

# Tornado Alley

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# This eclipse will be total-ly awesome

Starting at 12:22 p.m. April 8, the sky will darken, temperatures will drop, and your dog might start acting even weirder than usual. The event culminates in just under three minutes of totality, roughly at 1:41 p.m.

It's the Great North American Solar Eclipse, a once-in-a-lifetime event for North Texans. And TABS is here for all that amazing science. Weather-permitting, students who have parent/guardian permission will head to the top of the TCC parking garage—safety glasses in hand—to experience the eeriness and magnificence of totality.

Want to know more about this eclipse? Check out [this page from NASA](#).

# Know the dates for STAAR and A.P.

Spring standardized testing begins April 10 and runs through May 16. Here are the key dates:

## **STAAR end-of-year exams**

- ◆ April 10: English 1
- ◆ April 11: English 2
- ◆ April 16: Biology
- ◆ April 18 U.S. history
- ◆ April 25: Algebra 1

## **A.P. exams**

- ◆ May 7: Human geography
- ◆ May 9: Environmental science
- ◆ May 10: Spanish literature
- ◆ May 13: Calculus and precalculus
- ◆ May 16: Spanish language  
and biology

Please be on time and ready to test, with your FWISD laptop charged. We expect great scores because we have great students!

# Congratulations, 11th-graders!

SAT scores are in, and once again, TABS' 11th-graders beat the district, state and global averages. TABS' mean total score was a 987 out of a possible 1600, with a 503 in reading and writing and a 484 in math. Nice job, class of 2026!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL 4-17

- ◆ April 8: Eclipse watch event
- ◆ April 10: STAAR English 1 exam
- ◆ April 11: STAAR English 2 exam
- ◆ April 15: Voter registration
- ◆ April 16: STAAR biology
- ◆ April 16: TSIA session
- ◆ April 17: TSIA session

# UIL journalism posts solid district record

The TABS UIL journalism team competed April 2 in the 4A district academic competition and did an amazing job. Results were very close, with tie-breakers in some events.

- ◆ Ready writing: Ella Matzen (sixth place)
- ◆ Copy editing: Charles Garner (second place, advances to region) and Samantha Salas (fifth place)
- ◆ News writing: Angelina Delgado (sixth place)
- ◆ Feature writing: Anjali Ferguson (sixth place)
- ◆ Headline writing: Anjali Ferguson (fourth place)

Congratulations to the entire TABS UIL journalism team, and good luck in Commerce at the regional meet, April 26 and 27.



# Arts Fest returns to Cowntown

The 37th-annual Main Street Arts Festival will bring nine blocks of art, music and food to the center of the city. The event is free and runs April 18 to 21. [Read more](#)

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### Choir

Make a joyful noise! The TABS choir will meet after school April 9 and 16 in TRWF 4410. Contact: [Ms. Blythe](#)



# UNIVERSITY PROFILE



## Tulane University

One of the South's most elite university, Tulane specializes in law, medicine and research.

- ◆ Location: [New Orleans](#)
- ◆ Type: Private
- ◆ Setting: Large city
- ◆ Enrollment: 14,472
- ◆ Mascot: Green Wave



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