



Douglas MacArthur High School

North East Independent School District

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February 1, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

IMPORTANT REMINDERS – Please remember that school **starts** at 10:00 am. We ask our parents to please help us by encouraging your kids to be at school on time and/or to log in on time. On another front, as flu season is upon us, we want students who are not feeling well and who are showing COVID symptoms to stay home and get well.

Is your friend or neighbor not receiving updates from NEISD or MacArthur?

If you know of any MacArthur family that is not receiving updates from our school or NEISD please share these directions below with them.

Stay connected with NEISD via text, phone, and email

www.neisd.net

If you have unknowingly ‘blocked’ messages in your Skyward account, click here to find out how you can unblock your number

Here is all the news for the week:

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

MAC COUNSELORS’ CORNER –

Course Selection for 2021-2022: The window for students to select their classes for next year has opened. On Wednesday January 27 students had a video presentation during advisory on how to select their courses for the 2021-2022 school year. The link to our Course Selection & Endorsements page on the Counselors Corner on the MAC website is listed below. On this page you will find course cards, step by step instructions for entering requests in Skyward, the NEISD endorsement guide and the NEISD 2021-2022 Course Catalog. If students or parents/guardians have questions as they are selecting their courses, counselors are available Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm by phone, email and zoom. **The deadline for students to enter their requests in Skyward is February 19.** After February 19 courses will lock in

Skyward. <https://www.neisd.net/Page/21308>

Dual Credit 2021-2022: MAC offers the following dual credit classes: AP English IV (12th grade only), College Algebra, AP Stats, AP US History, AP Biology, Sign Language III, Sign Language IV.

If students are interested in taking any of these dual credit classes, they must complete the following 3 steps:

1. Complete the Apply Texas application (Handbook is posted on the Counselors Corner of the MAC website). **Deadline is March 5, 2021.**

2. Complete the Academic Dual Credit Handbook (Handbook is posted on the Counselors Corner of the MAC website). **Deadline is March 23, 2021.**
3. Must have qualifying scores through TSI. **Deadline for initial testing is April 30 OR**
 - Must have qualifying SAT scores. **Deadline March 13, 2021** (Juniors that will be taking the SAT School Day at MAC on March 24, 2021 can use these scores) OR
 - Must have qualifying ACT scores. **Deadline April 17, 2021.**

If you have any questions, please contact the dual credit counselors, Mrs. Reyes at areyes4@neisd.net or Mrs. Obey at jobey@neisd.net.

Link to Dual Credit information on the MAC website: <https://www.neisd.net/Page/21257>

TSI Testing Dates for Dual Credit Qualification: February 13 (**Deadline to sign up February 5**); February 27 (Deadline to sign up February 19). The link to sign up is on the Dual Credit page of the Counselors Corner on the MAC website.

Important Dates:

February 10 – Junior Parent Night (Virtual)

March 5 – Deadline to complete ApplyTexas application for Dual Credit for 21-22 school year

March 23 – Deadline to complete Academic Handbook for Dual Credit for 21-22 school year

SCHOOL CHOICE – The school choice application window for the 2021-2022 school year opened on Tuesday December 1st and will close at the end of the business day on February 26th. No exceptions will be made. Students currently on school choice do not have to re-apply. Students going from Middle School to High School must submit a new school choice application. The application is available on the district website.

FROM OUR CCMR SPECIALIST –

ASVAB Test is scheduled for **February 3rd**. Students received a confirmation email.

Test Day Details

Test Location: MAC Library

Check In: 9:30 am

Test Start Time: 10:00 am

Test Completion Time: Approximately 1:00 pm

After testing is complete “on campus” students will report to the cafeteria for lunch. Then report to 3rd period. Students that work virtually may leave campus after testing is complete.

SAT School Day for Juniors. The district is providing an opportunity for 11th grade students to take the SAT (No Essay) for free during the school day on **March 24th**. Registration is required. Students must complete the google form using their NEISD account. **The registration window is from February 1st-12th.**

Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/JSvPcRWRJGfGGZE97>

AP Exam payment information. The window to pay for AP exams with a credit card through skyward will open **February 2nd**. Students can also pay with cash in the counseling office.

Deadline to pay for AP exams is **February 19th**.

-For more **AP information** click on the following link,

<https://www.neisd.net/Page/24021>

-If you have any questions regarding the CCMR information contact Lisa A. Garcia at 210-356-7607 or via email at lgarci41@neisd.net

MacArthur University Prep (MAC UP) – MAC UP Magnet applications are being taken for students in 8th and 9th grade who are seeking a future career in Education. The deadline for applications is Feb 12th. Please see the attached flyer.

