Good Morning Gator Nation!!!

Big changes coming with the new week. The internal key reader (next to the main entrance at the barn office) will be coming on-line on Monday. There are additional instructions in this letter. Here are our updates for the week:

* **Barn Timeclock for Sign-Ins**
* **Major Tag Orders**
* **October Chapter Meeting**
* **Homecoming Float**
* **Homecoming Carnival**
* **Fort Worth Entries**

**Activity Calendar**

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**FFA Meeting / Specie Clinic / Stock Show Calendar**

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**Barn Timeclock for Sign-Ins**

Starting Monday 10/2/2023, students/parents will need to start “clocking in” when they arrive at the barn using your barn key or lunch code in the Key Reader at the entrance next to the barn office:

Your “Clocking In” is certifying that:

1. You have fed your animal(s)
2. You have ensured that they have been watered / access to water
3. You have cleaned their pen

Be mindful of your responsibilities. Camera footage can be verified. Those caught scanning in and leaving without fulfilling their obligations will face consequences.

**24-Hour Barn Keys WILL NOT WORK in the Timeclock.** You must use your assigned barn key or lunch code.

Another reminder that under no circumstances should students/parents swap or have possession of anyone else’s cards. In the event of substitute feedings (sick, out-of-town, etc.) scenarios, students/parents need to use the absent party’s lunch code to validate attendance.

**Major Tag Orders**

Another reminder, Major Tag Order Deadlines are approaching. Early Swine just ended this past Thursday. Take note of these dates in the FFA calendar or you may end up paying double or miss your tag purchase deadline entirely. Here is a list of Dickinson FFA Major Tags that have been purchased as of 4:00 PM on Tuesday, 26 September. If you have purchased a tag since you will not appear on this list:

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Order [HERE!](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/galveston-county-2024-major-show-validation-heifer-sheep-goat-swine-tickets-685764659557?aff=oddtdtcreator)

Swine Late: **October 31**

Sheep/Goat/Heifer Late: **October 8**

Additionally, please make sure your families are aware of the **registered breeding animal deadlines:**

* Lamb/Goat: Ownership dates on papers must be on or before **October 1**
* Heifer: Ownership dates on papers must be on or before **November 1**
* Swine: Ownership dates on papers must be on or before **November 30**

**October Chapter Meeting**

Our October Chapter Meeting will take place next Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00 PM in the DHS Vintage Gym. The theme will be Fall Tailgates and there will be chips and dips.

Also, please remember to pay your $10 FFA Dues Activation Fee. This can be done through RevTrack: A qr code on a white background

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Or by paying $10 cash to Mr. Menotti. This is due by the Meeting Date.

**Homecoming Float**

FFA Member wishing to participate & ride on the Homecoming Float:

      To Ride

1. Must be a paid member
2. Must show up to work on float for at least one session (and sign-in with teacher)
   1. Tuesday, Oct. 10 during Gator Time in H102
   2. Tuesday, Oct. 10 after school (2:35 - 3:45) in H102
   3. Wednesday, Oct. 11 during Gator Time in H102
   4. Wednesday, Oct. 11 after school (2:35 - parade time) at the Ag Barn
3. Must bring 2 bags of candy for you to throw yourself

**Homecoming Carnival**

As previously mentioned, we are in need of donations of pork butts for our pulled pork sandwich fundraiser that we will conduct during the Homecoming Carnival on October the 11th. If you are willing to donate, please do so any time up until October 6th. We will take donations after that as well, but they **MUST BE THAWED** at that point. Thank you for your support!

**Fort Worth Entries**

Quick reminder, if you plan on showing at the 2024 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo and we have not spoken, please e-mail me directly so we can get the ball rolling on your entries. We will need to get all necessary paperwork to the business office in very short order.

Let us know if you have questions or need assistance. As always, Have a great weekend…and

**GO GATORS!**

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Very Respectfully,

**Mitch Robinson**

**Ag Science Teacher / Barn Manager**

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