



# Timberwolf Howl

*Build Learners to be  
Productive Citizens*

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*Honor, Integrity,  
Loyalty  
and Leadership*

## Principals Corner

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

This school year has been interesting and full of surprises. We have made it through the hurricane, the eclipse, snow days, and winter break. We are a resilient school community who has pulled together, supported each other, and moved forward. Thank you for your patience and support.

Our students had the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom school and ventured out on a few field trips. The 5th graders “went to work” at Biz Town, and also saw a production of The Little Mermaid. Our 6th graders visited the local theatre to view the movie “Wonder” and returned with raving reviews.

Looking forward, we have many other activities in store for our students and staff as we move through the rest of the year. Please check our school website for upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Spoon  
Principal  
Tom Cox Intermediate

### February Important Dates

- 2 Honor Choir Auditions at Bozman
- 5 6th graders watch Course Selection Video
- 6 Progress Reports
- 7 York counselors at lunch for questions
- 8 6th grade parent meeting at York for 7th grade 6pm
- 9 8:00 Student Council Meeting
- 17 6th grade Orchestra Benchmark at York
- 17 Destination Imagination Tournament at Oak Ridge HS
- 19 Student Holiday

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## Fifth Grade

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### Language Arts

We are moving on to non-fiction reading and writing. Students will explore and immerse themselves in topics they find intriguing in the factual world. In writing we will write about a non-fiction topic of choice, adding text features and showing authors purpose.

### Science

This month we will be studying the formation of fossils and fossil fuels. After studying these non renewable energy sources we will transition to learning about alternative energy sources. These will be our final earth science units before we move on to life science.

### Math

5th grade math is working on expressions and equations and will be studying ordered pairs on a coordinate plane next. Biz Town was a great success! Our students were able to use information learned in class from their Personal Finance unit.

### Social Studies

5th Grade Social Studies is halfway through Westward Expansion and Industrial Revolution which will then set up the beginning of the Causes of the Civil War. We are also starting our work on Wax Museum choosing our characters this week; following that we will begin the research about each character's life. Parents should keep in mind Wax Museum presentation night (either 5th, 6th, or 8th of March) students will need to dress up as their character.

## Sixth Grade

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### Language Arts

Our 6th grade students are currently working on Informational/Expository in reading and writing. In the Informational/Expository unit, readers will explore the organizational patterns, presentation of ideas, and author's purposes in informational texts as well as extend the student's understanding of expository writing by focusing on procedural writing techniques. We encourage students to select topics that they are familiar with as well as passionate about, so they can complete the writing process with ease. We encourage all students to read between 20-25 minutes every day

Important Dates:

March 1 - MOY District Reading Benchmark

### Science

This month your sixth grade student is learning about what is going on beneath their feet. Students are discussing the layers of the Earth. They will also discuss the Tectonic plates and plate boundaries. Students will then move onto Minerals and types of rocks. Ask your student about the Lithosphere and Asthenosphere!

### Math

During the month of February, 6th grade math students will be working on solving problems involving proportional relationships. Students will identify a ratio for a real-life situation and make connections to percentage and predictions using proportionality. This will also include converting various forms of measurement within the customary and metric units.

### Social Studies

This month in 6th grade Social Studies, we will be traveling to Russia!! We will bundle up and learn about their rugged terrain and frozen ways of life!! Then we'll travel south to East Asia where we will delve into the Chinese and Japanese cultures. It's a very exciting time for us in World Cultures for sure!!

## PTO News

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Hello Parents!

February Spirit Night: SK8 Town Thursday, Feb 15th (6-8:30pm)

Hi Parents! We're ready to kick off our February fundraiser with the World's Finest Chocolate just in time for Valentine's Day! We're asking for your support once again to help the PTO help the school. Our goal is to update the technology at Tom Cox with the money raised, as well as donate a portion to the new intermediate school, Clark Intermediate, that will open next year! The chocolate is delicious and will no doubt sell itself after trying it! Please help us make this fundraiser a success! Thanks for your continued support! Tom Cox PTO



## College Park Cheer Clinic

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The Woodlands College Park Cheerleaders are proudly hosting their Annual Spring Cheer Clinic for 5-8th graders who are looking to improve their cheer skills for try-outs. The clinic will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at The Woodlands College Park High School. Clinic cost is \$40. Please use the following link to register for the clinic and follow instructions to make your payment online.

