

Danforth JH Newsletter - August 26, 2024

Aviation Day for Girls:

We are excited to announce an upcoming event designed to inspire and educate young girls about careers in aviation. Sponsored by the Austin chapter of Women in Aviation International, Girls in Aviation Day will feature booths and activities that introduce girls to various aviation careers.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, September 21, 2024
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Location: Atlantic Aviation, 4309 Emma Browning Ave, Austin, TX 78719
- Audience: Girls aged 8-18
- Cost: Free

For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

With only about 5% of pilots being female, this is a fantastic opportunity for young Texans to explore potential careers in aviation. We hope to see many future pilots at this inspiring event! Please feel free to reach out to our Danforth parent Dr. Meredith Davenport at: Dr.Meredith@TexasAME.com for more information.

Bus Transportation:

The Wimberley ISD Transportation Department is preparing for the upcoming school year and looking forward to serving your family. As we finalize our transportation plans for the 2024-25 year, we need to know which students will be using our services:

- If your student(s) have used our route buses in the morning and/or afternoon and your pick-up/drop-off address has not changed, we do not need to hear from you. Our system automatically updates these students each year, even if they have moved to a different campus.
- If you have a new student at WISD, changes to the pick-up/drop-off address, or new transportation needs, please email transportationadmin@wimberleyisd.net with these updates before August 12th.

The inter-campus shuttle is available only for WISD staff students. If you are a WISD staff member and wish to confirm your child's spot on the shuttle, please email us.

For ALL Bus-Riders:

The SMART Tag system has launched a new Parent App, replacing the previous web-based Parent Portal system.

- [Click here to download the iOS \(Apple\) app.](#)
- [Click here to download the Android app.](#)

If you already had a Parent Portal account:

1. Download the app to your mobile device.
2. Tap "Create an Account" and enter the same email address associated with your Parent Portal account.
3. Enter the 6-digit code emailed to you.
4. Create a password.

You should now be able to view your linked students. Confirm the accuracy of the information and subscribe to SMART Alerts!

If you do not have an existing Parent Portal account:

1. Download the app to your mobile device.
2. Tap "Create an Account" and enter the email address associated with your school district or your current email address.
3. Enter the 6-digit code emailed to you.
4. Create a password.
5. Link your account to your student.

If you are the primary parent and your email address and phone number are not in our system, please contact the Transportation Department. Some new students may not appear in the system yet.

Please email transportationadmin@wimberleyisd.net if you have any other transportation-related questions. We're looking forward to a great year!

LightSpeed:

Students have received their Chromebooks beginning last week. Unfortunately, too many students have typed words or phrases that trigger our Lightspeed system, sending warning notifications to administrators. Words related to weapons, violence, sexual themes, and similar topics activate our filtering system, leading to student interventions and potential consequences. Please discuss with your students the importance of avoiding inappropriate searches or content on Google Docs and Chromebooks to ensure their safety.

MAP Testing:

Danforth will be assessing students in Math, Science, and English using MAP Growth Testing. MAP Growth testing is new to Danforth but not to WISD. Testing will occur during class on the following dates:

- Math: September 3-6, 2024
- English & Science: September 9-13, 2024

MAP Growth is a widely used tool utilized by over thirteen million students in the U.S. It helps guide teachers in making instructional decisions, forming student groups, identifying learning gaps, and measuring reading levels. MAP Growth supports individualized learning for all students, including those at risk, and aids in finding rich curriculum options for accelerated learners. For more information, visit [NWEA's website](#).

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS):

News from Mrs. Hill:

Danforth has a National Junior Honor Society chapter for 8th-grade students. Eligible students will receive an application packet by Friday, September 6. Eligibility is based on:

- A combined average of 90.0 or above (not rounded) in the four core subjects (Math, Science, History, English) for 6th and 7th grades.
- Successful completion of at least one honors course in 7th grade.
- No failing grade (below 70) in any core class.

Students who meet these requirements may submit additional information for consideration by the chapter's Faculty Council, which will review their credentials based on scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. The completed application must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18. Late forms will not be accepted. Submit applications directly to Mrs. Hill, NJHS Adviser, in Room 204. Candidates will be notified of the selection committee's decision by Wednesday, September 25. The induction ceremony will be held at Danforth on Monday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m.

For questions about NJHS or the selection process, or if you were previously inducted into another chapter, please contact Mrs. Hill at lindsay.hill@wimberleyisd.net.

Open House:

Danforth Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event will follow a come-and-go format, allowing families to visit their students' classes at their convenience.

Parents and guardians, this is an opportunity to meet teachers in a welcoming, non-confrontational setting. Please use this time to introduce yourself and learn about the classroom environment. For discussions regarding conflicts, grades, or discipline issues, please reach out to staff outside of the open house.

We look forward to a successful and informative evening!

Peanut Butter Bowl:

Join us for a good cause! Our Wimberley Texans are competing in The Peanut Butter Bowl next Friday, August 30, against Canyon Lake. Let's come together as WISD and have each campus participate by setting up collection points.

The Peanut Butter Bowl aims to support our local food bank by collecting jars of peanut butter for the community. If you prefer to donate money, visit www.peanutbutterbowl.com and select Wimberley Texans. Let's use the

first football game of the year to give back to the community that supports all our programs! When we feed those in need, #WEALLWIN.

Safe Storage of Firearms:

Texas law requires school districts to distribute information about the safe storage of firearms. The attached information will help you learn about options for safe storage and how to discuss firearm safety with your child and others.

- [Gun Safety Parent Letter](#)
- Carta para padres sobre seguridad de armas en español
- Spanish Gun Safety Parent Letter

For more information about safe firearm storage and talking to your child about firearm safety, please visit our [WISD website at Safe Firearm Storage](#).

Student ID Badges:

We are ensuring that students wear their required badges daily as a safety measure. Badges also grant access to various interior areas of the building. Faculty members are expected to wear their badges at all times and set an example for students. Students are also not allowed to go outside during lunch without their student ID badge.

Below is part of an email notification we will send out as students are warned for not displaying their ID badges:

- First Offense: Warning - Temporary Badge Issued
- Second Offense: Warning/Parent Notified - Temporary Badge Issued
- Third Offense: Parent Notified/Lunch Detention - Temporary Badge Issued
- Fourth Offense: Parent Notified/Lunch Detention - Temporary Badge Issued

Please encourage your student to wear their badge each day. If a replacement badge is needed, contact Abby Nusbaum at abby.nusbaum@wimberleyisd.net to request a replacement ID for \$5.

Lanyards are available for \$3, and Mrs. Sivils (erinsivils@wimberleyisd.net) is selling lanyards as part of a yearbook fundraiser in Room 103.

Mental Health Awareness Community Opportunity

Dispelling Mental Health Myths

Mental illness affects countless lives, yet conversations around it often remain taboo. Join us at Wimberley UMC for an evening of dinner and discussion with NAMI-Central Texas as we tackle some of the most pervasive mental health myths. Together, we'll explore how each of us can play a role in transforming the way our community talks about and addresses mental health.

Event Objectives:

- Dispel the myths
- Understand the facts
- Discover available resources

Let's work together to foster a community rooted in compassion, empathy, and understanding for those affected by mental health conditions.

Location: Wimberley UMC Fellowship Hall 1200 County Road 149

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Details:

- Open to all
- Conversations appropriate for 6th grade and up

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