Good morning, Franklin! Please join me in showing respect for our flag by reciting the pledge of allegiance and the Texas Pledge. If you are in the hallway, please stop where you are

I pledge allegiance, to the flag, of the United States of America. And to the republic, for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Honor the Texas Flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one and indivisible.

Now please join me for a moment of silence.

SEP

Thank you! It's always a great day to be a Cougar, and here are today's announcements. We are including some from earlier this week to keep all students in the loop on the important events and updates on campus!

Attention all seniors, please be sure to check your EPISD email for graduation updates. Seniors must also order their caps and gowns by March 20th. You must place your order at suncitygradservices.com, again suncitygradservices.com and the hard deadline to order is March 20th.

This past weekend the Franklin Academic Decathlon team competed virtually in their 10 event contest. Overall the team placed third in the region and earned 22 individual medals. Great job and congratulations to Diego, Olivia, Laynee, Maddie, Adelina, AJ, Camila, and Lili.

Students, if you have any textbooks from last school year prior to Covid Closure, now is the time to return them. If you are a Magnet Center student enrolled in the Steam or New Tech Programs, please return your books to the Front office there. They will tag the books with your name and ID number, and the books will be taken off your account shortly after turn in. If you are a Main Campus student, please return your books to the Main Campus Book Room. Thank you for returning your books!

Congratulations to our girls wrestling team, who wrestled against Eastlake, Hanks, and Chapin High School. Their overall scores were 42-12, 42-18, and 42-0. Congratulations and good luck at Friday's match!

Attention juniors, please check your EPISD emails for testing updates. TSI testing for ALL juniors will begin March 9th to mid-May by alphabetical order. Please check the Franklin website under quick links, your english teacher, or counselor to see what day you are testing.

Juniors:

The SAT for Wednesday, March 3rd, has been postponed to Wednesday, March 24th. Due to the winter storms in central Texas, our materials have not arrived. If you already signed up to test for March 3rd and still want to test, you do not need to do anything. We will have you ready to test on March 24th. We will reopen the SAT survey and email juniors for those who:

- 1) Didn't sign up for March 3rd but want to sign up for March 24th, or
- 2) Want to cancel their RSVP.

The survey is also under Quick Links on the Franklin website. We will get your room location, instructions for the SAT on March 24th the week before the test.

If you are interested in being part of a winning tradition, want to bulk up your resume, and are ready for one of the most challenging and rewarding high school contests, contact Ms. Mendoza today at M-S-K-A-I-S-E-R@episd.org to find out more about Academic Decathlon. We are open to all grade levels and all Franklin students.

Are you a current events fiend? Know all about the Supreme Court and the Constitution? Then Citizen Bee might be the contest for you. If you are interested please contact Ms. Mendoza for more information at M-S-K-A-I-S-E-R@episd.org. Hurry, registration closes March 12.

Thank you to the Franklin NHS and StuCo officers that represented Franklin at NASSP LEAD Virtual Winter conference this past weekend. Congratulations to Franklin NHS officers that were selected to present on their fall project, Cougars, Cuddles, and Cans, how to make a difference during a pandemic. The executive board created a prerecorded 30-minute presentation with our own Historian Andres Buckley editing the video. Great job National Honor Society Officers!

Congratulations to Zachary Soldi, who placed first in t-shirt design and 3-d Animation team competition for SkillsUSA at CCTE! He will be advancing to state, congratulations!

Our core value this month is patience. Here is today's famous quote: "Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet", by Aristotle

Attention students looking for a summer job. Join the Lifeguard team at Wet-N-Wild! Training dates start as early as this month and you can apply on wetwild.com, again that's wetwild.com

Tomorrow's Cougar Cloud Weather Update is to expect a low of about 43 degrees tomorrow morning, and it will be sunny and reach a high of 66 degrees. It's warming up, Cougars!

That's all for today, remember to be respectful, accept responsibility, and be cougar-ageous! Have a <u>Fantastic</u> Friday!