amabilidad a medida que los completen. Esto se hace basado en el sistema de honor. También podrán monitorear la cantidad de donaciones recibidas.

Esta recaudación de fondos se llevará a cabo del 23 de septiembre al 4 de octubre. Por supuesto, queremos divertirnos mientras hacemos el bien, por lo que tendremos varios incentivos y recompensas. Los detalles se proporcionarán en las instrucciones y comunicaciones, pero si alcanzamos nuestra meta monetaria de \$15,000, la recompensa será... para toda la escuela. Mientras estamos recaudando dinero para nuestro campus, el énfasis principal está en los actos de amabilidad, así que tendremos una competencia. El grado que complete la mayor cantidad de actos de amabilidad ganará... para todo el grado.

Sabemos que los texanos tienen el poder de hacer un gran impacto en nuestra escuela, nuestra comunidad y más allá. ¡Así que salgamos y hagamos una diferencia!

Competencias Académicas UIL: La Liga Interescolar Universitaria (UIL) es una competencia académica en varias áreas de materias académicas para los grados 6, 7 y 8. Los estudiantes toman exámenes y compiten con otros estudiantes de Fredericksburg, Bandera y Llano.

¿Cómo puede un estudiante formar parte de un equipo académico? Las pruebas comenzarán el viernes 20 de septiembre durante el Tiempo Texano. Todos los viernes siguientes estarán designados para las pruebas/prácticas de UIL. Los competidores serán determinados por el entrenador del evento a más tardar a principios de enero. Se seleccionarán tres estudiantes por

nivel de grado para competir, junto con un alternante en todos los eventos, excepto en Art Smart y Music Memory (cinco competidores y 2 alternantes).

¿Cuántos eventos puede probar un estudiante? 1, 2 o 3 eventos. No más de 3. Se alienta a los estudiantes a elegir un evento y asistir a las pruebas para ese evento el primer viernes (20 de septiembre). Si un estudiante está interesado en 2 eventos, asistirá a las pruebas para otro evento el viernes siguiente (27 de septiembre). Si un estudiante está interesado en 3 eventos, asistirá a las pruebas para su tercer evento el viernes siguiente (4 de octubre). Los estudiantes continuarán rotando eventos los viernes hasta que el entrenador del evento seleccione a los competidores. Si los estudiantes están probando para solo un evento, seguirán asistiendo a la práctica para ese evento cada viernes.

¿Cuándo es el Encuentro UIL y dónde? Viernes 31 de enero de 2025 en la Escuela Secundaria de Bandera. Saldremos de Danforth antes de que empiece la escuela y regresaremos después de que termine. Los participantes necesitarán ser dejados temprano y tener transporte de regreso a casa. Los horarios exactos se anunciarán cuando estén disponibles.

¿Qué eventos se ofrecen? Por favor, revisen el archivo adjunto.

Información sobre la Solicitud para la Sociedad Nacional de Honor Juvenil:

Los estudiantes que fueron determinados como elegibles para la Sociedad Nacional de Honor Juvenil (NJHS) recibieron paquetes de solicitud el viernes 6 de septiembre.

La elegibilidad se basa en el promedio de calificaciones acumulado de su hijo. Para calificar, los estudiantes deben tener un GPA de 90.0 o superior en las materias principales: matemáticas, ciencias, historia e inglés. Este es el primer paso en el proceso de selección.

Los estudiantes elegibles ahora pueden enviar información adicional para su revisión por el Consejo de la Facultad de NJHS. Además del logro académico, la membresía en NJHS se basa en liderazgo, servicio, ciudadanía y carácter. Los estudiantes deben demostrar que cumplen con estos estándares en su Formulario de Solicitud de Candidatos.

El formulario completado debe ser entregado antes de las 4 p.m. del miércoles 18 de septiembre. Esta fecha límite es firme: no se aceptarán formularios tarde. Los formularios deben ser entregados a la Sra. Hill, Asesora de NJHS, en el aula 204. Los candidatos serán notificados de los resultados de la selección antes del jueves 26 de septiembre. Si son seleccionados, los estudiantes serán inducidos en NJHS la noche del lunes 7 de octubre. Para cualquier pregunta sobre NJHS o el proceso de selección, comuníquese con la Sra. Hill a lindsay.hill@wimberleyisd.net.

Proyecto Arte: Project Art está intentando llenar nuestra clase de secundaria, que se reúne los domingos de 4:00 a 5:30 p.m. Hay 7 lugares disponibles. Hay asistencia para la matrícula y matrícula prorrateada disponible. [Aquí está el enlace de registro:](#)

¡El Rotary Ama a los Lectores! Concurso: El Rotary Club de Wimberley está patrocinando un concurso de lectura. El ganador recibirá \$100 y el segundo lugar recibirá \$50. Las inscripciones deben enviarse a carriec1970@gmail.com o entregarse en la Biblioteca Danforth antes del 30 de septiembre a las 3:00 p.m. Así es como participar: En una hoja de papel de 8.5 x 11 pulgadas, cree una hoja de portada que incluya la siguiente información: Nombre y grado del estudiante Dirección de correo electrónico del padre Título del libro Autor del libro En la siguiente hoja de papel, responda a esta pregunta: ¿Qué elementos hacen que un libro sea una lectura perfecta para unas vacaciones?

