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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians, and Students,

Hope you are enjoying this beautiful weekend and spending some time with family and friends. We had our first pep rally of the school year and it went great! We have outgrown the BIG gym (that's an understatement) so we shifted the pep rally to the stadium. We will continue to Facebook Live the pep rally for our parents and the community. So we began last Friday with an awesome pep rally and ended with a bang - the Varsity Football Freedom Game 63-8 win over San Marcos. Way to go team and coaches!

On another note, we love our students, yet please do not bring them to school Monday, September 2, 2024. LOL! We are closed in observance of Labor Day and will see them Tuesday. Three-day weekend. *Turn up!!!*

Now to some announcements. Here we go!

- Attendance Matters!: We miss your child(ren) when they are not in school. Their presence matters. Please be sure they attend everyday! Please see this <u>Attendance document</u> for information from our HHS Attendance clerks.
 - We had a goal of 95.1% of our students attending school these first three weeks. I am overjoyed to report we exceeded that goal and had an average daily attendance of 96.1%. *WHOOOOHHHOOOOO parents and students!!!* Thank you and let's get that attendance even higher. Am I crazy to think we can get to 100%? If you know me well, no need to address the "crazy" part. LOL! \bigcirc
- Schedule Changes and Balancing Classes: Our counseling team completed all schedule change requests last Tuesday. They then began working to balance classes. This means, some student's schedules may have or will change so the number of students in each class is as low as possible. We currently have approximately 2315 students, so let the balancing continue!
- Picture Day, Senior Pictures & Ads, & Yearbook: Our Yearbook team now has a website! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see all things yearbook.
 - **Picture Day**: *Everyone say "Queso!" LOL!* Be sure your child comes in their flyest outfit and are "so fresh and so clean clean" for picture day. The students would say, "PTFO (Put That Fit On)!":
 - Wednesday, September 4, 2024 our 10th graders will take their pictures through their English classes.
 - Thursday, September 5, 2024 our 11th graders will take their pictures through their English classes. Any 10th grader who missed Wednesday will take their photo this day as well.
 - Picture Retakes will be Wednesday, October 9, 2024.
 - 24-25 HHS PICTURE DAY SCHEDULE

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- Senior Painting Parking Party: It's about to go down! We are so excited we will have our Senior Painting Parking Party Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 8:00am 3:30pm. Please arrive at 8:00am. It takes longer than you think to paint the parking spaces. Our PTSA is working to have Kona Ice on site as well; fingers crossed. Be sure to bring water so you can stay hydrated. Come out, have fun, and let's make some senior memories!
- PTSA: Our PTSA is always busy working hard for our students and teachers. THANK YOU!
 - Join! Join!: The goal is to have 250 members by the end of the school year. Sign up and join the fun! Join here: https://txpta.my.salesforce-sites.com/JoinPTA
 - Announcements: Get ready to jump into the exciting world of HHS PTSA updates! Our newsletter is coming your way buckle up for a wild ride! HHS PTSA September Announcements
 - Senior Signs: Calling all proud senior parents snap up your senior signs pronto for just \$15.00. The sale will end soon. Let's jazz up those lawns! Order here: https://senior-signs-54343.cheddarup.com. Please note, once the order is placed it takes about 2 to 3 weeks to receive them. Get your order in now!
- College and Career: We have two college and career counselors, Mrs. Marie Bridgeman and Mrs. Shameika Harper, on campus who assist our students with making postsecondary education plans. Postsecondary education is basically defined as what our students plan to do educationally once they graduate from high school.
 - To obtain more information about our College and Career, visit our website <u>College, Career, and Military Website</u>.
 - For additional information about what's going on around campus and various updates, our <u>College and Career Newsletter</u> will be included with every Principal Update.
 - Mrs. Marie Bridgeman and Mrs. Shameika Harper would love to hear from you and their contact information is included in the "Who to Contact" table.

<u>Upcoming Events and Reminders:</u>

• **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>.

- 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.
 - 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.

Students by Alpha	Counselor	Assistant Principal
A - C	Ms. Angela Entrekin angela.entrekin@huttoisd.net	Ms. Molly Reardon molly.reardon@huttoisd.net
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As always, I am humbly honored to serve! Respectfully,

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