BULLDOG BREAKDOWN

Hoit's Highlights

Fall is in the air and our students are "falling" into new routines and learning why "It's great to be a Bulldog!" I hope your student has shared with you their excitement since the start of school and we continue to build on the enthusiasm they have so contagiously shared with us. During the first few weeks of school your sixth grader has been learning the value of digital learning across the curriculum, developing digital citizenship knowledge and skills in Mobile Media, creating **new relationships** with teachers and classmates, and establishing a culture of learning. In addition to this, your child has been collaborating with others in Seminar as they explore teambuilding and character education topics (with College & Career Skill Focus). Be sure to check out our Bulldog Blog for great pics of your student engaged in these activities (http:// bulldogbloggers.weebly.com/). As the year

bulldogbloggers.weebly.com/). As the year progresses, your student will also explore Career Cruising, and clubs during Seminar that provide foundational skills they need prior to attending Turner Middle School.

I am enjoying getting to know your student and appreciate it when they stop to introduce themselves and share a warm smile and good story! Please read the below information to help you and your student get the full experience this year!

Back to School Night

We are "Gearing Up" to welcome you to Back to School Night on Thursday, September 4th, 5:30-7:30. You will receive a Checklist when you arrive of places you need to visit during BTSN. On the checklist

will also be optional areas of interest and where you can go to learn more about the topic. You will need your student's iPad or your own personal device to access videos through a QR code. This is a "flipped" learning approach and will reinforce the value of technology and how it allows students to access learning opportunities and information at any time. Our hope is you will have access of typical BTSN news at any time and have friendly faces to remind you of important information when you need it. Please access the TSGA YouTube Channel by going to YouTube and searching "TSGA Bulldogs." Then select the Playlist titled, "TSGA Back to School Night." We will have hotdogs, chips, and drinks available from 6:00-7:00. We look forward to having you here!

Watch D.O.G.S.

Calling all men! Please contact the office at 913-288-3800 to let us know a date and time you are available to serve in our building. Watch D.O.G.S. enhance safety and security in our building by supervising hallways, arrival and dismissal, classrooms, lunch, and enjoy interaction with their student throughout the day. Your presence means a lot to your child and the TSGA team!

BOOST

Many of you are familiar with BOOST, an after-school tutoring program for students in Reading and Math. We do offer BOOST at TSGA and if your child qualifies for this extended school day program, you will receive information and start date soon.



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After-School Clubs

TSGA after-school clubs "gear" students up for extra-curricular activities offered at the secondary level. Teachers are passionate about their clubs and that results in student growth demonstrated over the course of the year. You can learn more about TSGA Clubs offered by accessing the YouTube Playlist, titled "TSGA Back to School Night." http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK-LebD6b-LICWrZX8fplbm9a xtb1ZLR

- o Tuesdays: Girls on the Run (1st semester only) & Bulldog Beat (all year)
- o Wednesdays:
 - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month: STUCO (all year)
 - 2nd & 4th Wednesday of month: Science Club & Writing Club (1st semester)
- Thursdays: Girls on the Run (1st semester only) & Doodle Dogs (every other Thursday, starting 9/11)

Fundraising

- Gear Up for our PTSA Fall Fundraiser, World's Finest Chocolate. Fundraiser runs September 3rd-25th.
- We do collect Box Tops

Gearing Ahead

- Check out our Blog for timely pictures & school news (<u>http://bulldogbloggers.weebly.com/</u>)
- No School, Monday September 1st (Labor Day)
- No School, Monday September
 15th (Professional Learning)
- Fall Conferences October 15th
 (evening only) & 16th (all day, no school).
- No School, Friday October 17th
- 1st Quarter Awards Recognition: Friday, October 24th during Seminar.







Successmaker!



Students in Ms. Collier's class created banners about themselves.





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	*Labor Day No School	2 *Book Fair Starts	3	*Back to school night 5:30-7:30	5	6
7	8	9 *Power Hour	*Power Hour *Science Club	*Power Hour *Doodle Dogs	12	13
14	15 *Teacher Professional learning	16 *Power Hour	*Power Hour *STUCO	18 *Power Hour	19 *Bulldog Beat Auditions Due	20
21	22	*Power Hour	*Power Hour *Science Club	*Power Hour *Doodle Dogs	26 *Bulldog Breakdown sent home	27
28	29	30 *Power Hour				