Atención, padres de 6º y 7º grado:

¿A su hijo le encanta el aire libre? ¿Le gustaría aprender sobre la diversa vida silvestre de Florida y sus hábitats? Nos estamos asociando con World Strides para ofrecerle a su hijo la oportunidad de realizar un viaje a los Cayos de Florida y los Everglades. Venga a conocer más sobre este viaje, lo que verán todos los estudiantes y las muchas herramientas disponibles para ayudar a las familias a pagar esta increíble oportunidad. La reunión informativa sobre el viaje se llevará a cabo el martes 17 de septiembre a las 5:30 PM en la biblioteca. Para preguntas o información adicional, comuníquese con Jaime McCullough al jaime.mccullough@wimberleyisd.net.

¡Vamos, Texans!

Joseph T. Holzmann Director, Danforth Junior High

UIL Academic Contest

Where Everybody Can Be Somebody!

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How do I make an Academic Team?

Tryouts will be held during Texan Time starting Friday, September 20. Texan Time on Fridays (Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan) will be designated for UIL tryouts/practice. Competitors for the UIL meet will be determined by early January by the event's coach. Three students per grade level will be selected to compete along with one alternate in all events except Art Smart and Music Memory (five competitors and 2 alternates).

How many events can I tryout and practice?

Tryout: 1, 2 or 3 events

UIL will only practice during Texan Time every Friday. If you want to tryout for just one event, you will go to that event every Friday during UIL practice. If you are trying-out for 2 or 3 events, you will rotate events every Friday. You will continue practicing those events until the coach decides the team competitors.

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Calculator

This contest is designed to stimulate the development of mathematical and calculator skills. Students will take a test containing 80 problems in 30 minutes.

Coach Bernick
rm #216

Dictionary Skills

Through knowledge of the dictionary is a way to increase a student's ability to find the information that is needed for class work as well as everyday living. The test consists of 40 multiple choice questions.

Coach Parker
Rm #208

Art Smart

The art contest involves the study of 40 paintings from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and from Texas art galleries and museums. The test requires the student to identify the artist's name, and the title of 15 paintings, and 30 questions about art elements.

Coach Ruiz
rm #210

Listening Skills

This contest is designed to help students recognize the importance of effective listening skills and to identify problems they may have in listening effectively. Students listen to a script ranging from 7-10 minutes, take notes as needed, and use their notes to answer 25 multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and true/false test questions.

Coach Shand
rm #206

Maps, Graphs & Charts

The maps, graphs and charts contest is designed to help students learn to obtain information from a variety of maps, pie charts, bar graphs and local area maps. The test consists of 75 multiple choice and true/false questions.

Coach Nance
rm #106

Oral Reading

Reading literature out loud provides opportunities for students to analyze the text, to grow and to develop as a performer, to communicate a message to an audience and to perform an artistic creation. Students will choose from a variety of poetry selections.

Coaches: Pollard & Winebrenner

Initial meeting: rm #306 for all grades
Then 6th will meet in rm #306 &
7th/8th will meet in rm #202

Modern Oratory

Students select one topic, determine the critical issues in the topic, and acknowledge both pro and con points citing support discovered in their research. Students will choose a side to defend and support that side with additional evidence.

Coach Daily
rm #307

Ready Writing

Ready Writing builds upon writing skills and helps students refine their writing abilities. Contestants are given a choice between two prompts.

Coach Hill
rm #204

Editorial Writing

The contest will prepare students to write a well-balanced persuasive paper.

Coach Baumann
rm #220

Science

Emphasis will be placed on knowledge of scientific fact, understanding of scientific principles and the ability to think through scientific problems. The test consists of 35 multiple choice questions.

Coaches:

6th- McCullough rm #217
7th- Novak rm #215
8th- Turbow rm #109

Spelling

This contest is designed to give students exposure to a wide variety of vocabulary words. The test consists of 80 words and 20 tiebreaker words.

Coach Lewis
rm #218

Social Studies

This contest is designed to encourage students to expand their knowledge of social studies, particularly in the areas of history, government systems, economics, citizenship and culture. The test consists of 40 multiple choice questions.

Coach Edelen
rm #303

Number Sense

Individuals use their ability to make quick mental calculations to make decisions. Students will be given a 10 minute, fill-in-the-blank test which they must complete without doing calculations on paper or on a calculator.

Coaches: Hale & Thames
rm #118

Impromptu Speaking

Provides opportunities for students to explore the use of the voice and body in speaking situations, to examine the different purposes for speaking, to organize ideas, to prepare and deliver various speeches and to develop self-confidence. AND IT'S FUN! Contestants draw three topics and have three minutes to prepare a speech, which must be presented without any notes.

Coaches: Tatum and Williamson
rm #116

Music Memory

The focus of the music memory contest is an in-depth study of fine pieces of music literature taken from a wide spectrum of music genres to expose students to great composers, their lives and their music. The test consists of students listening to approximately 20 seconds of up to 20 musical selections. Students write down the name of the major work, the selection title and the name of the composer.

Coach Ms. Mebane
rm #115

Mathematics

This contest provides opportunities for students to further develop and then apply their math knowledge and skills. The test consists of 50 multiple choice problems.

Coach Mrs. Mebane
rm # 202

Chess

The study of chess teaches analytical thinking, pattern recognition, and creativity. Chess puzzle tests consists of 20 chess puzzles that are fill in the blank, multiple choice, and true/false.

Coach: Gilley
rm #120



Rotary Loves Readers! Contest

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wimberley

Entries should be submitted on 8.5 x 11 inch paper with a cover sheet that includes the following:

Student's name and grade;
Parent's email address; and
The book's title and author.

Winner gets \$100. One runner up gets \$50.

Entries must be submitted either to carriec1970@gmail.com OR at the Danforth Library by September 30th at 3 p.m.

CONTEST TO WIN \$100



What elements make a book a perfect read for a vacation? Answer this question and use as an example your favorite book from this past summer break. Contest details on back.

Entries due September 30th

Open to all Danforth Students