

# WELCOME

## TCHS 2023-2024



# ADMIN TEAM

- **Mr. Shawn Duhon**      **Principal**
- **Mrs. Melinda Schott**      **Associate Principal**
- **Mrs. Helene Kilianski**      **Assistant Principal**      **Assessment**
- **Mrs. Niki Gilley**      **Assistant Principal**      **Alpha A - CL**
- **Ms. Sarah Willis**      **Assistant Principal**      **Alpha CO - GO**
- **Mr. James Johnson**      **Assistant Principal**      **Alpha GR - LEE**
- **Mr. Andy Gebert**      **Assistant Principal**      **Alpha LEF - OR**
- **Ms. Cassidy Loftin**      **Assistant Principal**      **Alpha OS - Si**
- **Mr. Darius Ingram**      **Assistant Principal**      **Alpha SK - Z**
  
- **Officer Korca**
- **Officer Wright**

# COUNSELOR TEAM

- Mrs. Kristy Phipps Lead Counselor
- Mrs. Lindsey Hernandez College & Career
- Mrs. Andi Gowins Intervention

## Alpha Counselors

- Mrs. Cherie Gopffarth A - CASTA
- Mrs. Melissa Lange CASTI - FRE
- Mr. Joshua Osman FRI - JEF
- Mrs. Penny Lowe JEG - MED
- Mrs. Melissa Woodward MEG - Poz
- Mrs. London Hall Bendani PR - STAN
- Mrs. Amy Perkins STAR - Z

# EXPECTATIONS

- **Rules vs. Expectations**
- **Game Expectations**
  - Fans are not permitted to spray/throw items at the game (baby powder, confetti, water, etc.)
  - No backpacks or sports balls
  - No outside food/beverages
  - **BE RESPECTFUL TO PLAYERS, COACHES, & REFEREES**
    - **Do not yell other teams Names/Numbers**
- **If behavior results in removal from any school competition, it could be a 1 year suspension from all Keller ISD events**

# CELL PHONE EXPECTATIONS

- **Cell Phones**

- Must be put away during instructional time; unless teacher has provided permission

- **Consequences:**

- The **first time** the device is confiscated, the student will be able to pick up the device from the teacher at the end of the class period.
- The **second time** the device is confiscated, parents will be notified, and students will be allowed to pick up the device from the campus office.
- Repeat offenses will require parents to pick up the device. Additionally, students will be subject to consequences aligned with the Keller ISD Student Code of Conduct and may be subject to a \$15 fine per occurrence

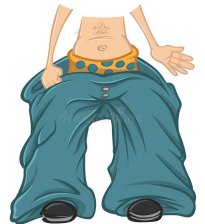
- **Turn in cell phone to teacher prior to leaving classroom**

# DRESS CODE

Dress in a Respectful Manner

## MAY NOT WEAR

- **Strapless, backless, halter, bare-midriff or spaghetti strap shirt (this includes tucking the shirt where your midriff shows)**
- **Violent language or images**
- **Advertises drugs, alcohol, tobacco, illegal substance, illegal activities or Playboy**
- **Apparel with rips or holes must meet regular dress code standards, covering ALL UNDERGARMENTS**



# DRESS CODE

- **Option to remove articles/accessories that do not conform to dress code**
- **Asked to put on their own alternative clothing**
- **Will be provided with temporary school clothing**
- **Parents/guardians may be called to provide alternative clothing**
- **Continual disruptions to the learning environment due to dress code violations will result in school discipline**

# COMPUTER USE / AUP

- Make sure you are using **Outlook email**
  - Check your email on a daily basis for important information, etc.
- Check Aeries Account Daily
- Balancing of classes are still happening
- Check schedule daily
- Check your email on a daily basis for important information, etc.

## **DO NOT DOWNLOAD ANYTHING**

- If locked out of computer - steps to follow
  - Report to your teacher
  - Teacher will write a pass to go to the Library
  - Librarian will work with technology to resolve the issue



# ATTENDANCE

State law-Students must be in attendance at least 90% of the time.

Students may not have more than 9 absences in 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> period(s).

