HARWOOD HIGHLIGHTS

HARWOOD JR. HIGH *DECEMBER 15, 2023*

'TIS THE SEASON TO DECORATE!

Teachers and staff took part in a door-decorating contest for the holidays! There were so many awesome contestants that Dr. Givens, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Wilson decided to have multiple winners per category. So without further ado...
In the Funniest category the winners are: Coach Goeke, Mrs. Rolf and Coach Henderson!
For Most Creative: Mrs. Luna, Mrs. Oldenburg and Mrs. Tower!
For the Most Holiday Cheer: Mrs. Hackworth, Ms. Moss and Mrs. Nunez!
In the category of Best Dressed: Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Olms, Senora Izquierdo and, you guessed it, C-Pod with Mr. Biggs, Mr. Cranford, Mrs. Sarosy and Ms. Allums!
Our final category is Best Try (which are fantastic in their own way), and your winners are: Mr. Day, Mr. Chassen, Mrs. Davis with Mrs. Wilson for the Blackhawk Lab, Madame Reynaud and Senora Cooley!
Congratulations to you all, and thank you to everyone who participated.



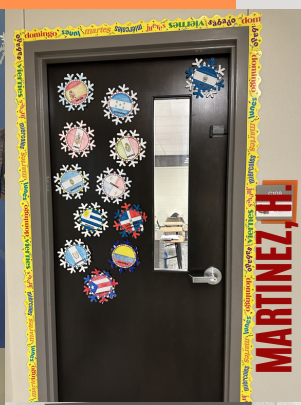




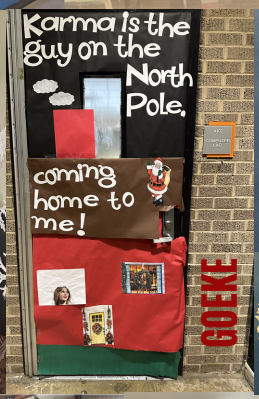












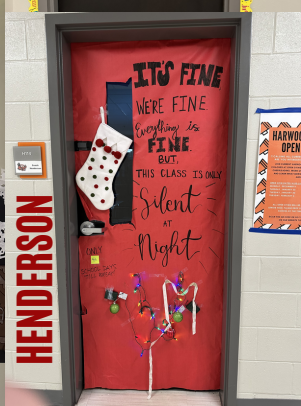












UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ***DECEMBER 19***
  Semester Exams
- ***DECEMBER 20***
  Semester Exams
  &
  Early Release, 12:30 PM
- ***DECEMBER 21***
  Winter Break Begins
- ***JANUARY 1***
  Happy New Year!
- ***JANUARY 9***
  Beginning of 4th Six Weeks
- ***JANUARY 15***
  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School
- ***FEBRUARY 6***
  Faculty Meeting,
  No After School Tutorials













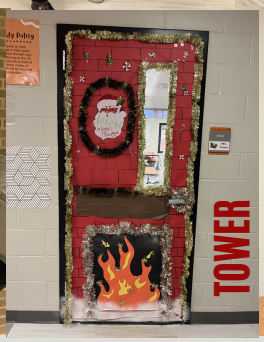








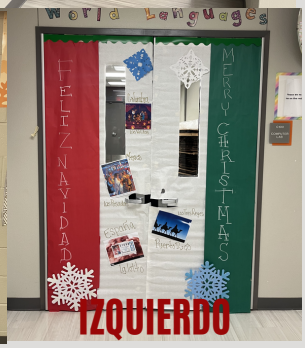












Students of the Month

December 2023

JULIAN HORNSBY, 9TH GRADE



Julian is always on task in class and takes care of his academic responsibilities without any extra reminders. He is a model of classroom behavior and self-discipline. It is a joy to have Julian in class!

