

Danforth Jr. High Newsletter



Date: October 13th, 2026

Principal Message:

Hello Danforth Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the four-day weekend and had an opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend some quality time with family and friends!

Congratulations to our Danforth Texas Star Choir students who auditioned for the TMEA Region 18 Choir this past Saturday! Twelve students participated in the auditions, and five earned a place in the Region Choir!

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work, preparation, and dedication. A special thank you to Mrs. Sharon Bourbonnais for her leadership and commitment to our talented choir students!

Assistant Principal Message:

Partnering for Student Success: A Note on Expectations and Growth

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are fortunate to have amazing students here who make good choices most of the time. However, learning and growing also mean that, occasionally, students need some “redirection.” When that happens, we rely on various strategies to keep our students on track and moving in the right direction.

We strongly encourage a true “team” approach when addressing student behavior and discipline: working together as parents, students, teachers, and administrators.

Part of this process involves helping students understand that receiving consequences is a key way we teach accountability. We ask that you please be supportive if your child receives a consequence from a teacher or administrator. We completely understand that it can be hard as a parent to have someone else discipline your child, and applying consequences is truly the last thing we want to do. However, maintaining a safe, respectful learning environment requires all students to follow expectations and school rules.

Thank you for continually supporting your teachers and administrators as we work together to help our students thrive.

Katy Huebner, Assistant Principal

October [Monthly Menu:](#)

In the Next Few Days:

- 10/14 Pep Rally! Volleyball and Football
- 10/14 7th Grade Football VRS Simon AWAY
- 10/14 8th Grade Football VRS Simon HOME

- [10/14 Class of 2031 8th Grade Formal Committee Meeting 5-6](#)
- 10/15 PINK OUT 7th & 8th grade Volleyball games VRS Simon HOME
- 10/17 TMEA MS Region Choir Clinic & Concert AISD PAC

Looking Ahead:

- 10/20 Fall Choir Concert 6:00PM Lone Star Theatre WHS
- 10/21 - Picture Re Take Day October 21st
- 10/28 - Spirit Rally - Last Football Games
- 10/28 - Candy Salad Bar for staff (see sign up below)
- 11/04- [7th Grade Field Trip to John Knox Ranch Permission Forms Due!](#)
- 11/18- 7th Grade (A-L) Field Trip to John Knox Ranch
- 11/19- 7th Grade (M-Z) Field Trip to John Knox Ranch

Attendance Reminder for Parents

 [Attendance 2026-2027 WISD Student-Parent Handbook.pdf](#)

When submitting an absence note, please provide a brief explanation rather than simply stating “personal reasons.” Detailed information is not necessary, but a general reason helps us correctly code your student's absence in Skyward.

For a list of excused and unexcused absences, please refer to pages 32–33 of the WISD Student Handbook on the district website.

Thank you for helping us keep attendance records accurate!

[Extended Absence Request form](#)

Between 8am-3:30pm, all students need to be walked in and signed in by the accompanying adult per the Parent/Student Handbook and TEA policies.

Messages from the Staff:

[October Staff Pick-Me-Up: Candy Salad Bar 🎃](#): [Sunshine Committee](#)

A HUGE thank you to everyone who signed up to bring items for our Teacher Dirty Soda Bar! It was perfect, we truly appreciate it!! Our hope is to keep the fun rolling with a monthly treat for the DJH Teachers and staff, see info below for October:

October is **sweeter with candy!** We're putting together a **Make-Your-Own Candy Salad Bar** for our amazing teachers and staff as a little October pick-me-up. 🍬❤️

Want to help? Simply choose an item from our **SignUpGenius** and send in your donation! Every little bit helps us show our teachers



how much we appreciate all they do for our students. Please bring all donated items to the front office by **10/23/26** and we will get it all set up!! **Thank you for helping us make October a little sweeter for our staff!** 🍁🍂

Link to Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAAA928A7F4CF8-66041991-october>

Counselor's Corner:

Very Important!

