

JOHN PAUL SHAVARS HIGH SCHOOL

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Harold Maldonado, Principal

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Dear Student and Falcon Family,

We hope you are having a summer "full of adventure" and preparing yourself for a super, exciting year. We are looking forward to another wonderful, productive year and looking forward to seeing you again and anxiously waiting to meet the incoming freshmen and transfer students.

We hope you are getting a well deserve rest and getting prepared for a successful new year. We are excited and looking forward to seeing you again and can hardly wait to meet the incoming freshmen and transfer students. John Paul Stevens High School will be hosting **PREP DAYS** on **August 13th**, **14th**, **and 15th**, prior to the first day of classes. This process is designed to reduce confusion on the first days of school, save valuable instructional time and allows you an opportunity to receive valuable information, meet some of the teachers, and become familiar with location of your classes, locker, gym, library, and cafeteria. **Please note**, to simplify the process for the freshman group, we have again divided the 9th graders into two separate days.

Please follow the format and review the schedule carefully.

PREP DAYS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, August 13, 2013	Wednesday, August 14, 2013	Thursday, August 15, 2013
Freshmen - 9 th Grade 8:00 - 9:00 E, M, U, 9:00 - 10:00 F, N, V, 10:00 -11:00 G, O, W, 11:00 -12:00 H, P, X, Z	Freshmen - 9 th Grade 8:00 - 9:00 A, I, Q, 9:00 - 10:00 B, J, R, 10:00 - 11:00 C, K,S, 11:00 - 12:00 D, L, T, Y,	Seniors - 12th Grade 8:00 - 9:00 D, H, L, P, T, X, 9:00 - 10:00 C, G, K, O, S, W, 10:00 - 11:00 B, F, J, N, R, V, Z, 11:00 - 12:00 A, E, I, M, Q, U, Y
12:00-1:00 Lunch	12:00-1:00 Lunch	12:00-1:00 Lunch
Sophomores - 10th Grade 1:00 - 2:00 C, F,I, L, O, R, U, X, 2:00 - 3:00 A, D,G,J, M, P, S,V, Y, 3:00 - 4:00 B, E,H,K, N, Q, T,W, Z	Juniors - 11 th Grade 1:00 - 2:00 C, F, I, L, O, R, U, X, 2:00 - 3:00 A, D, G, J, M, P, S,V, Y 3:00 - 4:00 B, E, H, K, N, Q, T,W, Z	Make-Up 1:00 - 4:00 – All grade levels

Please note these important dates on your calendar and take advantage to avoid first day of school confusion, attend **PREP DAYS**. If you have any questions, please call **397-6450**.

Reminder: Returning students must bring their School ID card to PREP DAYS. (IDs will be required from former Stevens students)

Sincerely,

Harold Maldonado, Principal John Paul Stevens High School

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PREP DAYS ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Slideshow Presentation Students will meet the administrators/counselors, receive information on: dress

code, attendance, parking/off-campus lunch permits and bullying.

Address Verification Students who have new addresses with the Stevens attendance area can make

the changes by showing proof of residence (Utility or Water bill)

NurseIf you were notified that you need an immunization booster, please arrange to get

the shot and provide records to the nurse at Prep Days.

<u>Schedules</u> Students will receive a copy of their schedule. Counselors are available to work

with those students with a schedule problem.

ID Cards School ID Cards are issued at Prep Days. There is no fee for the first card. The

replacement fee for lost or stolen cards is \$5.00

Yearbooks/School Pictures Save \$\$\$- Buy Your Yearbook During Prep Days! Students are

encouraged to buy their yearbooks during Prep Days to take advantage of the discounted price. Orders and payment will be taken at the Prep Days **Yearbook Table.** Cash and money orders are preferred methods of

payment. Make money orders payable to: Stevens Yearbook.

Prep Days ONLY (Aug. 13, 14, 15)

PE UNIFORMS Students taking PE must purchase PE uniforms. \$20 for the set, \$10 for shorts

and \$10 for tops.

Transportation You will encounter representatives from the NISD Transportation Department who

will provide bus information.