AASHWIN DEVKOTA, 8TH GRADE



Ash's brain is a non-stop machine! He is constantly absorbing, reviewing, and deconstructing all kinds of information. It's really amazing to watch! He's also quick to jump in and help explain concepts in totally different approaches until it makes sense to his peers. He is driven to *KNOW*, no matter what the topic is, and to have those around him just as educated.

CORY WEINBEL, 7TH GRADE



Cory is a very respectful and responsible student who always gives 110%. His willingness to help others and his commitment to academics makes him a joy to have in class.

CECELIA BARFIELD, 9TH GRADE



Cecelia has shown the greatest mathematical improvement since the beginning of the year among 9th graders. She takes responsibility for her learning, and strives to do the best she can. Cecelia is a true Backhawk!

MYKA CARSON, 8TH GRADE

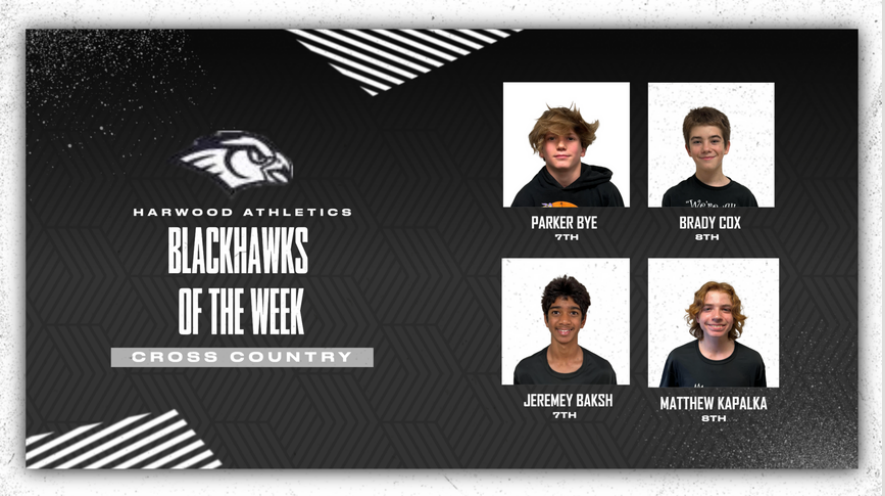


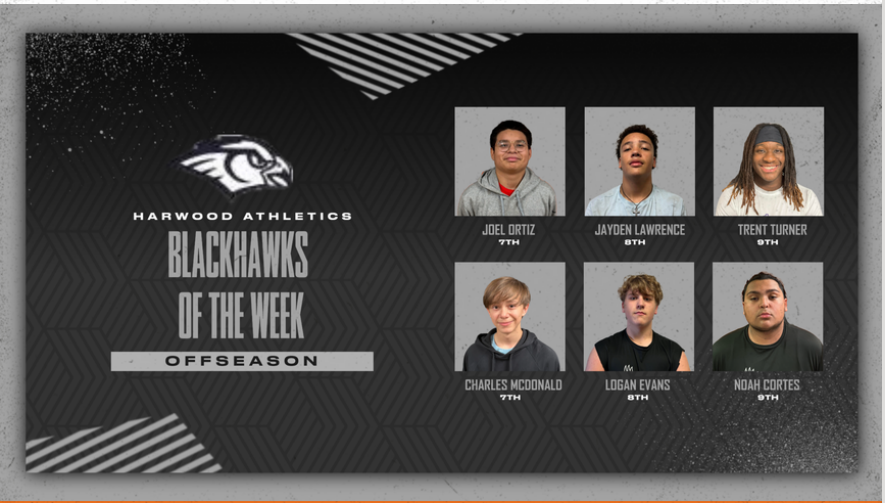
Considering Myka DOMINATES academics and athletics, she is one of the most humbled students I've ever met! She thrives in all areas that I've observed, including socially. Her drive, discipline, and ability to think for herself are rare and fantastic traits for an 8th grader! Myka's smile and attitude are such a refreshing addition to algebra each day.

