



## Tom Bean High School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The next few weeks will be a very important time for your student. Selected grade levels will be participating in the statewide Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) program. TBHS will be testing according to the following state schedule.

<b>Wednesday, March 3</b>	9 10/11	Reading ELA
<b>Tuesday, April 27</b>	10	Math
<b>Wednesday, April 28</b>	11	Math
<b>Thursday, April 29</b>	9 10/11	Math Science
<b>Friday, April 30</b>	10/11	Social Studies

Please help your student prepare to do his/her best on the test. You can do this by seeing that he/she has a good night's sleep the night before, avoiding morning conflicts, and bringing extra #2 pencils to use on the test. It is also important to make sure your student has fresh batteries in his/her calculator. It is of the utmost importance that your child is in attendance on his/her respective testing days. Please try to avoid scheduling non-emergency medical or dental appointments on test days if at all possible. However, if your student is ill, we do understand.

Tutoring before school and after school is available to those students that need extra help. Please contact the faculty directly for tutoring times available. Another online FREE resource to help students prepare for the TAKS exam is TRACK. This resource is provided by the University of Texas. Visitors can access over 400 learning modules for general review of concepts and skills as well as take practice exams in the English, Math, Science, and Social studies knowledge and skills areas covered in the TAKS exams. TRACK can be found online at <http://www.track.uttelecampus.org>.

The state has increased the level of testing required of students. These new challenges demand higher results from students. Our students face a tremendous challenge to compete, both in school and in the workplace, in today's society. Since learning is measured by examinations, our students are under pressure to score well. Please support your child and encourage him/her to do well on the T.A.K.S. test, as well as, in their every day work at school.

Working to help our children achieve and succeed,

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