UIL Solo Results MacArthur Orchestra, 2021 -

Congratulations to the following students who earned First Divisions on their UIL Solos this past Saturday in-person at Madison High School.

Violins: Claudia Banda, Caleb Aguiar, Lily Corby, Sarah Gerlach, Isabel Holland, Emily Rivera, Ruben Rueda, Maria Holland, Valeria Tuesta,

Violas: Matthew Hsu, Stella Marti, Jonathan Villegas

Cello: Barrett Brown, Katherine Beebe, Kate Crowley

Bass: Evan Martin, Sebastian Mendoza

Qualifying for the state UIL Competition in May are Violins: Claudia Banda, Emily Rivera, Sarah Gerlach, and Ruben Rueda; Violists: Matthew Hsu, Stella Marti, and Jonathan Villegas; Cellist Barrett Brown and Bassist Evan Martin. Congratulations to these outstanding state qualifiers. Earning an Excellent rating is violinist Isabella Carlo. We are proud of all Mac Musicians who participated in this event of UIL excellence in music.

JROTC -

ROTC will not host or compete in the following events:

Cancelled - Military Ball scheduled for February 5, 2021

Not competing – Raider Nationals (Molena, Georgia) scheduled for February 28, 2021.

We will make a final decision by March 1st on armed team participation at Army Drill Nationals (Richmond, Virginia) scheduled for March 27, 2021.

We will compete in local drill and Raider events pending cancellation.

For more information about MacArthur JROTC Program please

visit <https://sites.google.com/neisd.net/douglas-macarthur-jrotc-brahma/home>

PTSA

On-line orders for our Mac PTA T-shirt are being taken now through Feb 28th. Please see attached flyer for the T-Shirt. Order yours today at <https://douglas-macarthur-pta.square.site/>

SATURDAY SCHOOL: For students who may need to make up time due to absences, Saturday School is held at MacArthur from 8am – 12pm(noon).

Our next Saturday School will be Saturday, Feb 5th, to sign up, go to the MacArthur webpage Link below

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczVhJW1cML8sSyfDawnWpRiKjJyOXWK3yHpWD18Et8rpOGdg/viewform>

Students MUST register by 4:30 pm the Friday before the date they will attend. Cost is \$8.

Students must have work to do during the 4 hours of Saturday School. Students who complete the 4 hours will earn credit towards absences.

FROM OUR FAMILY SPECIALIST – The NEISD Family Specialist 19th annual Family Engagement Training will be virtual and will be offered for a whole week starting Feb 1-5. There will be morning and evening sessions. I have attached the links so you can see the different classes that are being offered. Attached is the registration link when you register please list the school(s) your student(s) are attending. I hope you can make any of the family specialist presentations.

You can view all FET breakout sessions by day here:

Spanish electronic program: <https://bit.ly/2Wiwf0v>

English electronic program: <https://bit.ly/3mhcqBK>

FET registration: https://northeastisd.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bluUCZ1PMG2hlEp

ACTIVITIES –

TICKET SALES - North East Athletics is moving to online ticket sales as of January 1, 2021 at all middle school and high school games. There will be no cash sales at the gate. The only exception is basketball. They will finish this season using the current method for purchasing tickets. All information is included in the attachment.

MAC SPIRIT TRYOUTS – Please see the attached flyer for information on upcoming MAC Spirit Tryouts.

BASKETBALL –

Girls' - Our Brahma Girls' basketball team played their last game on Friday against Clark HS, though they played and never gave up we fell short 58-34. Thank you to Coaches Bell, Huber, Velebil, and the girls' basketball team for their teamwork and commitment this year. We look forward to an exciting year next year!

Boys' - Our Boys basketball team scored a win over Brandeis HS 56-38; improving our district record to 5 and 1.

SOCCER –

Boys' – This past week, our Brahmas played hard but fell short against L.E.E. 1-6.

DEPARTMENTS-

FROM OUR MAC LIBRARY –

- **Library Newsletter:** Check out our February Library Newsletter to see how the library is supporting success: <https://www.smores.com/y6pes>
- **Library closed for ASVAB:** Due to ASVAB testing, the library will be closed on Wednesday, February 3rd. Is your student taking the ASVAB test that day? Then be sure to check out [Learning Express and PrepSTEP](#), a fantastic college, career, and military readiness resource that is available in the Library Resources Folder in Launchpad. Students can create their own free account to access ASVAB test prep materials and so much more!
- **African American History Month:** February is African American History Month. To celebrate, we have put together a [Who Said the Quote? Online Challenge](#). NEISD Library Services has also put together [a guide celebrating African American Authors](#). Feel free to explore and get to know some of these popular YA authors as well as book trailers and audio excerpts of their books available for checkout in Sora.
- **Mock Literary Character Dating Profile Contest:** Valentine's Day will be here soon so show some love for your favorite literary character by creating a Mock Literary Character Dating Profile for them! Students must use the [Mock Literary Character Dating Profile Template](#) and [submit their creation](#) by the end of the month to be entered into a prize drawing.
- **Library 3D Printing Design Contest:** This month we are kicking off a new 3D Printing Design Contest. The printing challenge asks students "What makes a hero?"