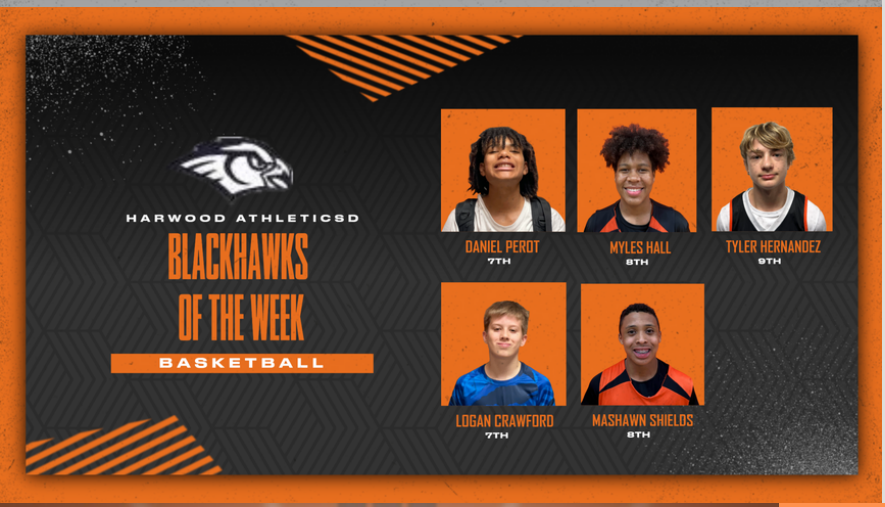
EMMA GULLETT, 7TH GRADE



Emma is an actual ray of sunshine every single day. She is quick to help others around her who aren't understanding, is diligent with her work and displays kindness to others so well! Emma is incredible!







CC → CHAMPS!

Your cross-country team competed Tuesday night in the District meet. The boys ran first, and had a spectacular showing as five teammates finished in the top 10! They were led by Jake Fischer in 1st, then Matthew Kuhpolka in 2nd and Ian Trejo in 3rd. Shortly thereafter, Julian Benero came in 8th and Jareth Terrones in 10th. The A team was rounded out by Ian Haddock in 17th place. Next up the 8th grade B team, who also had a strong showing, with all boys finishing in the top 20! Gideon Prast placed 8th, Brady Cox 12th and Griffin Mentzer 18th. The 8th grade A team won first place as a team and are the District champs. These boys have now won back-to-back two HEB ISD cross-country championships.

Next to run was 7th grade. The 7th grade A team still managed to have all five of their runners finish in the top 15. Cohen Gray was on a mission and finished 5th overall. Next was Kellen Graham in 9th, Tyler Day in 10th and Anirude Gade in 11th. Rounding out the A team was Jake Harvey in 15th place. The last race of the night was our 7th grade B team. They had their best run of the year with four runners in the top 10 and 7 runners in the top 15. Parker Bye was 1st overall, Michael Wensrich in 6th, Farooq Juhko in 7th, Dylan Momani in 8th, Gunner Clement in 11th, Dustin Joiner in 12th and Omer Omer in 13th. The 7th grade A and B team both finished 2nd in the District! Great job, guys!



BASKETBALL

Your Freshman boys basketball team went on the road the week to Central JH. After an hour long delay, the game definitely made up for lost time being a battle from the tipoff. After Central hit a game-tying three as the shot clock expired in the 4th quarter, your Blackhawks had to put it into overdrive in overtime. After a long, physical and back-and-forth game, our boys won 46-40. Coach Rabbitt is very happy with the performance as that was a must win as we come to 4 and 3 on the season. Come out and support your Blackhawks this Friday as we play Byron Nelson A at 6:30 p.m. here at Harwood!

Next up, your 8th B team boys played Euless. The Stallions came out fast, but your Blackhawks withstood the stampede of Stallions. Euless fought back after Harwood got out to a halftime lead. Dylan French and Austin Gilliam came in with some clutch rebounds in the 4th quarter to hold off the onslaught of pressure from the Stallions to get their 2nd win of the year. Players of the game were MaShawn Shields, Brayson Bock, and Dylan French.



