



Nimitz Middle School

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A 2009-2010 TEA Recognized School



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Dear Nimitz/STEM parents,

Whew! It has been a busy and hectic start to the school year. The good news is that our kids are all in classes and it has been a positive start to the year.

To help parents and students continue the positive start I have some important information for you.

First as a reminder to our parents, **Bus drop off and pick up is on the Jackson-Keller side of our building.** Please do not try to pick up students with a car on this side of the building. There is a parking lot for teachers on this side and many parents are trying to pull into this parking lot to pick up their child. We do not have supervision for kids in this area and for safety reasons we ask that no one pulls into the Jackson-Keller side to pick up students. **Car drop off and pick up is on the Blanco side of the school.** We do have supervision and will help expedite your child getting to the car.

The first few weeks of school are always a little crowded with Car Pick Up in the parking lot. Please be patient with us and other parents. Once we get everyone in a routine and following the procedures it will run smoother and faster. **One change we will be making is that all cars will exit the parking lot to the RIGHT. No left turns will be allowed out of the Blanco side parking lot after school. Our goal is safety for your child.**

September 13th is Greenback Night! Please mark your calendar now for 6:00 p.m. This will be your chance to meet teachers and join PTA. At Greenback Night we ask parents to donate money to PTA to help fund programs that support students at Nimitz. If every parent at our school gave just \$10 we wouldn't have to do any fund raisers! PTA membership is \$6.50. Please join and be a part of what makes Nimitz GREAT!

The Sex Ed. Information Night will be held @ 5:30 on Sept. 13th in the Nimitz Library for 6-8 grade.

Here are some changes at Nimitz:

- The entire school has been painted inside and out!
- 29 additional cameras have been added to our campus to keep our school safe.
- 10 motion sensor lights have been added to our campus to prevent vandalism of the school at night.
- New benches have been added to the Blanco side patio. The benches were a "gift to school" from the Nimitz Student Council!

New faces at Nimitz:



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- Please welcome our **new school officer, Officer Ximenez**. He is a very visible part of our campus and we are happy to have him here at Nimitz.
- Please welcome **Francisco Martinez, our new Family Specialist**. If you need assistance please call him at 442-0450 x 253 or you can email him at fmarti2@neisd.net
- Please welcome our new **Special Education Campus Coordinator, Sergio Martinez**. You may contact Mr. Martinez at 442-0450 x234 or email him at smarti95@neisd.net

We also have several new teachers on board this year that are very excited about working with our students. Our Nimitz/STEM teachers have spent their summer working hard to make this a successful year for our kids. I am proud to be the leader of such an outstanding group of educators.

New Programs:

- You might hear your child talking about START ON TIME. Students are expected to get to class on time every day. When the bell rings teachers will close their door and students will be locked out of class if they are not in the room. Teachers who do not have class will help sweep tardy students to a nearby location to have the tardy recorded and then students will be provided a pass to get back into class. Excessive tardies result in discipline consequences.
- CHARACTERCOUNTS! Students will be focusing on the 6 pillars of character all year. Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. This program goes hand in hand with the STEM Core values. The first 6 weeks focus is Trustworthiness.

Finally...

Agenda books will be handed out to students soon. Please check the agenda books for homework and other important information.

If your child falls behind we have tutoring and Success Saturdays for students who need to bring up failing grades. Success Saturdays are scheduled every 3 weeks as progress reports and report cards come out to help our students go over concepts that they might be struggling with and in turn improve their grades.

ATTENDANCE = Academic Success. We want our students at school every day! Our goal is 97% attendance for the school year. Please help us out by encouraging your child to be at school every day and when doctor's appointments are necessary please try to schedule after 10:00 a.m. so your child will be counted present for the day. When your child returns to school be sure to send them with a note from you or a doctor.

We reviewed the Nimitz Expectations with all students on Tuesday. If you would like to see these expectations please visit the Nimitz Web page. <http://www.neisd.net/nimitz/index.html>

It is a great day to be alive and be a Seahawk!