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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians, and Students,

Hope last week treated you well and that this week is an even better week. We love our students, your kiddos, but please do not bring them to school Monday, October 14, 2024. LOL! :-). We are having an exclusive educator party on campus. JK (just kidding)! We educators are fortunate to have a day allocated to professional development. We will be focusing on building our instructional capacity so we can better serve our students. We expect our students to learn and grow and we are to model our continuing to learn and grow as well. We look forward to seeing our students Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Now to our announcements. *Here we go!*

- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** We will host Parent teacher conferences **Friday, November 1, 2024**. Please complete the Google form linked here - [24-25 Parent Conference Request Form for Hutto High School](#) - to sign up to meet with your child's teacher(s). The form will close **Friday, October 25, 2024** and as many conferences as possible will be scheduled. HHS personnel will get back with you to set up a conference time. Whether you plan to attend virtually or in person, **please have your student present**. We need to hear their voice, they need to see the partnership between their teacher(s) and their parents and that we are here to support them. Also, you do not have to wait to meet with the teachers until November 1, 2024. Parent teacher conferences are to occur, preferably proactively, as needed all year long. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s).
  
- **PSAT - 10th & 11th Graders :** If your child is a 10th or 11th grader, they will take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**. This test will be administered during the school day. This testing administration will be treated with the same level of seriousness as we do our End of Course (EOC) exams. Students will be expected to follow directions and we ask that parents do not bring lunch to campus. A few things to ensure your child is prepared for that day:
  - **Arrive to school on time!!!**
  - Bring their Chromebook to school and fully charged.
  - Bring their Chromebook charger with them.
  - If they have a loaner Chromebook, have them go to the library for additional information.
  - Be sure they get a good night's rest and breakfast that morning.
  - **Encourage your child to do their very best!**
  
- **PSAT - 12th Graders :** If your child is a 12th grader, they will participate in graduation requirements rotations and a fentanyl prevention session.
  - **Rotation information [here!](#)**
  - Report to school at 9am even if they have an off period.
  - Attendance will be taken during each rotation.
  - *Happy learning!:-)*

- **Fire Alarms:** Due to ongoing construction, fire alarms may be triggered more frequently. Please know that safety responders and HHS Administrators will thoroughly investigate each alarm, and evacuations will occur as is our response protocol. It's important that students continue to take all alarms seriously to avoid desensitization to real emergencies. We will notify you immediately if there is a true emergency. Otherwise, assume school is operating as normal, and learning will resume shortly. *Thanks for understanding! ;-)*
- **HHS Class of 2027 Apparel:** The Class of 2027 store is open! Visit this [link](#) to shop and order. There are lanyards and a drawstring bag for anyone in Hippo Nation. The sale ends **Monday, October 28, 2024 at 11:59pm**. *Thank you for your support!*
- **HISD/HHS Volunteering and Mentoring:** We believe strongly in the importance of volunteering and mentoring. It only takes one person to believe in a child to positively change their life's trajectory. If you are interested in volunteering or mentoring you will need to firstly sign up through our HISD Volunteer/Mentoring portal by going to this [link](#). Email Ms. Mika Harrell ([mika.harrell@huttoisd.net](mailto:mika.harrell@huttoisd.net)) our campus volunteer/mentor coordinator and counselor or Mr. Stephen Balderas ([stephen.balderas@huttoisd.net](mailto:stephen.balderas@huttoisd.net)) one of HISD's Parent and Family Engagement Specialists.
  - **SHINE:** Our female mentoring program is **SHINE**. This group focuses on empowering young women to grow, dream and to reach their full capabilities/potential. Any questions, reach out to Ms. Jaida Poe ([jaida.poe@huttoisd.net](mailto:jaida.poe@huttoisd.net)).
  - **Iron Sharpens Iron:** Our male mentoring program is **Iron Sharpens Iron** and the mission of the program is to assist young men in the life-long journey of realizing their full potential. To help our young men with the necessary skills to navigate through life and become a better servant, future husband, father, son, student, brother and member of society. Any questions, reach out to Mr. Anthony Carr ([anthony.carr@huttoisd.net](mailto:anthony.carr@huttoisd.net)).
- **HEF Student IMPACT Grant Application (Reminder):** The HEF Student IMPACT Grant is now available! A Student IMPACT Grant is a wonderful opportunity to **empower** our students, **inspire** creativity and **effect change** throughout Hutto ISD. A student who applies is required to have a faculty sponsor but the grant should be the work of the students.

Here is the timeline:

- Tuesday, October 1 - Applications Released
- **Wednesday, October 16 @ 12:00pm - Applications DUE**
- Wednesday, October 16 - Friday, October 25 - Scoring Committee Review
- Week of Monday, November 4 - Student IMPACT Grants will be awarded!

Here are some important links - [IMPACT Grant Description](#) and [Student IMPACT Grants](#). Please encourage your child to participate and apply and good luck!

- **Campus Safety Reminders:**
  - **Students Wearing Their Badges:** Be sure your child wears their lanyard ID badge to school daily. The majority of our students are doing a phenomenal job with this... **THANK YOU!!!** However, we have some students who are starting to leave them at home. Please remind them and thank you in advance.
  - **Opening Doors:** Also remind students to not open any doors, interior or exterior doors for students. This is a huge safety concern and consequences are administered accordingly.
  
- **Campus Expectations:** Things are going good with the majority of our students following campus expectations. However, we need *all* of our students to be **EXCELLENT!!!** Being EXCELLENT requires the teamwork of all stakeholders - administrators, teachers, students and parents. An increase in striving towards excellence is on the way and your child(ren) will be informed. Our goal is to continue to create the best learning environment for our students. Thank you in advance for your support as we continue *Rowing in Excellence... Together!*
  
- **PTSA:** Our PTSA is the greatest PTSA in town! This phenomenal group is always busy working hard for our students and teachers. When you see them, be sure to say **THANK YOU!**
  - **Announcements:** Dive into the HHS PTSA Newsletter! It's jam-packed with all sorts of juicy info! Have fun exploring! [HHS PTSA October News Take 2](#).
  - **Join! 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>
  
- **College and Career:**
  - Visit our College and Career website - [College, Career, and Military Website](#)
  - What's going on around campus and various updates - [College and Career Newsletter](#)
  - **FREE COLLEGE TUITION: Visit this [link](#) to learn more about Texas 4-year colleges that offer FREE TUITION.**
  
- **Upcoming Events and Reminders:**
  - **HHS/NGC/RHA Yearbook:** Here is this year's official HHS/NGC/RHA yearbook site for this school year - [Hutto High Schools Yearbook](#).

- **Who to Contact:** Contact information for your child’s counselor and assistant principal/academic dean 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.**

<b>Students by Alpha</b>	<b>Counselor</b>	<b>Assistant Principal/Academic Dean</b>
A - C	Ms. Angela Entrekin <a href="mailto:angela.entrekin@huttoisd.net">angela.entrekin@huttoisd.net</a>	Ms. Molly Reardon <a href="mailto:molly.reardon@huttoisd.net">molly.reardon@huttoisd.net</a>
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As always, I am humbly honored to serve!

Respectfully,

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