Congratulations to both the men's and women's gymnastics teams on their monumental victories over Hurst, Central and Euless on Tuesday night. Both teams crushed the competition with an impressive point spread between Harwood and all other teams.

Top scorers of the night include..

For the Men: On Floor: 5th Oliver Riehle, 4th Hollis Bell

On Pommel: 5th Kellen Nolan, 4th Hollis Bell & 3rd Oliver Riehle

On Rings 4th Kellen Nolan, 2ns Oliver Riehle & 1st Hollis Bell

On Vault: 2nd Oliver Riehle & 1st Hollis Bell

On P-Bars: 5th Kellen Nolan, 2nd Hollis Bell & 1st Oliver Riehle

On High Bar: 4th Kellen Nolan, 3rd Oliver Riehle, & 1st Hollis Bell

And in the All Around Competition: 2nd Oliver Riehle, & 1st Hollis Bell

For the Women: On Vault: 5th Zyra Boylan, 3rd Olivia Mora, 1st Micah Elliott

On P-Bars: 4th Caylee Lira, 3rd Ashlyn Flinn, 2nd Olivia Mora, & 1st Micah Elliott

On Beam: Tying for 4th were Zyra Boylan and Olivia Mora, 2nd Caylee Lira, & 1st Micah Elliott

On Floor: 5th Natalie Walters, 4th Zyra Boylan, 3rd Olivia Mora, 2nd Kimani King & 1st Micah Elliott

Optional Floor: 1st Kaylee Lira

And, in the All Around Competition: 5th Zyra Boylan, 4th Olivia Mora, 2nd Caylee Lira & 1st Micah Elliott

Harwood has a tremendous team, and expects to go undefeated this year and take District finals! We welcome all to come out and be amazed by this outstanding team!







CC → CHAMPS!

Your 8th grade ran their best two miles of the year and finished in 3rd place! Our top five runners placed in the top 21 in all of HEB. Maggie Bell finished 11th, Camille Tovar finished 17th, Aziza Oke finished 18th, Cira Early finished 18th (ten seconds after Aziza) and Mia Moss finished 21st. Congratulations!

Your 7th grade girls are your DISTRICT CHAMPS! Four of our top runners finish in the top 11 and all 5 runners finished in top 21. Carmen Saenz is your DISTRICT CHAMPION! She finished first in ALL OF HEB ISD, almost a whole minute ahead of everyone else! Kyla McCammon finished 3rd, Maggie Pittman finished 9th, Rosemary Ayala finished in 11th, and Jessica Adhikari finished in 21st. Awesome, ladies!

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Freshman girls basketball team on their 41-15 victory over Central this week. Offensive players of the game were Aalliyah Castillo, Lyrics Tookes, Florence Sogbodjor, and Bianca Kelly. Defensive players of the game were Katelyn Iverson, Sonia Loya, Jordan Parker, Abbie Ramirez, and Maddie Silva. Way to go, ladies! Be sure to come cheer on the Blackhawks as we take on Euless Junior High today at Euless at 4:30!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/19 Semester Exams
12/20 Semester Exams / End of 3rd Six Weeks / Early Release - 12:30 PM
12/21 Winter Break Begins
1/1/24 Happy New Year!
1/9/24 Beginning of 4th Six Weeks
1/11 Harwood Band High School Region Band Clinic at Carroll Senior High - Select Members
1/15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Staff & Student Holiday
1/21 Harwood Choir 7/8 All-Region Clinic/Concert at the Southlake Performing Arts Center
1/25 HEB Honor Band Rehearsal at Trinity High School - Select WE & SB Members - 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
1/26 HEB Honor Band Rehearsal/Concert at Trinity - Select WE & SB Members - All Day
2/7 Faculty Meeting - No After School Tutorials
2/8 Advisory Schedule
2/13 Science CBA 3, 7th & 8th Grade / Biology CBA 3, 9th Grade
2/13 Harwood Band Anti-Valentine's Day Party in the Gym - All Bands - 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

