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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians, and Students,

We had a great first few days of school! Our students were excited to be back in the building and we were excited to have them back. Once we get the school year underway and all things are running as smoothly as we want them, you will receive this Principal Update every two weeks and not sporadically as you have been. With the rapid growth in student numbers, we are tweaking some of our daily routines to better serve our students. So to a few updates and reminders. *Here we go!*

- Student Badges: we are still passing out all student ID badges. Badges will be delivered to the classrooms of students who haven't received their badges.
 - Once your child receives their ID badge, be sure your child wears their badge everyday on the lanyard that has been provided. Once all badges have been passed out, and students choose not to wear their badges, there will be consequences.
 - We are still taking pictures of our new to HISD students. It typically takes about three business days for us to create badges in the district. So as students join us, we are taking their pictures.
 - If your child loses their badge, a replacement badge is \$15.
 - THANK YOU for your support with our students wearing ID badges. You all have supported us since last year when we began having our students wear badges and we greatly appreciate you!
- Student Indoor Traffic: Finding your classes on the first day of school can be daunting for any high school student. That's unfortunately a part of the process. To decrease this daunting reality, young men from our male mentoring group Iron Sharpens Iron and their mentor leader Mr. Anthony Carr, came up this weekend and posted signs around the building. We have official signs coming due construction, yet our temporary signs will work in the meantime. Also, Mr. Anthony Carr and the young men striped the floors to remind students to *walk to the right* when going from class to class. Thank you for doing this for us and for your peers!
- Arrival and Dismissal (Drop Off/Pick Up): Thank you for adhering to our traffic patterns. Here is the map of the pick up and drop off traffic pattern. Once in the parking lot, please drive slowly and look out for students who are walking as well as student drivers. Continue to BE PATIENT, BE KIND, and BE SAFE! The staff parking lot, the front of the school and in the middle of the street in front of CVs are not places to drop off and/or pick up your child(ren). Safety first! Also, please be kind to our Campus Safety Officers (CSOs) who assist with arrival and dismissal traffic.





- HHS Modernization: Take a minute to pause from all the reading and enjoy our <u>HHS</u> <u>Mondernization_Fine Arts Completion video</u>. Ok, continue reading... :
- Campus Expectations: Our teachers are continuing to go over campus expectations with our students. He is the main powerpoint our teachers are reviewing - <u>HHS 2024-2025</u> <u>Student Expectations - Student Version</u>. Electronic devices will be confiscated and dress code will be enforced. Our goal with enforcing expectations is to create the best learning environment for all of our students.

≻ Parking:

- **General Student Parking:** If your child plans to park in the student parking lot, here's the needed information <u>24-25 HHS Parking Permit.</u>
- Senior Parking: If your child is a senior (must be a senior according to their credits and classified as such in Skyward) and wants their very own parking space, here's the information <u>24-25 Senior Parking Spot Consent Form.</u> We have 152 senior parking spaces and they will be first come first serve until.
- Senior Painting Parking Party: This was initially scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2024 from 8:00am - 3:30pm. We are pushing the paint party back to Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 8:00am - 3:30pm. Should there be any additional changes, we will let you know and we apologize for the inconvenience. Mrs. Yolanda Taylor will contact and confirm your child has a parking space.
- Popsicles: Thanks to our 24-25 HHS PTSA and Board Member Terrence Owens for passing out popsicles to our students Friday during lunch. The popsicles were a hit with our students.
- HHS/NGC/RHA Yearbook: Here is this year's official HHS/NGC/RHA yearbook site for this school year <u>Hutto High Schools Yearbook</u>.



> <u>Upcoming Event Reminders:</u>

- Open House: We will have our Open House from 5:30pm -7:00pm Tuesday, August 27, 2024. During Open House, we will have our first Organizational PTSA meeting in the old library at 6:30pm. We will also have a Q&A session with the counselors and admin team in the cafeteria. So please join us!
- Meet the Hippos: <u>Meet the Hippos</u> will be held Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6pm at Hutto Memorial Stadium! Here is a flier about. Hope to see you there!

- Who to Contact: Contact information for your child's counselor and assistant principal is listed below. Please reach out to these individuals first for assistance. If you need to meet with either of these individuals, please email them to make an appointment.
 - We continue to experience changes in our counseling and administrative team. Highlighted in yellow are the lead counselor and our new associate principal who will be taking care of our students in that specific alpha until those positions are filled.
 - Highlighted in green is one of our new assistant principals, Mr. Wayne Christmas. Congratulations and welcome Mr. Christmas! He will begin taking care of the identified alpha.

Students by Alpha	Counselor	Assistant Principal
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College and Career Counselors	Marie Bridgeman marie.bridgeman@huttoisd.net	Shameika Harper <u>shameika.harper@huttoisd.net</u>

As always, I am humbly honored to serve! Respectfully,

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