



## **YES Prep Brays Oaks Parent Notes**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Please note the following dates:

- **Monday, Feb. 20-** NO SCHOOL- Presidents Day
- **Tuesday, Feb. 21-24-** Black History Month Spirit Week (info below)
- **Friday, Feb. 24-** Reports Cards go home.
- **Friday, Feb. 24-** BOFA Meeting- More info below
- **Monday, Feb. 27-** Middle School Honor Roll & Academic Probation (4:00-6:00 pm)
- **Tuesday-Wednesday, March 1-2:** STAAR Benchmark Exams- info below.

### **BRAYS OAKS FAMILY ASSOCIATION (BOFA)**

Our next BOFA meeting will be held on **Friday, Feb. 24th** from **8-9 a.m.** in the Library. Topics to be discussed at this meeting are:

- Black History Month
- Book fees- what are they and how do we make this system work better?
- Ideas for next year- afterschool programming, student activities
- Message from superintendent about immigration

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES**

**Spirit Week Info:**

Day	Theme	Dress
Tuesday 2/21	African Cultural Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural Dress <b>OR</b> Professional Dress</li> </ul>
Wednesday 2/22	Reality of Black in America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red, green, or black shirt <b>AND</b> uniform bottoms</li> </ul>
Thursday 2/23	HBCU/Black Student Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College Shirt <b>AND</b> jeans</li> </ul>
Friday 2/24	Blackout/Black Talent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Black</li> <li>Black shirt and Jeans</li> </ul>
Monday 2/27	Health in the Black Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Dress</li> </ul>

More activities will be announced next week!

## STAAR BENCHMARK EXAMS

### Wednesday, March 1:

6th Grade- ELA  
7th Grade- ELA  
8th Grade- Social Studies  
US History

### Thursday, March 2:

6th Grade- Math  
7th Grade- Math  
8th Grade- Science  
Biology  
Algebra I

## BOOK FEE NOTICE

Each year, we plan and allocate money from the school budget to subsidize student activities including field trips and spring trips. A book fee is charged at the beginning of the year so that parents do not have to purchase individual novels and workbooks, some of which are not available in stores. By pre-ordering books for all students, we are able to save you money and ensure that every student has access to the texts used in class.

Our ability to fund spring trips depends greatly on the amount of book fees and spring trip fees that we are able to collect from families. A significant portion of the budget that is allocated to student activities comes from the payments we collect from students for the books that were ordered. **Due to the high volume of outstanding book fees, we are in jeopardy of not having the budget to fund spring trips.**

Please make every effort possible to pay your outstanding book fee balance before the winter break.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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