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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians, and Students,

It's a beautiful Sunday, but it is COOOOOOLLLLLD outside! If you plan to go out, be sure to wrap up. Remember, **Monday**, **January 20**, **2025** we will not have school due to observing the MLK Holiday. Keep your children at home with you. *LOL!* : We have a great deal of announcements, so please read this edition of the Principal's Update in its entirety. Here we go!

- ➤ Senior Announcements and Timeline to Parents and Students: Senior year, especially the second semester is a busy time. There is a great deal happening and a great deal to keep up with. Linked here is the 24-25 Finishing the Year Senior Timeline. This is a working document that HHS personnel will continuously update concerning all things senior year.
- ➤ GAMS Black History Month Apparel: Black History Month is just a couple weeks away and you probably don't have a thing to wear. You are in luck! Gus Almquist Middle School (GAMS) is selling apparel for Black History Month that can be ordered online at https://gogandy.com/gams-25. The store closes January 28, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Let's support GAMS!!!
- ➤ Genell's Prom Closet: It's never too early to start getting ready for prom! Visit this <u>link</u> to find out more about FREE resources for the prom.
- ➤ Introducing the Real MVPs!: You may have reached out to the school and talked to one or both of the new real MVPs of our school Mrs. Lauren Ferrell and Mrs. Ebanie Selvera. Mrs. Ferrell is our new Administrative Assistant to the Principal and Mrs. Selvera is our Assistant Principal Secretary. These ladies are vital to the day-to-day operations of our campus as well as getting you to the right HHS personnel to speak with and/or getting you the information you need. Their contact information has been provided in the *Who to Contact* table in the close of this update. It is always great to put a face with a name and voice, so they are pictured below. We will get more information about these wonderful ladies on the HHS website ASAP. Let's welcome them as they are excited to serve you and your child(ren)!

Mrs. Lauren Ferrell, Administrative Assistant to the Principal



Mrs. Ebanie Selvera, Assistant Principal Secretary



- (Reminder) Arrival and Dismissal (Drop Off/Pick Up): Thank you to our wonderful parents/guardians who adhere 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.
- Tardies to First Period: Parents and Guardians... WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Our student drivers are enjoying their new found independence too much. Unfortunately, some of our student drivers, your precious children, are arriving to school late. NOOOOO, not my baby? Yes, your sweet precious baby. Please have them leave home early so they arrive on campus safely and on time. The distance from the student parking lot, around the construction fence and into the bus loop has not changed since the first day of school. Continuing to be tardy has both academic (possible loss of credit for their first period class) as well as behavioral (tardies are accruing) consequences. Also let them know if they want to enjoy their favorite morning coffee, they will need to leave the house even earlier.
- (Reminder) Picking Up Students No Later Than 4pm: There is a great deal of congestion in the front office and in the front parking lot at the end of the day. We realized some parents/guardians are checking out their students between 4:10pm and 4:20pm to beat the dismissal traffic. With that said, your child will need to be picked up no later than 4:00pm from the front office and this should be because your child has a doctor's appointment. Picking up your child early to beat dismissal traffic cuts into their 9th period instructional time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- > Students Leaving Campus: Please review our HISD procedures for signing students in and out should they need to leave campus. If you have any specific questions, email our attendance office at hhs.attendance@huttoisd.net. Having you come in to sign your student out may be an inconvenience, but the safety of our students is our utmost concern.
 - o Student/Parent Handbook English, see pg. 91
 - Student/Parent Handbook Spanish, see pg. 93

- Fines Owed: Wanting to give you a heads up waaaaayyy in advance so your child can have a chance at being exempt from their finals as well as to be able to pick up their diploma May, 28, 2025. If your child is uncertain if they owe any fines, they can go see Mrs. Amanda Williams, our counselor secretary, and she will get them taken care of. How to pay fines:
 - Payments can be made online via students' or parents' Skyward accounts. To view fees and/or to make a payment online—
 - Log into Skyward Family Access click on the Fee Management tab and select Make a Payment.
 - Athletic fines: please contact Jodi Hawkins at jodi.hawkins@huttoisd.net
 - <u>Library Fines:</u> please contact Callie Dawson at <u>callie.dawson@huttoisd.net</u>
 - For all other fines and course fees: please contact Margarita Yanis at margarita.yanis@huttoisd.net
 - Technology On-Line Payments: link
 - Seniors with outstanding obligations will not receive their diplomas until all fees/fines are cleared.

> PTSA Fundraisers and Information:

- 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!
- Be sure to visit this link to see what our fabulous PTSA is up to! <u>January</u>
 PTSA Announcements

> College and Career:

- Visit our College and Career website College, Career, and Military Website
- Remember to check this Newsletter! 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 - <u>Hutto High Schools Yearbook</u>.

> Who to Contact: Contact information for your child's counselor and assistant principal/academic dean is listed below. Also, our principal's administrative assistant and the secretary to our assistant principals have been added. 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	Ms. Molly Reardon, molly reardon@huttoisd.net
Hi - Mon	Ms. Mika Harrell mika.harrell@huttoisd.net	Mr. Jarred Houston jarred.houston@huttoisd.net
Moo - R	Johnny Kay johnny.kay@huttoisd.net We are on the hunt!!!	Wayne Christmas wayne.christmas@huttoisd.net
S - Z	Mrs. Regina Reese regina.reese@huttoisd.net	Corey Fairley Corey.fairley@huttoisd.net
A - Z	Dr. Nina LeBlanc, nina.leblanc@huttoisd.net Part time Administrator Takes care of all things 504	David Rucker david.rucker@huttoisd.net Guest Administrator
	Lead Counselor Mr. Johnny Kay johnny.kay@huttoisd.net	Associate Principal We are on the hunt!!!
	Administrative Assistant to the Principal Lauren Ferrell lauren ferrell@huttoisd.net 737-327-5801	Assistant Principal Secretary Ebanie Selvera ebanie selvera a huttoisd.net 737-327-5719
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"