Cafeteria Manager will sell meal tickets and answer questions about food

service. You may apply for free and reduced lunch at this station. Off campus

lunch stickers will be \$2.00.

Parking Students who will drive to school must purchase a parking permit. You must bring

proof of insurance and your driver's license. The cost of the parking permit is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL. Campus

Police will facilitate placement of parking stickers.

Fines/ObligationsStudents who owe fines or have obligations from other schools should provide a

receipt of clearance OR bring the item(s) or \$\$\$ to cover the cost of the item(s) to

Prep Days.

Lockers Lockers will be issued at Prep Days.

Booster Clubs/ PTSA Athletic, Band, and Spirit Booster clubs and PTSA will be selling Stevens T-shirts,

sweats, stickers and much more!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW FOR SUCCESS

We the administration, faculty/staff want you to be successful and want you to have an enjoyable learning experience at John Paul Stevens High School. To assist you in this endeavor the following information is presented to you:

- 1) **School Hours**: 8:50 a.m. 4:05 p.m.
- 2) **Tardy Policy**: There is tardy roundup when the tardy bell rings. All students out of class at this time who do not have a pass must report to tardy round-up. There the student can be issued a warning notice, assigned in-school-suspension (if necessary), assigned overnight suspension (if needed), or suspended from school (if necessary).
- 3) **Truancy**: It is defined as missing one or more of your classes without proper authorization. Should truancy become a persistent problem, you will be issued a "Warning Letter". If the problem continues and it is not corrected, the visiting teacher will begin proceedings for the student and the parent to appear at Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Court.
- 4) **Texas School Attendance Law**: It states that a student in grades nine through twelve must be in attendance at school a minimum of 90% of the time in order to receive credit for the course. If you miss more than (9) days in the <u>first</u> semester and (9) days the <u>second</u> semester of a full year course or (4) days in a semester of a ½ year course, the **highest** grade you may receive is a **69**. It is extremely important for you to make every effort to attend school regularly. To be successful in high school, a student must be in class. It has been shown that a student who attends school regularly makes higher grades and is better prepared for future endeavors, be it college, work or armed services. Knowing that emergencies arise occasionally, such as extended illness or family illness, Stevens will offer you the opportunity to make-up necessary time through ATTENDANCE RECOVERY. During the first weeks of school, you will be receiving more information concerning this important program. **BE COOL!** STAY IN SCHOOL!
- 5) **Cell Phones/ Paging Devices**: They must be turned off and out of sight from 8:40 a.m. until 4:05 p.m.
- 6) Radios, Tape players, CD, IPODS and MP-3 players: They are allowed before 8:40 a.m. before school, and after school only.
- 7) **Dress Code**:
 - a) Dresses, skirts, and slacks are considered appropriate school attire. However, clothes of any length that are suggestive, indecent, or which cause a distraction will not be permitted. Capri pants should be at least 4 inches below the knee. Cutoffs are not allowed. Skirt length should be no more than 4 inches above the knee. Pants with holes and show skin above the knee are not allowed.
 - b) Shorts, baggy or oversized pants and tight fitting pants (i.e. tights, bicycle pants) are not allowed. All pants are to be worn at the waist. Appropriate footwear must be worn. Steel-toed footwear is specifically prohibited.
 - c) Hair must be neat and clean. No outrageous hairstyles or colors will be allowed.
 - d) Headgear must not be worn in the buildings and it is not recommended for school.
 - e) See-through garments are not appropriate.
 - f) Tanks tops, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs or midriffs are not allowed.
 - g) Indecent/inappropriate patches, writings, or drawings on clothing will not be permitted.
 - h) Body piercing jewelry is prohibited except for rings, studs or other traditional jewelry worn in the ear. Tongue rings, tongue and chin studs, are not permitted.

Because fads in dress and grooming are subject to sudden, and sometimes, radical change, a basic rule to remember is that student dress and grooming should not be suggestive or indecent, or so bizarre and unusual as to detract from the classroom environment. If a student comes to school inappropriately dressed, he/she will be asked to contact a parent/guardian to bring a change of clothing.

The entire Falcon staff is looking forward to working with you and assisting you have a successful school year.