



NEWSLETTER

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ISSUE 1

New Style



Welcome HMS Families to the 2023-2024 School Year! I am so excited about what this school year is going to bring for our students and our community, and I hope you are as well.



Mrs. Gossett

Ms. Stafford

Ms. Wellborn

Mr. Mann

LEARNERS
Today
HMS
LEADERS
Tomorrow

A Leader In Me School



We look forward to meeting more of our 6th Grade families this Wednesday at Meet the Teacher Night from 5:30-7:00 pm, and in just two weeks, we will host all families for an Open House. If you have a 7th or 8th Grader, we will have lists, signs and staff members posted throughout the building on the First Day of School to help them find their way to their classes.

cannot do that, we will be able to assist them when they arrive on campus.

Our staff has been working hard as we prepare to open our doors to nearly 1300 students in just a few days. Our district theme this year is Connect, Relate, Engage and Empower, and we cannot wait to do that with every student this year. Our new campus motto is "Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow." At HMS we believe EVERYONE is a leader. To help our students grow as leaders, we will be implementing Leader in Me processes across the campus, and students will learn about The 7 Habits during advisory every Wednesday. We will also send out Leader in Me Family Newsletters so that you can continue the conversations at home with your students.

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We will not be printing paper schedules for students. You or your student can access their schedule through Skyward Family Access or Skyward Student Access. For instructions on how to login to Skyward, please follow this link: [Skyward Family Access](#). We encourage you to have your student write down their schedule prior to coming to school on the first day, but in the event that you

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With such a large student population, it is more important than ever for the school and families to communicate and stay connected. That starts with making sure we are consistent with student expectations. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to read through the Hutto ISD Code of Conduct with your student and make sure that they clearly understand the expectations for grades, dress and behavior.

At HISD and HMS, we believe that discipline is to teach and that every action has a consequence, whether it be positive or negative. In the event that a student violates the code of conduct, we will be implementing a Levels System in every classroom as a way to partner with our students and their families. We also have systems in place for rewarding positive behavior and celebrating students throughout the year. All students will earn Hippo Tickets in their classrooms and around the building when they are "caught" following expectations. Once the school year is underway, students will be able to use those tickets to "buy" items from our Hippo Store. Eventually we want students to run the store, but if you are interested in helping as a volunteer, please reach out and let me know! We will also have a Leader of the Week and Hippo of the Month, all of which will be celebrated with a breakfast at the end of each six weeks.

This week we will only have the students on campus for two days. In that time we will be getting to know them and going over campus expectations. Please be on the lookout for supply lists and other important information that will be sent home with your student this week.

I hope that through this message you get a sense of how passionate this staff is about building relationships with our students and helping them reach their full potential. We look forward to partnering with you throughout this school year!

Grace and blessings,

Kayla Gossett
Principal

Get your Hutto gear!



HMS CHEER SPIRIT SHIRTS

ORDER NOW: bit.ly/hmsspirit



Orders close Friday, Aug. 18



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JOIN THE PTSA!

We are the parents, teachers, and students of HMS! We support the school, staff, and students with monthly Lunch and Learns, Teacher Appreciation treats and meals, and donations of needed supplies and equipment, as well as several fun campus-wide events during the year.

www.JoinPTA.org.

2023-24
**Welcome
Back**
BIENVENIDOS



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Thursday, August 10, 2023*

PRIMER DIA DE ESCUELA
JUEVES, 10 DE AGOSTO DE 2023*

***Veterans' Hill Elementary begins August 9**

***VETERANS' HILL ELEMENTARY COMIENZA
EL 9 DE AGOSTO**

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Back to School Supplies



ÚTILES ESCOLARES PARA
EL REGRESO A CLASES



**Students will receive
information regarding
school supplies from
teachers on the first day of
school.**

**ESTUDIANTES RECIBIRÁN
INFORMACIÓN SOBRE ÚTILES
ESCOLARES DE LOS MAESTROS EL
PRIMER DÍA DE CLASES.**

www.hipponation.org/backtoschool



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Meet the Teacher Nights CONOCER LA MAESTRA

6TH GRADE

**HUTTO MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

AUG. 9 | 5:30-7 PM

**SEE
YOU
THEN!**

**¡NOS VEMOS
ENTONCES!**

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Nurse's Corner



Our school nurse is Mrs. Amy King! She wants to share some reminders about medications with our Hippo families:

- All medications must come through the health office.
- All medications - including over the counter - should be brought into the school by a parent. Paperwork will need to be completed for medication administration.
- Students are not allowed to carry medications on themselves, except self-carry inhalers that are appropriately authorized.

As a final reminder, please talk with your student about safe medication practices. Only take medication that was prescribed by a doctor, purchased at a pharmacy, and approved by parents or guardians.



Transportation



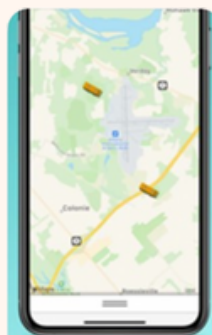
Hutto ISD utilizes the Traversa Ride 360 routing system. Parents and students can access their bus stop location, route, and pick-up time on the Traversa Ride 360™ mobile app or the website.

