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CRHS FFA “tagged for success” 2018-2019

E-mail Communication

For anyone receiving this e-mail for the first time, your son/daughter has expressed an interest in joining the FFA and we have included your e-mail address to the distribution list.

In an effort to keep both students and parents informed of what is going on in the chapter, upcoming opportunities, and important items we will be sending biweekly e-mails and as necessary to help with keeping information available and consistent to everyone. Please find our e-mail addresses at the bottom of this page and let us know of any updated contact information that may help us to reach you more conveniently. You may be added to our distribution list by sending us an email or by signing up at the next FFA or Booster Club Meeting – and of course, please let us know by e-mail if you would not like to receive these emails. We will also continue to have information available through remind 101 texts, bulletin boards, classroom, student handouts, meetings, and at the barn. We look forward to working with each of you to make this a successful and rewarding year for all of our students.

Remind 101

Along with the biweekly emails, we also have Remind 101 texts. This is available for both students and parents. Many students have already signed up for remind either in class or at the 1st FFA meeting. We will send out reminders on upcoming events and other important information.

To access Remind 101: **Text @ CINCOFFA to 81010**

Animal Payment

All students who are interested in raising an animal will need to bring their completed Animal Payment Form, which was given to them at the show meeting in the maroon folder, to school with them on Thursday 9-13-18. The Social Security Number needs to be filled in, or the student must know the number that day; we will be completing w9 forms for each student. We will keep both the W9 and the animal payment form and will have them ready and waiting when you come to animal payment night. Please take a picture of your completed form so you are aware of the total you will owe for the projects. Animal payment nights are September 17 or 18, from 3-6 at the Merrill Center. You must pay one of these days.

You may pay in cash, credit card (only Visa or MasterCard), or cashier's check.

Personal checks will not be accepted!!!

Activities Above the Chapter Level

All exhibitors in the Katy ISD Livestock Show must participate in at least 2 activities above the chapter level to meet their activity requirement to show. The following activities will fulfill these requirements and are quickly approaching.

- **Leadership Development Event** (*activity above the chapter level*)

Members can join a Leadership Development Event (LDE) Team to be counted as an activity. These events allow students to present and test their knowledge on information about different facets of agriculture. Listen for details to be shared, invitations to be given, and practice schedules to be announced.

- **Ag Olympics** (*activity above the chapter level*)

All FFA Members are welcome to participate at the school barns for a day of fun and competition among all Katy ISD FFA members. KISD Ag Olympics will be held at the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Science Facility (school barns) on Sat. September 29th beginning at 9:00 am. You may register with Mrs. Jenschke by September 20 or bring money on site; it will be \$20.

- **Morton Ranch Leadership Summit** (*activity above the chapter level*)

On Mon. Oct. 8th, members are invited to attend the KISD FFA Leadership Summit beginning at 1:30pm and will last until 3:45, at Morton Ranch High School. Members from each Katy ISD school will be in attendance. Members should take advantage of this activity close to home to receive credit for an activity above the chapter level. Students must provide their own transportation and the registration cost is \$10. Details will be posted in the ag hallway.

Community Service

We will have our first community service event Blanket Bash Tuesday, September 25. We will be making blankets for the patients at Texas Children's Hospital West Campus. You may donate \$5 (1 hour of community service) or \$10 (2 hours of community service) to help buy supplies. We will meet after school on the 25 to make blankets until

about 4pm. If you make blankets, that will be an additional 2 hours of community service. In total, you can receive 4 hours of community service.

Be on the lookout for our next community service event!

*** Participation in all community service activities will accumulate toward the 10 hour community service requirement needed to show.

FFA Creed Deadline

Although we are quite a while away, the deadline to recite the FFA Creed will be here before you know it. All CRHS Greenhands (first year members) planning to show at the KISD Livestock Show are required to recite the FFA Creed to any Advisor on or before Friday, December 7th. The FFA Creed may be found in the Official FFA Manual or extra copies are available from any Advisor. Students also have the option to say the paragraphs individually. All students in Principles of AFNR are doing this in class.

Please have your student see an Advisor or Officer if they need assistance.

Catalog Ad Sales Begin

The KISD Catalog Ad Sales began Monday, September 10. Instructions and details were distributed to all members. Copies of last year's catalog are available to see examples of ads. Each FFA member raising a project should look forward to their opportunity or requirement to sell a total of \$500 in fundraising items this semester and earn their FFA Jacket. Members raising animals are required to sell at least one ad. Catalog ad forms are due back to turn in on Wednesday October 10. *If any questions exist, details needed, additional forms or clarification please ask Mr. Fuchs (deanafuchs@katyisd.org)*

Meat and Dessert Fundraiser

The fruit and meat fundraiser began on August 31. This is one of our most successful fundraisers since the products make great holiday gifts. Students will receive pricing and product information in their Ag class. All members will be invited to sell to help fund chapter activities. Students raising livestock should look forward to the opportunity/requirement to reach \$500 in combined sales from the first meat fundraiser, the catalog ad sale, and this final fruit and meat fundraiser.

Please note that all checks should be made to "CR FFA".

This fundraiser is due September 17.

Delivery date for items is October 9 or 10.

Cinco Ranch FFA Barn Workday/Orientation

On Wednesday Oct. 3rd starting at 4:00 pm, we will have barn setup for all students raising KISD show animals (pigs, sheep, goats, and steers). We will be cleaning the barn, setting up pens, discussing barn rules, assigning pens, other topics to get ready for

animals at the barn. Please arrive on time to have enough time to set up your pens. Remember school appropriate dress code and no flip flops in the barn. Anyone raising a hog, sheep, or goat, and all cattle feeders will need to attend or have someone attend for them in their place.

Species Meetings

The first species meeting will be held Wednesday, September 26 for all students raising pigs, sheep, or goats. In this meeting, members will receive information regarding preparation and materials to be ready prior to receiving their animals in October. Pig raisers will meet in room 1308, sheep will meet in room 1306, and goat raisers will meet in room 1303. Meetings will be held at 6:50 am and again at 2:45 pm. Please have your student attend one of these meetings that best fits into their school schedule.

For specific species questions contact:

Mr. Fuchs- Steers

Mr. Ford- Pigs

Ms. Jenschke- Lambs

Ms. Kacal- Goats

Email addresses and phone numbers can be found at the bottom of the email.

Chapter Website

<http://cincoranch.fffanow.org>

Upcoming Dates (*partial list*)

9-10 Ad Sales Began

9-17 Meat Fundraiser Due

9-17/9-18 Animal Payment Nights @ Merrell Center 3-6pm

9-19 We Rise Wednesday

9-25 Blanket Bash

9-26 Species Meeting

9-27 – 10-6 Fort Bend County Livestock Show

9-29 Ag Olympics*

10-3 Mandatory Barn Mtg. @ the KISD barns 4pm

10-5 Draw Numbers for Animal Selection @ LD Robinson Pavilion 3-5pm

10-6 Animal Selection @ LD Robinson Pavilion

10-8 Morton Ranch Leadership Summit*

10-10 Ad Sales Due

*denotes activities that count toward fulfilling KISD show requirements

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Please contact us if you have questions about any of the above. If your e-mail has changed or we have missed someone please let us know. *If you would prefer not to receive e-mails from a CRHS Advisor in the future, please let us know and we will remove your address from the e-mail list.*

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