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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians, and Students,

Hopefully you and your family are looking forward to this Thanksgiving Break. Thanksgiving is only a handful of days away. Be sure to take time to appreciate your family and appreciate all the beauty which surrounds you. Oh yeah, be sure to enjoy lots of good food! Now to our announcements. *Here we go!*

- **Sharing a Thanksgiving Meal:** We just wanted to say **THANK YOU** to the parents/families who joined us for our Thanksgiving meal last Wednesday. It was nice to see you enjoy a meal with your child. High schoolers, though they attempt to act like they don't ("Oh my Gawhd Mom/Dad, you are so embarrassing!" 😊), do enjoy it when you come to the school to eat lunch with them. So please know that you are welcome to join us anytime.
- **Mental Health Supports:** As we are amidst the holiday season, the holidays may not be a happy time for everyone for a myriad of reasons. With that said, we want to be sure you are aware of the [Mental Health Support\(s\) for the Holiday Season](#) that HISD offers. Taking care of your mental health is the best gift you can give yourself and your child(ren) this holiday season and always. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Alexandra Payne (alexandra.payne@huttoisd.net).
- **Orange Santa:** **Orange Santa 2024** is underway and our HHS LEO students and the entire HISD community are busy preparing gifts and meals for our wonderful families. This is truly a district wide event, and everyone plays a critical role in making it happen. If you would like to donate, please reach out to Mrs. Melissa Hollingsworth (melissa.hollingsworth@huttoisd.net).
- **Parent FAFSA Informational Session Follow Up:** Our College and Career Counselors hosted a Parent FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Informational Session **Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 5:30pm in the HHS cafeteria. THANK YOU** to those who joined us. You are now a head of the college financial aid game! LOL! Linked below is some of the information shared during this Senior Parent Financial Aid Informational Session. Also, a video was sent from our College and Career Counselors via Parent Square detailing the basics of financial aid and the FAFSA process last Wednesday.
 - **Who is My Parent for FAFSA**
 - **A Parent's Guide to the Parent Section of the FAFSA: English and Spanish**
 - **FAFSA Checklist: English and Spanish**
 - Remember to always see the [College and Career Newsletter](#) linked below.

- **December EOC Testing:** We will STAAR EOC retesting on the following days:
 - **Tuesday, December 3, 2024: English I**
 - **Wednesday, December 4, 2024: Algebra I and US History**
 - **Thursday, December 5, 2024: English II and Biology**
 - If your child is scheduled to test, be sure they are on campus by 8:20am so they can eat breakfast and then report to their testing room. Be sure they get a good night's rest, bring their Chromebook fully charged, and bring their charger. Don't forget to encourage them with a hug, a kiss and to let them know they can be successful on their exam(s) and to let them know you are proud of them on their way out the door. Should you have any questions, please reach out to your child's counselor, Mrs. Amanda Horn (amanda.horn@huttoisd.net), or Mr. Wayne Christmas (wayne.christmas@huttoisd.net).

- **UPDATE - New Parking Regulations Near Hutto High School:** As previously shared, the Delia Chappa Lane and Kothman Drive have been designated as "No Parking" zones from Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This restriction applies to the south side of Delia Chappa and the east side of Kothman (areas near CVS). City staff have marked the lines where students are not to park and the posting of the signage should be completed at this point. For the first two weeks following sign installation, the police department will issue written warnings to vehicles in violation, unless they have already received a prior warning. After this two-week grace period, citations will be issued. This information is being shared to hopefully create a smooth transition for students, staff, and HHS families.
 - To put this simply, **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THESE AREAS!** We do not want your child's vehicle to be towed. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

- **(PTSA) Hippo Ornaments:** It's almost tree decorating time. If you would like a unique and personalized hippo ornament to adorn your tree or to give as a gift, use this [Hippo Ornament Order Form Link](#) to make it happen. A portion of the proceeds will support our HHS PTSA.
 - Please **JOIN THE PTSA**. We need your active participation, your voice and your membership dues to help to fund all the wonderful events our PTSA sponsors. So again, **PLEASE JOIN - [Join the 24-25 Hutto High School PTSA!](#)**
 - A gargantuan **THANK YOU** to our PTSA board and members for providing pies to our 200+ HHS Family. The display was beautiful and the pies were a hit. Thank you to all who donated and helped to make this possible.

- **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.**

Students by Alpha	Counselor	Assistant Principal/Academic Dean
A - C	Ms. Angela Entrekin angela.entrekin@huttoisd.net	Ms. Molly Reardon molly.reardon@huttoisd.net
D - He	Mrs. Melinda Earp melinda.earp@huttoisd.net	Dr. Nina LeBlanc, Amanda Horn nina.leblanc@huttoisd.net . amanda.horn@huttoisd.net <i>We are on the hunt!!!</i>
Hi - Mon	Ms. Mika Harrell mika.harrell@huttoisd.net	Mr. Jarred Houston jarred.houston@huttoisd.net
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S - Z	Mrs. Regina Reese regina.reese@huttoisd.net	Corey Fairley Corey.fairley@huttisd.net
	Lead Counselor Mr. Johnny Kay johnny.kay@huttoisd.net	Associate Principal Amanda Horn amanda.horn@huttoisd.net
College and Career Counselors	Marie Bridgeman marie.bridgeman@huttoisd.net	Shameika Harper shameika.harper@huttoisd.net

As always, I am humbly honored to serve!

Respectfully,

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“Rowing in Excellence... Together!”
#Innovating Today, Shaping Tomorrow”