If you have any questions, contact our Transportation Department at 512-759-2105 or Transportation@huttoisd.net.

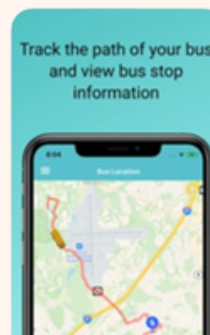
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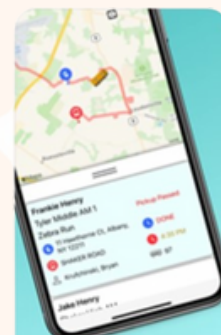
Walker Handbook



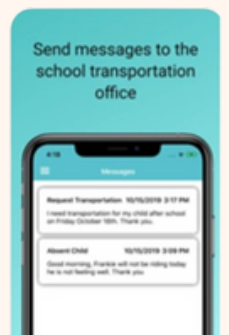
Quickly locate and track your student's bus on one map



Track the path of your bus and view bus stop information



Be informed on the status of your bus stops



Send messages to the school transportation office

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School Lunch



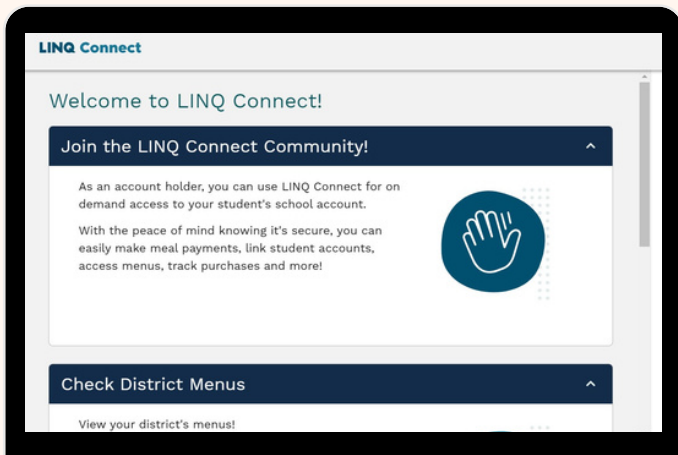
All Hutto ISD students will receive free breakfast in our cafeteria for the 2023-2024 school year.

Student lunch at the secondary level will cost \$3.

Families are encouraged to complete the [Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals](#) online OR return the completed form to the school office. Hutto ISD will mail home printed applications beginning on August 10.



NEW Lunch Account System



Hutto ISD will use a new system for online payments and meal applications. Parents are unable to make payments in the previous system. Balances in the old system have been transferred to the new system.

Go to <https://linqconnect.com> and make a new account in order to continue depositing money into your child's lunch account.

To create a new account, click Register. Be sure to have the following information to successfully link your student(s) to your account:

First Name | Last Name | Date of Birth

For further questions, please call the Child Nutrition Department at 512-759-2164 or the support line for A LINQ Solution at 916-467-4700, option 2.

Lunch Rates

School	2022-23	2023-24
Elementary	\$2.65	\$2.75
Secondary (6-12)	\$2.90	\$3.00
Adult Meal	\$3.80	\$4.00

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Upcoming Events



- AUG 4 Cheer Tshirt Sale Begins
- AUG 9 Bus Practice Rides
@ your scheduled pick-up time
- Cheer Chick-fil-A Night
5 - 8 PM, in app only
- Meet the Teacher Night
6th Grade Only
5:30 - 7 PM
- AUG 10 First Day of School
- AUG 12 Band Shopping Day
9 AM - 12 PM
- AUG 15 Advanced Bands Parent Meeting
6 - 7 PM
- AUG 18 Back to School Dance
5:30 - 7:30 PM
- AUG 21 Orchestra Tshirt Sale Begins
- AUG 23 Open House - All Grades
5:30 - 7 PM
- AUG 24 Band Fundraiser Begins
- AUG 25 Choir Back to School Ice Cream Social
4 - 5 PM
- SEPT 4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- SEPT 5 Picture Day

Chick-fil-A Fundraising for Hutto Middle School Cheerleaders

Wednesday, August 9
from 5pm-8pm

Place a mobile order at Chick-fil-A
Hutto and 15% of sale will be donated
back to support Hutto Middle School
Cheerleaders .

Be sure to click "Yes, I'd Like to
Support" to ensure your order is set to
support HMS Cheerleaders!

*Fundraisers are done only
through the app.

**Chick-fil-A
Hutto**
200 Ed Schmidt Blvd.
Hutto, TX 78634
@ChickfilaHutto



Remember to download the app!



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Who Do I Contact?



Enrollment & Registration

737-327-5979

hms.registrar@huttoisd.net

Health Office

Amy King, Nurse

737-327-5843

hms.nurse@huttoisd.net

Attendance

737-327-5843

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PTSA

joinpta.org

huttomiddlepta@gmail.com

Front Office - Main Line

737-327-5904

Specifics Pertaining to Your Student

Assistant Principals

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8th Grade Assistant Principal

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