SPORTING EVENTS

BASKETBALL

GIRLS

12/15 Harwood Freshman Girls Basketball vs. Euless JH at Euless JH - 4:30 PM
12/19 Harwood Freshman Girls Basketball vs. Hurst JH at Harwood (HOME) - 4:30 PM
1/9 Harwood Freshman Girls Basketball vs. Bedford JH at Bedford JH - 4:30 PM
1/10 Harwood 7th Grade Girls Basketball vs. North Richland MS at Harwood (HOME) - B-5 PM/A-6:15 PM
1/11 Harwood 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. North Richland MS at North Richland MS - B-5 PM/A-6:15 PM
1/16 Harwood Freshman Girls Basketball vs. Central JH at Central JH - 4:30 PM

BOYS

12/15 Harwood Freshman Boys Basketball vs. Byron Nelson HS at Harwood (HOME) - 6:30 PM
12/19 Harwood Freshman Boys Basketball vs. Boswell HS at Euless JH (HOME) - 5:00 PM
12/28 Harwood Freshman Boys Basketball Tournament at Colleyville Heritage HS - Time TBA
1/5 Harwood Freshman Boys Basketball vs. Paschal HS at Central JH (HOME) - 5:00 PM
1/9 Harwood Freshman Boys Basketball vs. Chisholm Trail HS at Euless JH - 5:00 PM
1/10 Harwood 7th Grade Boys Basketball vs. North Richland MS at North Richland MS - B-5 PM/A-6:15 PM
1/11 Harwood 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. North Richland MS at Harwood (HOME) - B-5 PM/A-6:15 PM
1/16 Harwood Freshman Boys Basketball vs. Weatherford HS at Harwood (HOME) - 6:30 PM

HEB HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD ISD
BOX OFFICE

Check it out!
You can now get your game tickets online!
Click on the link below:
https://hebisd.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=10

MORE EVENTS & NEWS

Harwood PTA Dessert Extravaganza!

The Harwood PTA is hosting a fun event for Harwood's staff to start off their Winter Break! Please help us by donating baked goods for them to share with their families. Homemade or store-bought items are all welcome!

SignUp Genius and more info here: https://bit.ly/PTADesserts



Harwood Junior High School
Semester Exam Schedule
December 2023

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

1st period- 8:20-9:20 a.m. Final Exam
2nd period- 9:25-10:25 a.m. Final Exam
3rd period- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Final Exam
4th period- 11:35-1:00 p.m. Final Exam
A Lunch 11:30-12:00 p.m.
B Lunch 12:00-12:30 p.m.
C Lunch 12:30-1:00 p.m.
5th period- 1:05-1:50 p.m. Review
6th period- 1:55-2:40 p.m. Review
7th period- 2:45-3:35 p.m. Review

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

7th period- 8:20-9:20 a.m. Final Exam
6th period- 9:25-10:25 a.m. Final Exam
5th period- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Final Exam
4th period- 11:35-12:30 p.m.
A lunch 11:30-11:50 a.m.
B lunch 11:50-12:10 p.m.
C lunch 12:10-12:30 p.m.

FINAL PUSH!

Greetings from the Harwood Student Council and National Junior Honor Society.

Thank you to all who have already signed up or donated to this wonderful cause! We appreciate you! Please remember all unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the front office, to Kate Hackworth, H-103, or to Heather Cooley, C-106 by December 19th.
Please label your gift with the family color and male/female with age.
We cannot thank you enough for your help!

Red Family Christmas Providers
Blue Family Christmas Providers
Green Family Christmas Providers

Respectfully,
Kate Hackworth & Heather Cooley





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