



## Douglas MacArthur High School

### North East Independent School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**BREAKING RECORDS NOT SPIRITS** – On Monday morning, May 21<sup>st</sup>, MacArthur will be standing up against bullying and trying to set a world record in the process. Breaking Records Not Spirits highlights anti-bullying, and encourages students to take a stand against bullying. At 10:40, students will have the choice of making a pledge against bullying. They will go out into the hallway where Darik Dillard will be going by high fiving everyone along the way. Darik will be trying to high five as many people as he can in fifty five minutes, to set a new record. Students will be reminded of the importance of standing against bullying as we prepare to break for summer. This will also be an early kick-off for our fall anti-bullying campaign. Thanks to Mr. Thompson and our awesome MAC PALS for this great effort. Go Brahmas!

**STAAR, TAKS, AP EXAMS AND FINALS** – The testing is behind us and now we have final exams. I want to thank you all for your help and support in making sure that everyone was here on time.

- Only four students missed one or more STAAR/EOC tests!
- Less than 15 students were absent on any given day for TAKS testing!
- Total Number of AP Tests given=1,056!
- Total Number of students taking AP Tests=534!

We need your help once again to make sure everyone is here for Finals. Exams are listed by period in the calendar below. I have also attached a more detailed copy of the exam schedule for your convenience. Thank you again for your help. Let's finish strong!

**MAC CHOIR** – This past Thursday and Friday, our amazing MAC choir presented **Pop Show International**. It was an outstanding showcase of our very talented MAC singers. The show was beautifully staged with choreography and lots of energy. Congratulations to Mr. Woodward, Ms. Griffith and all of our MAC singers for a fantastic show. It was a highlight of my week. If you missed it this year, make a note and plan to attend next year. Go Brahma Choir!

**SENIOR INFORMATION** – This week we will have senior exams on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please see the calendar below and the attached exam schedule. In addition I have attached a list of graduation week activities, and I will be sending another e-mail just for senior parents with much more information.

**HOLIDAY AND EARLY RELEASE** – This is just a reminder that Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day holiday. In addition, we will have early release on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PROJECT GRADUATION** – There are only eleven days until Graduation! Has your senior signed up for Project Grad, the all-night celebration being held at Shady Oaks Ranch?

**PROJECT GRADUATION –REGISTRATION EXTENDED! – ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!** For more information on Project Grad visit the MAC PTSA Website at the following link:

<http://www.macptsa.com/project-graduation.html>.

Attached are flyers with more information and registration form.

**SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS** – This is a reminder for all **SENIORS** that the deadline to turn in their **GOLD FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM** is Friday, May 25, 2012. Each senior received one gold final transcript request form in their M Night packet. This form must be turned in to MAC Registrar Jody Leal, located in the main office. Each senior is entitled to one **free** final transcript to the college, university/junior college/employer/etc. of their choice. They must, however; turn in the completed gold final transcript request form. The instructions for the gold form are on the reverse side of the form. Seniors can still request as many transcripts as they need for a \$5 fee. Only the first request for a final transcript request is free, if it is turned in by the deadline.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CURRENT NINTH GRADERS-** According to new state requirements, current 9th grade students (2011-2012) who will be in the 10th grade next school year (2012-2013) must have the following **NEW** immunizations to start school on August 27, 2012:

**Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine**

- Two doses of varicella vaccine. The first dose must have been given on or after the first birthday, or a written statement from the parent or health care provider stating the student's history of the illness and the approximate date of illness.

**Meningococcal Vaccine**

- One dose of meningococcal vaccine

Please see the attached flyer for complete information.

**SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** – The San Antonio Children's Museum is seeking high school volunteers (minimum age of 14) to volunteer during the summer from the hours of 9-6. The minimum shift is four hours, and students can sign up for as many days as they would like. Students must attend an orientation session. Orientation will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 8-12. Registration for the orientation will be first come, first served for the first 15-20 volunteers. If need be, they will open another orientation session. Applicants must fill out a volunteer application on their web-site. The link to the volunteer page with the application is: <http://www.sakids.org/support/volunteer.aspx>

**ALL SPORTS PROGRAM** – It is time once again to start reserving your All Sports Program advertisements. Senior parents for 2013, you can also submit your Seniors' Baby Calf picture. Please see the attached flyers for more information. Also, [www.gobrahmas.com](http://www.gobrahmas.com) has all the

information on the website about ads for the all sports program, senior pictures for the program, golf tournament etc.

**Here are the events going on in Brahmaland this week:**

**I. Calendar**

- a. Monday 052112:**
  - i. Breaking Records Not Spirits 10:40 to 11:30 a.m.**
  - ii. ROTC Awards Practice @ Auditorium 2:30 p.m.**
  - iii. CIC Meeting @ Conference Room 4:15 p.m.**
  - iv. Choir/PFC Clinic @ Choir Room 4:15 p.m.**
  - v. Orchestra Banquet @ Alamo Café 6:30 p.m.**
- b. Tuesday 052212:**
  - i. Senior Exams 8:45 and 1:50**
  - ii. Summa Practice @ Auditorium 2:15 p.m.**
  - iii. Choir PFC Auditions @ Choir Room 4:15 p.m.**
  - iv. Student Council Meeting @ C233 4:15 p.m.**
  - v. ROTC Awards @ Auditorium and Cafeteria 6 p.m.**
  - vi. Spring Football Game @ Heroes 7 p.m.**
- c. Wednesday 052312:**
  - i. Senior Exams 10:05 and 2:35**
  - ii. ALE Graduation @ Auditorium/Senior Room 10:30 a.m.**
  - iii. Grupo Folklorico Magnifico @ Senior Dining 4:05 p.m.**
  - iv. Soccer Banquet @ Alamo Café 7 p.m.**
- d. Thursday 052412:**
  - i. Exams 2<sup>nd</sup> Period and 5<sup>th</sup> Period**
  - ii. CIRT Committee Meeting @ Teacher's Dinning 8 a.m.**
  - iii. MASH Breakfast @ Teachers' Lounge 8 a.m.**
  - iv. Grupo Folklorico Magnifico @ Senior Dining 4:05 p.m.**
  - v. SUMMA Reception @ Auditorium and Cafeteria 6 p.m.**
- e. Friday 052512:**
  - i. Exams 4<sup>th</sup> Period and 6th Period**
  - ii. Band Banquet**
- f. Saturday 052612:**
  - i. State UIL Orchestra Solo Contest @ UT Austin**
- g. Sunday 052712:**
  - i. N/A**

**Have a Great Week!**

**Peter Martinez**

**Principal, MacArthur High School**

**“An Investment in our children pays the best interest of all.”**