What makes a villain?" Based on these answers, students can submit an original 3D design of their hero or villain by March 5th. Students will vote on the submissions March 15- 19 and the top designs in each category will be 3D printed and announced on March 24th. For more information about contest guidelines as well as help getting started with 3D design, see our [Library 3D Printing Design Contest Flyer](#)

- **Maker Mondays:** Every Monday morning, the library offers free makerspace kits for students. We have a variety of activities to choose from, including decorate your own bookmark, origami kits, and coloring activities. This week we have added a [Build Your Own Valentine Kit](#) complete with everything you need to make a valentine for a friend, family member, or loved one. Just bring your own glue! Stop by the library for your Valentine kit while supplies last!
- **Library Services Moving Forward:**
 - **Library Open Before/After School:**
 - The library will be open before school 9:00-9:50 AM and after school 3:25-4:00 PM
 - Before school, students will enter and exit the library using the Library Courtyard doors. After school, students can enter through our main library doors nearest the A-wing.
 - Students can use the library for one of three purposes:
 - Pick up library books (our Online Hold and Pickup System will still be in place until it is safe to allow students to browse the library shelves)
 - Work on homework on a computer (computer stations are assigned for contact tracing purposes)
 - Work at a table with no more than two seated at table (tables are assigned for contact tracing purposes)
 - **Library Book Check Out:**
 - We are still using Online Hold and In-Person Pick-up System for **on campus** students to check out library books.
 - Please see these [instructions for how students can place books on hold for checkout](#)
- **Library Reminders:**
 - **Get to Know Your Library Digital Resources:** There are a wealth of digital resources available to students through our Library Resources folder in Launchpad. See our [NEISD Electronic Resources Guide](#). The icons on the list show how students will see them in Launchpad. Each icon on the list also links to a basic tutorial as well. Explore our [Sora Reading App Learning Menu](#) to found out more about features of the Sora online reading app and see a quick start video.
 - **Expand Your Sora Collection with San Antonio Public Library:** Students can connect their NEISD Sora account to the San Antonio Public Library for access to even more digital titles. [Click here to see instructions](#)
 - **Online Textbook Guide:** Not sure how to access your course's online textbook? See our [Online Textbook Guide](#) to figure out how to access your online textbooks in Launchpad
 - **College, Career, and Military Readiness:** Check out [Learning Express and PrepSTEP](#), a fantastic college, career, and military readiness resource that is

available in the Library Resources Folder in Launchpad. Students can create their own free account to save their progress on online practice tests, career prep resources, and college and scholarship searches. This resource also has test prep resources for ASVAB, PSAT, SAT, and ACT tests!

- **Library and Technology Refreshers for Students:** In this [8 Things You Always Wanted to Know About the Library but Were Afraid to Ask](#) learning menu, you can find important library and technology refreshers for digital resources, ebooks, digital note taking, MLA style, turnitin.com, [student logins](#), and [email accounts](#).
- **Parent OverDrive Accounts:** Students already have their own OverDrive accounts, but if you would like to have your own parent account to access ebooks and audio books in OverDrive, please complete this [Online OverDrive Parent Registration Form](#). Please allow 2-3 days for the account to be built. Existing parent accounts must be renewed each year by completing the registration form.
- **Stay Connected:** Follow us on twitter and Instagram @MacArthurLib. Visit our [Mac Library Website](#) for more great resources and information

COLLEGE & CAREER ADVISING –

Form: <https://forms.gle/YJFA4fv7mtNjCJdo8>

Are you the parent/guardian of a senior? Do you have questions about your student's post-high school plan? Julia Poage is the college adviser at MacArthur. She can assist with college, financial aid, and scholarship applications; career planning; connecting you with your student's military recruiter — along with answering any other questions you may have about your student's college or career plans. You can email her at jpoage@trinity.edu or set up a meeting with her using this link: <https://calendly.com/jpoage>.

FROM OUR MAC CLINIC – Please remember that students must have current immunizations, even for online learning. This is a legal requirement. Please make sure that your child's immunizations are up to date.

