

Hillcrest E-TECH Newsletter

14 December 2021

The Panther's Growl

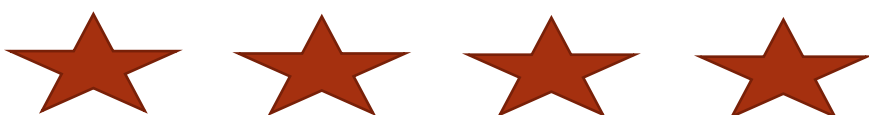
Dear Parents:

As we look forward to the Christmas break and conclude 2021, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who help make Hillcrest E-TECH an amazing place to be. We are a community with many gifts and talents that are shared, most importantly, with our students. Our collective efforts are filled with passion, commitment, and a willingness to make decisions that may be hard in the present but will have a positive and lasting influence in the future for all students.

Parents, we know you are a critical part of all we hope to accomplish on behalf of our collegiate scholars. I am grateful to you for masterfully doing what I know is the hardest, most rewarding and joyous job of all. Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift.

I am grateful to our wonderful, talented, creative, inquisitive, optimistic, resourceful and resilient students who make us laugh, cry, think, and most of all, make us better. In the spirit of the holiday season, I want to say thanks to all of you for everything you do to make our academy great.

As we enjoy the upcoming holidays, it is my fervent hope that each of you receives and returns the seasonal bounty of blessings and good tidings that make these days truly special. It is also during this time that I am reminded of my own good fortune to serve as the proud leader of the collegiate academy. I bid you a safe and joyous holiday season.



Thanks to Ms. Hanks & the MAPS classes for a successful food drive. Over 300 cans of food were donated to the Salvation Army of North Texas' food pantry.



CHOOSE DALLAS ISD

APPLY BY JANUARY 31, 2022.



Applications are now being accepted for all incoming 9th graders. To submit your application and get an interview scheduled, go to www.dallasisd.org/choosedallasisd.

DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT | Food and Child Nutrition Services

WINTER BREAK MEALS

Winter Break Meals are **FREE**
to ALL children and youth through age 18.

WEEK 1: DECEMBER 20
WEEK 2: DECEMBER 27

TIME
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST.

Locations: W. T. White, Hubert Marcus, Benjamin Franklin International Exploratory Academy, Sam Tasby, Personalized Learning Academy at Highland Meadows, J. L. Long, B. E. Dade, Skyline, George Truett, Ann Richards Steam Academy, Pinkston High School, Eladio Martinez, Rosemont Lower, Franklin D. Roosevelt High School of Innovation, Moises Molina, South Oak Cliff, T. W. Browne, David Carter, Wilmer-Hutchings High School, H. Grady Spruce, Balch Springs

DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MASK UPDATE



Superintendent Michael Hinojosa announced on December 3rd that the district's mask requirement will remain in effect until Martin Luther King Jr. Day, pending the current COVID case numbers remaining stable. Once the protocol is lifted, we will move to recommending masks be worn in schools and offices for the safety of students and staff.



Academic support is available after school for all students. If students need help with assignments, projects, essays, or content concepts, teachers are available from 4:35 PM to 5:50 PM. Please check with teachers for specific days.



WORK BASED LEARNING

Work-based learning brings the classroom to the workplace and the workplace to the classroom. This instructional strategy provides students with a well-rounded skill set that goes beyond academics and includes the soft skills needed to succeed in college and the working world. Our approach to work-based learning is centered on a continuum of work-based learning experiences beginning with career awareness activities, progressing to career exploration activities, and culminating in career preparation activities, including internships. Business people speak in classrooms, host college and career skills workshops, and take part in mock interviews. Students may tour worksites, network with, and shadow business professionals. Work-based learning culminates with opportunities for internships that allow students to apply their classroom and soft skills in a work environment.

Each week students have an opportunity to learn about different skills they will need in the workplace. That learning is contingent upon the students completing the assigned workplace learning activities. Students can see Mrs. Sheffield for further information.

**THE CHRISTMAS BREAK WILL END JANUARY 4TH.
STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL JANUARY 5TH.**