Students may not have more than 3 absences in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> pds

Codes that count towards a student's seat time: PRN, ABS, TRU

\*ABS-above 10 or 4 results in SEAT TIME

*!SENIORS!-Seat time could prevent you from Activities (PROM, Senior Picnic, etc)*

Truancy is if a student fails to attend school without an excuse for 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period. Truancy goes through the Tarrant court system

# ATTENDANCE - SEAT TIME

- Pick up seat time forms from main office or attendance
- Options to complete seat time hours:
  - Falcon Night School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7pm. Room M104
  - Saturday School from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Students must arrive by 7:55 a.m
  - **Attend tutorials (Students will receive double-time for this option)**
  - Students may complete an administrator approved activity

# EXEMPTION POLICY

**\*EXEMPT Students MUST BE PRESENT the week of exams - if absent you will receive a ZERO for the exam grade\***

**Students MUST meet ALL of the following in order to be exempt from a final exam:**

- **GRADE:**
  - 85 average in the course
- **ABSENCES:**
  - **No more** than **three unexcused absences** in 2nd,3rd,4th,5th,6th 7th
  - **No more** than **four unexcused absences** in 1st, 8th
  - **Unexcused Absences =**
    - ABS (Absence)
    - PRN (Parent Note)
    - TRU (Truant)
- **NO** ISS, Choices, OSS, or DAEP assigned days
  
- Courses **NOT** eligible for exemption:
  - Courses that require a project, portfolio, or performance evaluation as a final
  - Dual Credit Courses
  - Online Credit Courses - SOAR, Flight School, iChoose

***Students will be notified on Tuesday, the week of exams, their exemption status***

# TCTV

- Timber Creek Today is our daily video announcements, made for students, by students, in our Broadcast class. These daily announcements are one of the many news, sports and informational programming from Broadcasters in TCTV, and Timber Creek Sports Network.

# Arrival / Off Periods

- **Enter North and South Entrances**
  - Must show ID badge or Aeries (until all badges have been handed out)
- **Late Arrival - No 1st period**
  - Come to school by 9:20am
- **Off Period - No 7th or 8th period**
  - Can drive/walk home
  
- IF you arrive at 8:30am and do not have a 1st period
  - You **MUST** report to room **N105.9** for 'Study Hall'
- IF you ride the bus or miss the KCAL bus
  - You **MUST** report to room **N105.9** for a 'Study Hall'

# TARDIES

- **1 - 5 Tardies** - Teacher Detention / Parent Contact
- **6th Tardy** - Office Referral = Saturday Detention
- **7th or More**- Office Referral = ISS
- **Random Tardy Sweeps will happen throughout the year**
  - **Tardy in a Tardy Sweep = Lunch Detention**

## Skipping Class

- 1st- Warning with Guardian Contact
- 2nd- 2 hour Detention
- 3rd- Saturday School (4 hours)
- 4th or More- ISS and contract

# LIBRARY INFO

- The library is open from 8am to 4:15pm
- See Mrs. Brentlinger, librarian, if you have any questions regarding technology
- You MUST have a pass when going to the Library
- Library closed after the first 10 minutes of Lunch

# PARKING

- Must have a parking permit to park on campus
  - Purchase online
  - Seniors pick up reserved tag in the South Office from Ms. Bird
  - Underclass pick up parking sticker in Main Office from Ms. Strommen
- Do not park in a reserved senior or faculty spot
  - Senior Reserved parking is located outside our South entrance and are painted parking spots
  - General parking is located east of our South Entrance and are NOT painted. They will have G for General Parking painted on the spot
- \$25 Boot Fine
- No Vandalism
- Parking Map on website



# KCAL

- Buses run each period from the NORTH entry.
- The expectation is for students to hustle to and from a KCAL shuttle either coming or going. Be on time!
- Those students who have a KCAL class during 4th/5th periods must:
  - Go to A-Lunch
  - During A-lunch, the Administration will call over the loudspeakers in the cafeteria at 11:40 for you to go to your KCAL shuttle.
- Students returning from KCAL must use the stairs in North/South entry to get to class. Students are not allowed to pass through the Main Hall/Cafeteria.
- If late coming back, it is each student's responsibility to get with the affected TCHS teacher to make up anything that was missed during the transition period. Our teachers are aware of this district-wide issue and will work with you.

# Timber Creek Website / Social Media

Follow Us for the latest news!!!

Twitter - @TimberCreek\_HS

Instagram @Timbercreek\_highschool

Website - [www.kellerisd.net/TCHS](http://www.kellerisd.net/TCHS)

# SAFETY & SECURITY



- **ID Badges**
  - If lost - report to counseling office and purchase a new one for \$5
- **MUST have a PASS in the hallway during class time**
  - Subject to be searched if in hallway/restroom without a pass
- **NO Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc**
- **Student Drop off table**
  - Located in the main entrance (North)
  - Pick up items during passing period
  - We will not call into classroom to let you know you have items on the table
- **Doors will remain locked during school hour**
  - Doors open 7:45 am-8:30 am
  - Enter the North or South entrance doors only
- **Bullying/Harassment form**

# CLOSED CAMPUS

- TCHS is a **CLOSED CAMPUS** for Lunch
- You **CANNOT** go off campus.
  - This is for safety reasons
- **Consequence:**
  - 1st- 2 hour Detention
  - 2nd- Saturday School (4 hours)
  - 3rd- ISS

# PSAT

What is it?