If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. It is important that parents check their students daily for any of the following:

- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- Chills
- Diarrhea
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Feeling feverish or temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Known close contact in the last 14 days with a person who has COVID-19

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Health Services at 210-356-9244.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT-

MAC ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS – If your child is a part of Mac Orchestra, you need to be a part of this great group of parents. All are welcome. Go Brahma MOPA!

MAC CHOIR BOOSTERS – If your child is in choir then you need to come out and join this great group of parents and support MAC Choir. Go Brahma Choir Boosters!

MAC BAND BOOSTERS –

Fundraiser - Our awesome Brahma Band is holding a fundraiser. They are selling some very durable clear backpacks. These backpacks will hold up to a lot of wear and tear. Our band boosters have a limited number of backpacks in blue and black available for immediate delivery. However, there are more color options available through the supplier. You can see all of the options at the following link:

shop.thesmartyco.com/band

The fundraiser will only run from November 30th through Feb 8th. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

Join the Band Boosters - If your child is a member of our awesome Brahma Band, then you need to come out and be a part of these awesome parents.

Please remember, for the latest updates and information as well as current news, information, and schedules, join us on Facebook (Mac Band Parents), Twitter (@MacBandParents), and Instagram (@MacBandParents), or log in to your Charms account. Go Brahma Band Boosters!

MAC ATHLETIC BOOSTERS –

MAC Athletic Program - Our Brahma Booster Club is very proud and appreciative of the strong community that supports our MacArthur Brahmas and would like to share some exciting news with you!

We are thrilled to announce that we are now offering **4 Different Media Guides Featuring and Highlighting All Sports.**

The 4 Media Guides will be as followed:

1. Football, Cheer, and Dance (Fall Release)
2. Volleyball, Tennis, Cross Country (Fall Release)
3. Girls/Boys Basketball, Swim/Dive Team, Wrestling (Winter Release)
4. Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Soccer, Golf (Spring Release)

You may now purchase an Ad and be featured in our Winter and Spring Programs. This is a great way to promote your business, wish your student a great year, share how proud you are of their hard work and accomplishments or feature best friends. We invite you to be part of these keepsake programs and honor your child involved in athletics, cheer, dance, band, academic teams, clubs, or special groups. The deadline for the Spring Release is Feb 28th.

Join the Boosters - There is still time to join our Athletic Boosters. If your child is a Brahma Athlete or you are just looking for a way to be involved, you need to come out and be a part of these great parents. If you want to keep up with our Boosters, check out the Brahma Booster Club Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/brhma.booster.90>

Go Brahma Athletic Boosters!

Join PTSA! It is never too late to join PTSA and get involved at MAC. PTSA can also still take your donations (Brahma Bucks) which go right back into the school. The MacArthur PTSA

is a vital link in connecting with our parents and families and a great way for every parent to be involved. The beginning of a new school year means it is time to show your support for our students, our school, and our community. We invite all students, parents, and teachers to join! The PTSA is here to advocate and positively influence the lives of all children and families. Make a difference and get involved! To join PTSA, please go to the following link:

<https://www.joinpta.org/>

We want to remind the Mac Family and community to please remember to check out the PTSA website and blog for important information on what is happening at MacArthur!

This is a great resource, and it can be found at: www.macptsa.com. Go Brahma PTSA!

MU ALPHA THETA (Math– MAT Math Honor Society is about inspiring keen interest in mathematics, developing strong scholarship in the subject, and promoting the enjoyment of math. Honor Society)

Meetings are 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (school days only). We will meet via Zoom at 9:20 AM. If you are on campus, you can come to room S105 for the meeting. Upcoming meeting date is January 26th.

Requirements to be a member:

***Completed** 2 years of college preparatory mathematics (including Algebra and geometry)

***Currently** enrolled or has completed a 3rd or more advanced math course

*Done so with distinction, at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4-point grading scale (**an 80 average or above**)

*Dues will be \$15 (one time for all of high school career)

***Have you only completed one year of algebra or its equivalent with distinction but still want to be a part of this great opportunity? That's okay! You can be an associate member of Mu Alpha Theta and can participate in all math contests.

Join our Google Classroom for Zoom link and other Mu Alpha Theta information. Code: coey7yj

Join our Remind for meeting updates and group information. Text @macmat to 81010. If you have any question or are interested, login to a future meeting. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there. Go Brahma MAT!!

COMMUNITY-

COMMUNITY EDUCATION - NEISD Community Education's virtual after school classes are back this spring with a new lineup of choices for all children in grades K-5. Please [visit their new website](#) for an overview of the spring selections and to enroll.

With NEISD Community Education, "The Possibilities are Endless"!

