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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians, and Students,

It's a beautiful and cold Sunday! It looks like the cold weather is planning to hang around this week. Be sure to wrap up and stay warm. Yes we educators have professional development **Monday, February 17, 2025**, so you know the drill - keep your child(ren) at home. It seems like I am always telling you that. LOL! 😂 That is hilarious to me! We will be happy to see them and welcome them with open arms **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**. We have quite a few announcements and some reminders, so please read this edition of the Principal's Update in its entirety. *Here we go!*

- **SMART Tag:** The Transportation Department sent out a Parent Square notification about Smart Tag on **January 6, 2025**. All students will be given a Smart Tag **Tuesday, February 18, 2025** during their 3rd period class. These SmartTags are an additional safety measure used to identify our students and to ensure they are riding the correct bus. Students are to wear their smart tag to get on the bus in the morning and in the afternoon. If the SmartTag is lost, damaged or stolen, there will be a \$15.00 replacement fee. For additional information:
  - The Parent App roll out will occur later in the spring semester.
  - About the Smart tag System, here is an [information sheet](#).
  - If you have any questions, email [transportation@huttoisd.net](mailto:transportation@huttoisd.net) or call 512-759-2105.
  
- **Career Investigation Days:** *EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!* Juniors and Seniors are now allowed 2 days per year for Career Investigation visits. This is in addition to their allotted college visit days. **SHARE THIS NEWS WITH YOUR CHILD(REN)!** All counselors and administrators will do the same.
  - Here are the forms students can pick up from the College and Career Center as well as the counseling office - [Career Investigation Day Request Form](#) and [College Visit Request Form](#).
  - Also, here is the link for additional information on our [College, Career and Military Events and Resources webpage](#).
  - Here is a [flyer](#) with information as well.
  
- **Construction Update:** We have now moved to another phase of construction (*WHOOHOOO!!!*) and are now working on the new automotive shop. The new automotive shop will be built where the old dance/cheer studio was; hence, why there is the construction fence in the back in the bus loop. For the safety of our children, their morning pedestrian traffic pattern has changed slightly and more of our students are being directed to walk through the teachers parking lot by our HISD PD. So parents, please do not drop your children off in this parking lot. This parking lot now houses our Special Education bus loop, additional student pedestrian traffic, as well as construction equipment will be traveling through. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

- **Canvas Help for Parents:** A few parents have asked for a Canvas (our online learning management system where teachers create and manage coursework) tutorial. So here you go - [Canvas tutorials for Hutto ISD parents on this page](#). Here you will find directions for how you can access your child's Canvas page. There is also a video that helps you know what to look for when you are looking at your child's Canvas courses. *Happy learning!*
- **Lunch Account Balance (Additional Information):** As previously mentioned, there are many students who owe on their lunch account. See the information below from our Child Nutrition Department.
  - Students are still able to charge up to five meals on their account before an alternative meal is provided.
  - HHS personnel sent specific email reminders to the parents of each student who owes money.
  - If you have any questions, email [shelby.mculty@huttoisd.net](mailto:shelby.mculty@huttoisd.net).
  - *Thank you for taking care of this!*
- **Mental Health Art Contest:** The Texas Mental Health Creative Arts Contest is here! Students and adults can submit work in multiple categories: traditional artwork, writing, photography, digital artwork, and/or multimedia. The contest theme is: **Why does mental health matter to you?** [Submissions](#) are open all month long. Artists can submit multiple entries and submissions can be made individually or in groups.
- **Get Your Yearbook!:** If you want to be GUARANTEED a yearbook, you have until March 1, 2025 to purchase a yearbook. After this date, there will be no more guarantees that you will receive a yearbook if you try to purchase after this date. You can purchase a yearbook by visiting this link <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1079352/Hutto-High-School/>. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Johnson, our yearbook advisor via [Jennifer.Johnson@huttoisd.net](mailto:Jennifer.Johnson@huttoisd.net).
- **Scholarships and Grants:** Every little bit helps when you are paying for college, so check out the links below:
  - [\\$10,000 UHCF Scholarship Application is Closing March 31, 2025](#)
  - [Williamson County Local Scholarship for Seniors- Deadline: Postmarked by April 18, 2025](#)

## Reminders:

- **2025-2026 Course Selection Information for HHS:** Sharing this information again. Our counselors have been going into classrooms the last couple weeks to help your child select their courses for the 2025-2026 school year. Go to this [link](#) to access more information.
- **Transcripts and Rank:** Directions to access your child's transcript and class rank via Classlink are listed below:
  - Mid-year transcripts with updated rank and GPA are now available in [SchoolLinks](#). Here are the directions:
    1. Log in to your SchoolLinks account (via Classlink)
    2. Click the Apple icon (School)
    3. Click Records Requests
    4. Click "Download unofficial transcript"
    5. Click "Download" in the pop-up window.
  - If your child needs assistance, have them see their counselor.
- **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! - [HHS PTSA February 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 - [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>
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As always, I am humbly honored to serve!

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