

Mann Parent Email 11.16.21

Good Evening Mann Parents and Guardians!

Thanksgiving Break starts Friday (regular time dismissal of 3:40 pm)! Congratulations to our choir and band students for all city concerts and awards last Saturday. We are so proud of our Falcon Fine Arts programs!

This Thursday we will be celebrating our 2nd Six Weeks A and A/B Honor Roll Students with treats during lunches provided by PTA parents. Thank you Parents and Hooray for over 300 students working for academic excellence!

Friday is a Crimestoppers Fundraiser for a Former Falcon who was a Crimestopper Officer while he was here in 7th and 8th grade. Students may pay \$2 to "dress like a high schooler." As usual, students can wear spirit or standardize dress, but bands will also be sold Friday morning for high school student code of conduct appropriate clothing. Clothes that can be worn include jeans with rips, holes, or shreds (below the fingertips or with something underneath), slides, and school appropriate logos on shirts, and sweats. Clothing that is not allowed are sunglasses inside a building, pajamas, or tops that expose the waist or other un-modest areas. Please have students ask if they have a question about something specific.

Academic UIL starts the week we return from Thanksgiving for all grades. Flyers for signups will be in the main office starting Wednesday.

This Wednesday we will not have tutorials after school for a faculty meeting.

During Homeroom this week we are practicing our AVOID, DENY, DEFEND procedures and will have a drill on Thursday with feedback from staff and students afterward. While we do not want to alarm students or parents, we do want to practice strategies and practices that will keep kids safe in the event of an emergency. Please encourage your child to take drills seriously and think through emergencies that could keep them and others safe.

We have had many students in search of water containers and cups after PE classes and lunches. While we do provide water filling stations by the office and during breakfast and lunch, we do not provide cups outside of meals. Please talk to your child about his or her need for a reusable water (plastic) container for school.

AISD has now implemented the ability for parents and parent designated student partners (like Big Brothers/Big Sisters) to have lunch with students. At Mann, the reserved area for lunches is the courtyard. Parents or guests who are listed on the official contact list may check in at the office and wait for the student in the courtyard for lunch time. We ask responsible use of masks and distance and contact only with your children.

I hope you have a great week before Thanksgiving and everyone safely and happily returns on Monday, November 29th!

Kathy Walker, Mann MS Principal