MAC FOOD PANTRY - The food pantry has been on campus for 4 years. The MacTEACH food pantry, or the MacTEACH Mini-Mall, came about because of the program's belief that all students matter, and the emotional and social well-being of each student must never be ignored. The food pantry benefits the students and families at MacArthur as well as any family within our cluster that reaches out to us.

If someone wants to donate, how can they?

There are a couple different ways people can donate. They can drop off any nonperishable food items at the front office and let the ladies know it is for the Food Pantry. Another way to donate

is to contact us and we would be happy to pick any monetary donations or nonperishable items. Our contact information is to follow: Elizabeth Jaramillo Molina, Family Specialist – ejaram@nesid.net; 210-356-7709 or Ms. Esparza, STAN counselor cespar1@neisd.net; 210-356-7934

HEALTH and WELLNESS - Our North East ISD community is facing more obstacles than ever in and out of the classroom. This is always a challenge; teachers, staff, students, & parents are now navigating the unknowns of the COVID-19 pandemic. While mental health and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) have always been important to NEISD, the added pressures brought on by COVID-19 prompted the District to focus our support systems, so help is more accessible to our community.

NEISD wants its employees and families to put their own mental health, and overall wellness needs first. The District's Student Leadership & Well-Being team launched a [new website](#) focused on offering adult wellness resources, from mental health hotlines to virtual fitness classes, professional counseling, and more. This one-stop webpage houses the many programs available to NEISD staff and families.

Mental health education and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) remain a priority for NEISD. To help empower & train staff and parents, the District has partnered with health centers like Laurel Ridge, Clarity Child Guidance Center and Communities in Schools.

Visit adultwellness.neisd.net to learn more about the programs & resources that are available.

VOTER REGISTRATION – By law, every high school principal is a deputy voter registrar. As such, I make sure that we have voter registration cards available here at MAC in the principal office. However, you choose to register, if you are able to vote, then please make sure to do so. Voting is a precious right, and it is your right to exercise and let your voice be counted. I encourage all of you to register and participate in our civic duty. “We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.” - *Thomas Jefferson*

<https://www.votetexas.gov/register/index.html>

Go Brahma Voters!

BRAHMA FANS –

The following protocols are to be followed at all NEISD venues:

- The clear bag policy is in effect for all NEISD Facilities. You can access the policy at the following link:
 - <https://www.neisd.net/cms/lib/TX02215002/Centricity/Domain/139/Clear-Bag-Policy-main.pdf>
- Everyone should self-screen prior to coming to an event and we ask that you do not attend if you or someone in are household are experiencing any of the following:
 - Cough or sore throat
 - Shortness of breath
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Chills

- Diarrhea
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Feeling feverish or temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Known close contact in the last 14 days with a person who has COVID-19
- All spectators including all adults and students must have a face covering to enter an event and must adhere to social distancing and wearing of face coverings at all times.
- There will be no parent spirit lines on the field.
- Spectators, including band parents, will not be allowed to cross the field except for after game shows in order to manage equipment.
- **Seating is marked so that rows with blue X's are rows where you cannot sit.**
- **There are green dots in the general seating areas indicating 6 foot spacing.**
- **There are decals in the student section where we ask for a maximum of 2 students between each decal. Please see the photo below.**
- **Please note that due to spacing requirements, the student section has moved to the area closest to the ticket booth. Please see the photo below.**
- Members of the same household, and those who arrived in the same vehicle are allowed to sit together.
- While waiting to enter the event and at the concession stands, we ask that you observe distancing and wearing of face coverings.
















Please know that we want everyone to enjoy the event and support our teams. However, we must all do our part to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone.

We want to remind all of our parents, students, and guests who attend games or any event at home or away, that we need your assistance to ensure that we observe appropriate spectator behavior. This includes observing COVID safety requirements. Spectators are required to wear a mask or face covering at all times while in the stadium. Please observe social distancing with persons who did not travel to the game with you or are not members of your immediate family or your household.

Also, it is okay to disagree with a call and to be a little loud when supporting our Brahmas. It is not okay to be disruptive or engage in personal attacks or confrontations with Coaches, referees, or students. Cursing, making profane comments or threats will not be allowed. Anyone causing a disturbance or verbally abusing the officials, coaches, or students will be removed from the game and may face removal from all athletic events. Please let the coaches take care of the coaching and dealing with the officials. It is extremely important for us to model appropriate behavior at any function. Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated. Go Brahmas!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS - Since students and employees began returning to school, we have been able to put many safety processes into place. These measures have proven to successfully mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within NEISD. As with any new situation, it is necessary to occasionally evaluate these processes and look for areas which may be improved. The communication, cooperation, and support from employees, parents, guardians, and the community has been so helpful in allowing us to respond to different COVID-19 situations appropriately.