The PSAT/NMSQT stands for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which students take as a sophomore or junior. High enough marks on the PSAT/NMSQT as a junior can help a student land a National Merit Scholarship, which can mean **big bucks** for college.

Why do I need to take it?

Students can gauge the value of the PSAT in two ways. One is as a pathway to one of these scholarships and the other is as test prep for the SAT, which is broadly used as a **college admissions exam**. Taking a trial run with the PSAT is one way to get ready for the SAT.

The PSAT and SAT are similar, which makes taking the PSAT a useful exercise for SAT preparation.

# PSAT

- Test will be given on Tuesday, October 24th
- The test is digital this year, so you will test on your school-issued laptops
- 10th grade and 11th grade are automatically registered (KISD pays for you to test)
- Non testing 9th graders and 12th grade students will have a late arrival (more information will be sent out prior to the test)
- 12th graders who need CCMR points will take the TSIA2 (so arrive at 8:30)
- 9th grade must pay to test
  - Cost per exam \$18.00
  - Registration/payment window opens on August 25th
  - Registration/payment closes September 11th at 4pm
  - Pay Candace Cito in the main office, exact amount check
  - OR pay online at the KISD webstore:



# AP REGISTRATION

AP REGISTRATION OPENS ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND CLOSSES ON OCTOBER 27TH AT 4PM.

## REGISTRATION IS A 3-STEP PROCESS:

STEP 1: **Sign up** in **AP Central** and join each AP course for which you plan on taking an exam



<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org>

STEP 2: **Register** for your exams in **TOTAL REGISTRATION**



<https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/443752>

STEP 3: **Pay** online at the **KISD Webstore** or in person  
With cash or check.



AP scholarships are available for seniors taking more than 2 courses.  
Information will be emailed home to all seniors taking AP classes.

[www.KellerISD.net/Store](http://www.KellerISD.net/Store)

# SCHOOL ZONE

- Traffic in / out of school
- Texting and driving
- Fines double in school zones
- Safety-watch for pedestrians on their phone
- Speed Limit
- Bus Pick up and drop off locations/questions
- Report collisions or accidents to Officer Korca or Officer Wright
- Lost & Found      @tchslostnfound





# **ALERT!**

## **NEW HOUSE BILL 114**

# **VAPE = D.A.E.P**

**D-iscipline A-lternative E-ducation P-lacement**

**1st offense-5 day placement**

**2nd offense-10 day placement**

**3rd offense- 30 day placement**

# 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct

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## Legislative Amendments and Expansions to the Code of Conduct

- House Bill (HB) 114 requires a mandatory hearing and DAEP placement for students who possess, use or sell an e-cigarette on school property or at a school related activity.
- House Bill (HB) 114 allows a district if DAEP is at capacity, to place a student who commits an offense related to marijuana, THC, e-cigarettes, alcohol, or abusable volatile chemicals shall be placed in in-school suspension (ISS) until a place in a DAEP becomes available or the period of the student's placement ends.
- House Bill (HB) 114 allows a district if DAEP is at capacity, to move a student placed in DAEP for conduct related to marijuana, THC, an e-cigarette, alcohol, or an abusable volatile chemical to ISS to make room when a student who engaged in violent conduct needs to be placed at DAEP.
- House Bill (HB) 114 requires a mandatory hearing for all removals for mandatory placement in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) and mandatory expulsions.



# Legislative Amendments and Expansions to the Code of Conduct HB 114

- Beginning **Sept. 5, 2023** Mandatory DAEP Placement Vapes/eCigarette
- 5 Day Placement First Offense
- 10 Day Placement Second Offense
- 30 Day Placement Third Offense
- Note DAEP Placement Impacts Participation in UIL/Extra Curricular Activities



**Student Code of Conduct  
Acknowledgement of Expectations  
2023-2024**

**Students attending Class Talks will sign Acknowledgement Form in English Class**

# **Need a Surface Laptop?**

**Report to Library to receive your Surface**

**Leave the Case on your Surface Laptop at all times!**

# CLOSING



# CREEK CARES





# THANK YOU!



# CLASS OF 2024!