7th Grade John Knox Ranch Field Trip Information

We're excited to announce an upcoming outdoor adventure for all 7th graders! This November, students will spend a day at John Knox Ranch participating in team-building activities and enjoying the beautiful Texas Hill Country. This experience is designed to strengthen our school community, build leadership skills, and give students a chance to step outside the classroom for hands-on learning and fun.

Dates:

- November 4th-[Permission Forms Due](#)
- November 18th- 7th Grade (A-L) Field Trip to John Knox Ranch
- November 19th- 7th Grade (M-Z) Field Trip to John Knox Ranch

Please ask your child to join the DJH Counselor's Corner Google Classroom for important information.
Google Classroom Code: rpg6wjlc

Bullying Prevention Month 🐾 **Steps to Kindness**

Activity in Cafeteria to highlight Bullying Prevention! Thursday 10/15 & Thursday 10/22 students will have the opportunity to participate in "Steps to Kindness" where they will write a statement or a pledge on a printed footprint that shows what steps they will take to prevent or end bullying. Together, the footprints will show how each person helps build a united school community.

TEXAN ROOTS CLUB

Texan Roots Club meetings will be held every Thursday during lunches! Students can bring their lunches to room 200 and learn about TRC and what to expect through the year.

Parents **MUST** sign a consent form in order for students to participate. The link is included here. [Parental Consent Form for Student Participation in Texan Roots Club 26-27SY](#)

Texan Roots Club allows students to build strong relationships, discover their unique strengths, set meaningful goals, and make a positive difference at Danforth Junior High and in the community of Wimberley.

Through sharing ideas and conversations, developing thoughtful activities, discovering service projects, and working as a team, club members will practice important life skills while helping create a school community where everyone feels valued, supported, and included. GO TEXANS!

Academic UIL



The next UIL tryout is this Friday, during Texan time. Students interested in UIL must return the signed [club permission slip](#) as soon as possible. They may be given to the coach for their event or to Mrs. Gill in room 212. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Gill with any questions. teresa.gill@wimberleyisd.net Thank you.

Year Book

Year Books are for sale! Purchase today! You can also send in photos for the yearbook using the link below.

To purchase Year Books -

[Link to Purchase](#)

[Link to send in photos for the yearbook.](#)

DJH Choir: 12 students from the Danforth JH Adv Texas Star Treble Choir Auditioned for the TMEA MS Region Choir on Saturday October 10th at McCormick MS and 5 students made it into the Region Choir! The TMEA MS Region Choir Clinic and Concert will be all day Saturday October 17th at Austin ISD Performing Arts Center with the concert at 5:00PM

EF Tours Summer 2027: DC & NYC - Ms. Pollard

Families of & Current 8th grade students: Thank you again to those of you who were able to attend our informational meeting. To the travelers who have already joined our trip ... welcome aboard!! We are so excited to have you! For those not yet enrolled, we are seeing the trip fill quicker than anticipated – but there are still spots left! The sooner you are able to enroll, the higher the chance there will still be room on the trip. With EF's risk-free enrollment period – you will also have the chance to cancel with a full refund, should your plans change!

Enroll now with this link: www.efexploreamerica.com/2986193UP

Information For Class of 2031 Project Graduation

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):

QR codes for each grade-level GroupMe are available for all parents who wish to receive up-to-date information from fellow parents. These GroupMe groups will be used to share messages about events, volunteer opportunities, and other helpful updates. This is a great way to communicate and connect with your fellow classmates, parents, and guardians. It's a wonderful way to stay informed and is highly encouraged.

Feel free to send the PTO comments or suggestions to danforthjuniorhighpto@gmail.com

[Class of 2031 QR Code](#)

[Class of 2032 QR Code](#)

[Class of 2033 QR Code](#)

[DJH PTO Volunteer QR Code](#)