Face coverings help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by reducing droplets **if the face covering is worn securely over the nose and mouth.** According to the CDC, cloth face coverings offer some protection to you and are also meant to protect those around you in case you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 and don't have any symptoms. Certain types of face coverings are more effective than others. **Beginning November 30, 2020, masks with valves are not permitted for students or employees. Gaiters and bandanas are only permitted for outdoor use.** We will have extra masks for those that do not have them. Below are some diagrams that outline the safe use of face coverings. Remember that we are all in this together, and we are only successful if we all follow the necessary precautions.

 PERMITTED	 NOT PERMITTED
<p>Face coverings should—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completely cover nose and mouth • Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face • Be secured with ties or ear loops • Include multiple layers of fabric • Allow for breathing without restriction • Be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape • Be pulled so that the bottom part of the mask is below the chin. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>A face shield can be worn over a mask to provide additional eye protection.</p> </div>  </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   <p>Neck sleeves/gaiters, bandanas or scarves are permitted for outdoor use only.</p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-bottom: 20px;">     </div> <p>Face coverings should not be worn under the nose, around the neck or forehead.</p> <p>Neck sleeves/gaiters, bandanas or scarves are not permitted for indoor use as studies have shown them as less effective than other types of face masks.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Face coverings should not have an exhalation valve; although the valve allows you to exhale, it expels germs into the air and doesn't protect others.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Face coverings should not be made of mesh material; mesh does not cover the mouth and nose.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>A face shield without a mask does not provide adequate protection.</p> </div> </div>

SCHOOL HOURS:

School begins promptly at 10:00 am. Administrators and faculty will be posted around campus to direct students to their classes. Students will attend their classes as scheduled.

Students who arrive before 10 am will be required to wait in designated areas unless they are at a practice for one of the extra-curriculars.

ARRIVAL & TRANSPORTATION:

As much as possible, we highly recommend that parents transport their children to and from school as they return. Students should arrive no earlier than between 8:30 and 9:00 am.

If your child needs to ride a bus to and from school, you can check the bus number and pick-up times at the following link:

<http://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=NEI05464638120>

Buses will begin arriving at MacArthur starting at about 9:15 am. Students will be directed to the cafeteria or designated areas until 9:50 am.

Classes will end at 3:25 pm. If you are transporting your child, you may pick them up at the front of the school after 3:25 pm. Buses will arrive between 3:55 and 4:15pm. Students who must wait for a bus will wait in designated areas until buses arrive unless they are participating in an extra-curricular practice. Students will have the opportunity to engage in Blended learning online from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

STUDENT DROP-OFF – Please do not drop off or pick up your child on the street. This creates traffic issues, and it is not safe. The same is true at pick up time. In the past I have even seen parents picking up kids in the middle of the street. This is VERY dangerous, and you can be ticketed. Please keep your child’s safety in mind. The few minutes you believe you save can never compensate if something bad happens. Thank you.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

The front circle is open for drop-off only in the morning. It will be locked at 9:30 am and is not re-opened until approximately 4:40 pm. There are Student Parking Tags available. All parking tags are sold on a first come first served basis. The cost for a parking tag is \$30. Students must have a visible parking tag in order to park on campus. This is in effect on the first day of school. Student vehicles without tags will be ticketed and can possibly be towed. If your child does not have a parking permit, please remind them that they may not park on campus.

- **There is no parking allowed on the Band Practice field.** Student pick up after activities will be in the front circle area.
- **Traffic Flow - The front parking lot has a one-way entrance and exit.** It is very important that we observe the traffic flow to allow easier and safer access to and from the front lot. Failure to follow posted traffic flow can cause dangerous situations and, for students, it can result in the loss of the parking tag. The entrance is in the area closest to CVS. The exit is in the area right by the front circle. We also ask that parents picking up their students to please park in the available parking spaces to wait for and pick up your child.

SCHOOL SAFETY:

As you know, all NEISD schools have additional security measures that were put in place last year with additional Safety measures required due to COVID 19. Below are some important considerations:

- **FACE MASKS** – Students must have a face mask, and they will be worn at all times except when eating lunch.
- **WATER BOTTLES & SANITIZERS** – Students should bring a water bottle with them. Water fountains are available only to refill water bottles. Every classroom will have approved hand sanitizers. Students may bring a small personal bottle of hand sanitizer, but it may not be shared with anyone.
- **HALLWAYS** – All Hallways and Stairwells are 2 ways. **However, for safety, all students should walk on the right side of the hallway at all times.**
- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES** – While students will be in face-to-face instruction, **all students should bring their electronic devices, power cords and earbuds/headphones, so that can work as needed during their classes.**
- **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH** – Thanks to available federal support, Breakfast and Lunch are free of charge. The only charge will be for A La Carte items, and if a student gets a second tray. Students may bring a lunch from home.
Due to COVID restrictions, we cannot accept food deliveries and we cannot let students out to get food from you. That may change as we move forward with the transitions, but we MUST adhere to this expectation. In addition, MacArthur is a closed campus, and students may not leave campus for lunch.