[Link to register](#)

## Counselors Corner

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Valentine's Day Lollipops

This year our Tom Cox Student Council will be selling lollipops to be delivered to students for Valentine's Day. Students will be able to purchase lollipops for 50 cents each to send to their friends, teachers or even themselves. Sales will begin on January 29th and extend to February 9th or until we run out of lollipops. Student council members will be selling during all lunches. In order to make sure the lollipops are delivered to the correct child, students will need to know the first and last name of the student and their homeroom. Checks will be taken as long as they have a Driver's license number and a phone number.

Parents of Sixth Grade Students,

It is time for you and your child to start thinking about the courses they want to take next year at York. All sign-up will be done online. Please see the next page for important dates. Please know if you have any further questions you are welcome to call Mrs. Corbett here at Tom Cox or one of the counselors at York.

## Robotics

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The Wolbotz, the Tom Cox 6th grade robotics team, advanced on from the District Qualifier in December!! The team will be competing with over 60 teams in the greater Houston area at the end of January at the BISH Texas South Houston Regional FLL Championship. Congratulations to Jalen Johnson, Aadian Inniss, Christina Rodriguez, Liam Holan, Shannon Guillan, Nidhi Nebbar, Landon Coutee, and Halle Manners and Coach Roland!

## March Important Dates

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- 5-9 Band ensemble recitals during class
- 5 Wax Museum
- 6 Wax Museum
- 8 Wax Museum
- 9 Student Council Meeting at 8am
- 12-16 Spring Break
- 21 Spirit night at Sonic
- 24 6th Grade Band Benchmark at York
- 27 Parent Growth Mindset presentation (see flyer)
- 29 Honor Choir Rehearsal 5pm at Mitchell
- 30 Holiday

## Sixth Grade Immunizations

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There are 2 Required immunizations for incoming 7th graders. They are Tdap (Tetnas, Diptheria & Acellular Pertussis) & Meningitis (MCV4)). These immunizations must be obtained prior to schedule pick up day of 7th grade in August, 2018.

If your child receives their immunizations prior to the end of this school year, please provide an updated copy of your child's immunization record to the Nurse at Cox. If your child receives their immunizations during the summer break, please provide an updated copy of your child's immunization record to the Nurse at York JHS or the junior high that your child will be attending prior to the schedule pick up.

Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions.

## York Incoming 7th Graders Course Selection Process

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In order to make the transition to the 7th grade at York JHS as smooth as possible, there are several events that will be made available to current 6th grade students and their families.

February 5 – Current 6th graders will watch the course selection video in class

February 7 – York counselors will visit Cox during lunches so 6th graders can ask questions

February 8 – Families of incoming 7th graders are invited to attend Parent Night in the York Cafeteria at 6:00 PM

May 18 – Current 6th grade students from Cox visit York JHS for a tour of the school (9:00 AM & 10:00 AM)

### Course Selection Timeline

February 15 – Registration in ViewIt closes

March 2 – Verification sheets go home

March 9 – Changes to Verification sheets are due

For more information visit the Counseling page of the York JH Website.

## 8th Grade Math Credit by Exam

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For more information on Credit by Exam please visit the following web links for information and application.

[Information on Guidelines for taking Algebra 1.](#)

[Application for Credit by Exam.](#)

All of the above information is found on the CISD website at: <http://www.conroeisd.net/ci/mathematics/>

## York Cheer Tryout Information

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Try out packets are on the York JH website under Cheer and on the York home page under “Latest News From Us” Please fill out all required paperwork and turn in by February 20, 2018.

### **Parent meeting for all candidates:**

February 20, 2018 5:30 PM York JHS LGI

### **Clinic:**

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5-7 4:30-6:30 PM Gym A.

### **Try Outs:**

Thursday March 8th 4:30 PM Gym A

## York Drill Team Tryouts

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Mandatory Parent Info meeting – Thursday April 5th at 6:30 in York Cafeteria

Team Tryout Clinic April 23-26 5:00-6:30 in York Gym

Officer Tryout Clinic April 23-26 4:00-5:00 (returning members) in York Gym

Tryouts Friday April 27th Starts at 4:30 in York Gym

Information and applications online (after spring break)

<http://york.conroeisd.net/departments/directory/drill-team/>

If you have any questions email Randie Wilson.

Everybody is going to love this...

  
*World's Finest*  
C H O C O L A T E  
**Fundraising**



Sell

- 1 case = DJ Party
- 2 cases = BMX Stunt Show
- 3 cases = Pizza, DJ Party
- 4 cases = free homework pass
- 5 cases = front row seats to the BMX Show and pictures with the team



February 5 -20