- **CLEAR BACKPACKS** - All students must have a clear backpack. This applies to any bag the student may use to carry their books and/or school items such as messenger bags, briefcases, etc. It does not apply to small purses, gym bags, band cases, dance/cheer equipment bags. **Remember, Clear Backpack or No Backpack!**
- **CAMPUS ACCESS** - All exterior doors will remain locked. The gate at the bus circle going into the courtyard, and the gates at the front circle will be closed at 10:00 am. Anyone arriving after 10:00 am will have to buzz in for entrance.
- **STUDENT ID'S** – Students should have their student ID with them. If your student needs an ID please have them see an administrator in the cafeteria during their lunch.

DRESS CODE – As always, dress code is in effect the first day of school. We need your help in ensuring that your children are properly dressed for school.

- Girl's skirts, dresses, and shorts must be of an appropriate length.
- Boys must wear their pants at their waist and should have a belt to secure their pants.
- No halter-tops, bare midriffs, or muscle shirts allowed.
- No translucent or see-through clothing.
- No hats of any type for boys or girls.
 - **Students should not bring hats or caps to school because they will not be allowed to wear them at any time.**
 - This includes hanging them on their belts, backpacks or anywhere else. They are subject to confiscation.
- Hair should be a neatly groomed and not distracting.
- No piercings anywhere other than the ears. Students will be required to remove any facial or other visible piercings and they are subject to confiscation.
- Please help us with this issue. Remember that students who are out of dress code are subject to disciplinary measures.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR:

TOBACCO/VAPE PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY – The following is directly from the NEISD Student Code of Conduct, which can be found at:

<https://www.neisd.net/cms/lib/TX02215002/Centricity/Domain/205/2019-2020%20District%20Student%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

North East ISD prohibits the following in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 38.006 and Texas Health and Safety Code Section 161.081:

1. Any adult and/or student from smoking cigarettes, tobacco, tobacco products, **electronic, vapor, smokeless or any other substitute form of cigarettes, tobacco, or tobacco-like products**, as well as the use of any devices which are used for the purpose of ingesting or transmitting any type of tobacco or tobacco-like products at a school-related or school-sanctioned activity on or off school property.
2. Students from possessing or using cigarettes, tobacco, tobacco products, electronic, vapor, smokeless or any other substitute form of cigarettes, tobacco, or tobacco-like products, as well as the use of any devices which are used for the purpose of ingesting or transmitting any type of tobacco, or tobacco-like products at a school-related or school-sanctioned activity on or off school property.

North East ISD will ensure that school personnel will enforce the tobacco/vapor rules. State law prohibits the possession, purchase, consumption or acceptance of an electronic cigarette, cigarette or tobacco product by an individual who is younger than 18 years of age. An offense under state law is punishable by a fine. Additionally, **students will face disciplinary consequences which could include a DAEP placement or an expulsion for a THC or CBD related violation.**

Vaping has become epidemic with our teens. It is something we address on almost a daily basis. In addition to our concern over the health risks this behavior poses, we have seen a number of students expelled for the possession or use of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol, the principal psychoactive ingredient in marijuana). **We want to reiterate that possession or use of THC on campus will result in a recommendation for disciplinary placement up to and including expulsion for students who are found to be vaping THC or have THC in their possession. This strong stand is imperative not only to remain compliant with state law and the North East ISD Student Code of Conduct, but also to help to deter a behavior that is endangering our students.**

Regardless of personal opinions on this issue, possession and use of e-cigarettes/vaping devices remains illegal under state law for persons under 18. All devices, oils, and other paraphernalia are explicitly prohibited by the North East ISD Student Code of Conduct for students of all ages. Confiscated devices, cartridges and oils will be subject to immediate on-campus chemical testing. Students who are in possession of any item which tests positively for THC will be recommended for DAEP placement or expulsion as such possession is a state jail felony. Note that possessing or being under the influence of any controlled substance as detailed above can also result in separate criminal penalties as determined by law enforcement.

For the safety of our children, please help us to reinforce the serious safety and disciplinary consequences, which can result from vaping. You can access <https://www.neisd.net/escapethevape> for additional resources, which may help you to initiate this conversation with your child. Thank you for your continued collaboration as we strive to ensure the safest possible educational environment for all students.

BULLYING, THREATS, HARRASSMENT:

Any threat to engage in any type of violent act against another student, a staff member, or the school itself, will not be tolerated. This includes any threat made via social media.

Consequences will include disciplinary action and could result in criminal prosecution.

Additional information regarding threats is detailed on page 36 of the Student/Parent Handbook, which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.neisd.net/cms/lib/TX02215002/Centricity/Domain/205/2020-2021%20ENGLISH%20Secondary%20Handbook.pdf>

The Student Code of Conduct can be found at the following link:

<https://www.neisd.net/cms/lib/TX02215002/Centricity/Domain/205/2020-21%20English%20SCOC.pdf>

Students, parents, and guardians should immediately report any information concerning any apparent threat to student or staff safety to campus administration. Information may also be provided to the North East Police Department at 407-0911 or via NEISD's anonymous 24-hour tip line at 655-CARE (655-2273).

ATTENDANCE:

Student attendance is based on their being in school and in class on a daily basis.

- Students who are out can still retain their attendance by logging in to the Google classroom and completing the assignment for the day before 12 midnight.
- If you are picking your child up early for an appointment or any other reason, they must be signed out at the attendance office. They will be called to the front office. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

Student immunizations must be current, or the student will not be allowed to attend classes. Immunizations will be checked for all students.

URGENT NOTICE! – Whenever we receive returned mail, we are required to get a new verification of residency. Please be aware that any student for whom we have received returned mail will not be allowed to attend school until we have a new verification of enrollment. In addition, any student attending MacArthur on a Power of Attorney (POA) or a Living With must have renewed the POA or Living With before the start of school. If your child (ren) fall within any of these categories, you will be contacted to provide the necessary documentation or pick up your child until the necessary documentation can be provided. We want your child (ren) in school, but these are legal requirements that must be fulfilled.

UPDATE ADDRESS AND EMAILS – If you have moved recently, please make sure that we have a correct address and proof of residency. Many of you may not have a current or correct email address in our system. You are missing out on important communication. Please make sure you take time to go into your Family Access account to update or ensure that you have a correct email entered so that we can adequately communicate with you.

Here are the events going on in Brahmaland this week:

I. Calendar

a. Monday 020121:

- Boys' JV Soccer v. Madison @ BAC East 5:00 pm**
- Girls' Varsity Soccer v. Madison @ BAC West 5:00 pm**
- Boys' Varsity Soccer v. Madison @ BAC West 7:00 pm**
- Girls JV Soccer v. L.E.E. @ BAC East 7:00 pm**

b. Tuesday 020221:

- PTSA Staff Appreciation (Counselor Appreciation)**
- Varsity/JV Softball Scrimmage v. Madison/Hayes/Taft @ NE Sports Park 5:30-7:30pm**
- Boys' (FR-A) BB v. Johnson @ Johnson 5:30-7:00pm**
- Boys' JV BB v. Johnson @ Johnson 7:00-8:30pm**

c. Wednesday 020321:

- ASVAB Testing – All Day - Library**
- Girls' Swimming Regional Meet Qualifiers only @ Davis All Day**
- JV Tennis v. East Central @ East Central 8:00am-12:00pm**
- Boys' Varsity BB v. Johnson @ Littleton (DC) 5:00-6:30pm**

d. Thursday 020421:

- PTSA Board Meeting (Virtual)**

e. Friday 020521:

- i. Varsity Tennis NEISD Winter Classic @ ATC/NTC/BAC All Day
- ii. Boys' Swimming Regional Meet (Qualifiers Only) @ Davis All Day
- iii. Girls' Varsity Soccer v. Clark @ NS2 5:00-7:00pm
- iv. Boys' Varsity Soccer v. Clark @ NS2 7:00-9:00pm
- f. **Saturday 020621:**
 - i. ACT Testing All Day
 - ii. Varsity Tennis NEISD Winter Classic @ ATC/NTC/BAC All Day
 - iii. Varsity Boys' BB District Tournament @ Littleton All Day
 - iv. Varsity/JV Softball Scrimmage v. SW/Judson/Warren @ MAC 9:00-4:00pm
 - v. JV Boys' Soccer v. Clark @ Clark 10:00am-12:00pm
 - vi. JV Girls' Soccer v. Clark @ MAC 10:00am-12:00pm
 - vii. JV Baseball Scrimmage v. NB Canyon @ Canyon HS 12:00-2:00pm
 - viii. Varsity Baseball Scrimmage v. NB Canyon @ MAC 12:00-2:00pm
- g. **Sunday 020721:**
 - i. N/A

Have a Great Week!

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