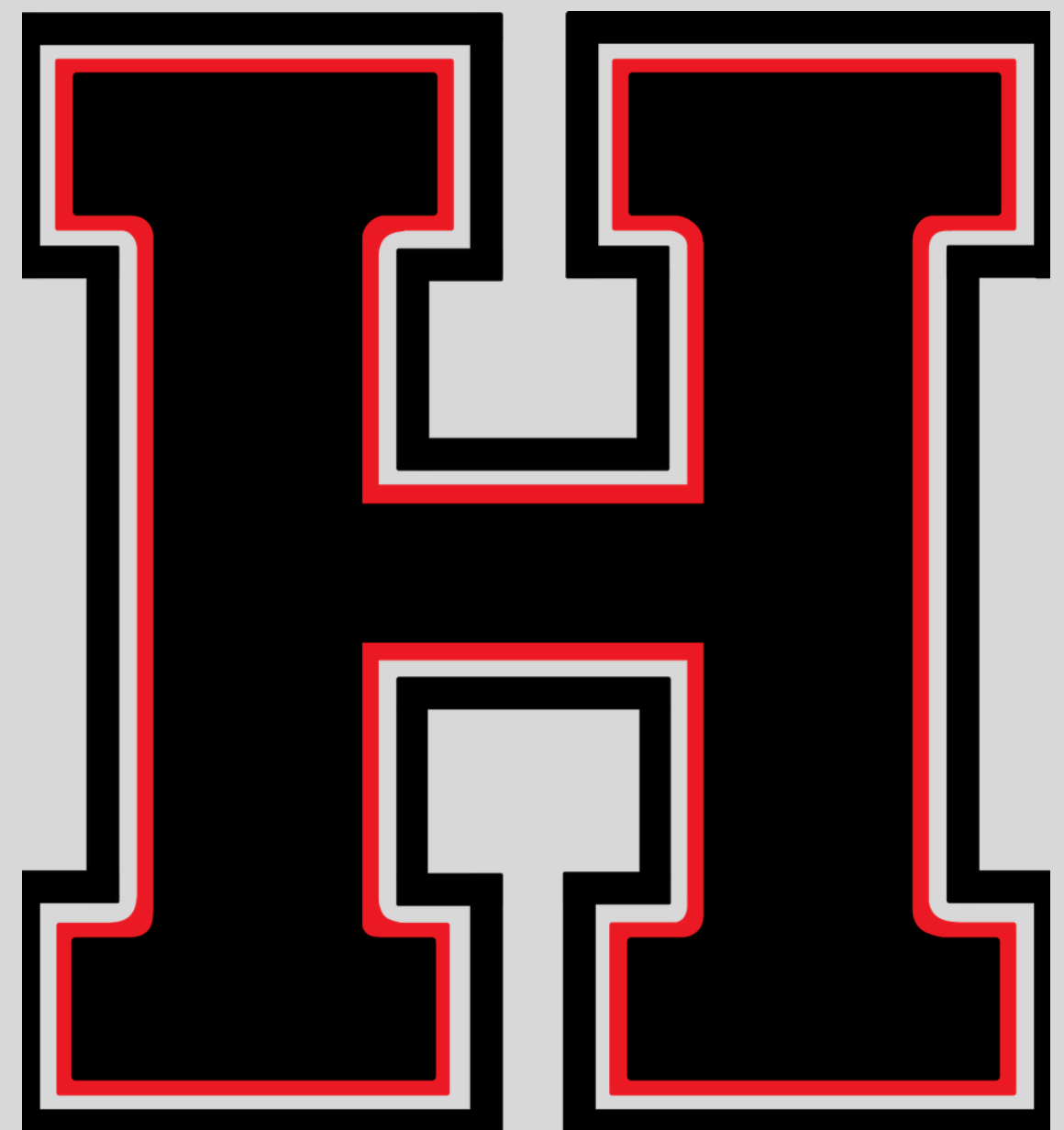


WELCOME

HMS FAMILIES!

2026-2027
INFORMATIONAL
MEETING FOR
RISING 7TH & 8TH GRADE
PARENTS



MEET YOUR ADMIN TEAM



SHAMIRA DAVIS
Principal



ETHAN CONSTANT
Assistant Principal



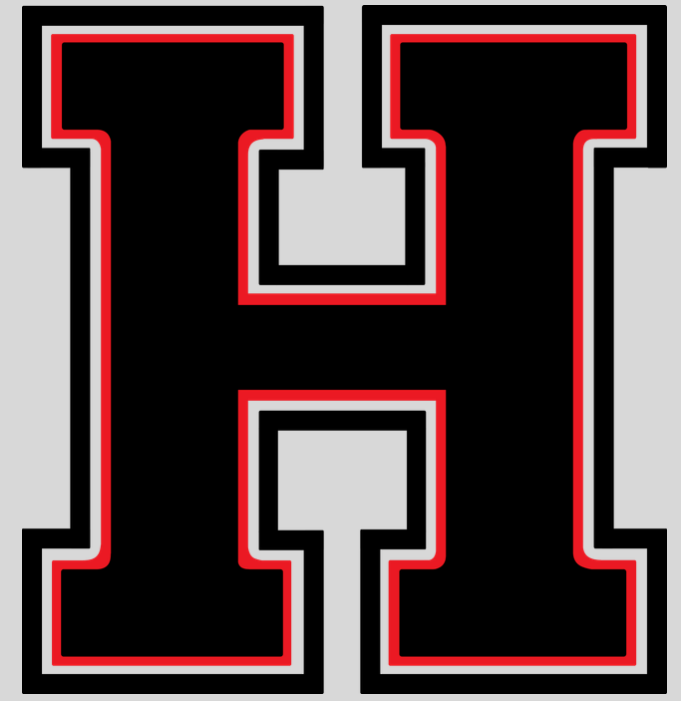
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SARA STRICKLAND
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OUR AGENDA

- **Past, Present, and Future**
- **Sample Student Schedule**
- **Schedule Changes**
- **Overview of 7th & 8th
Grade *Proposed* Electives**
- **State Mandated Services &
Enriched Courses**
- **Next Steps**



HMS PAST

5 years ago:

- **Students had 4 core content areas.**
- **All students had an RTI block and were placed into a remediation or enrichment class.**
- **Students had a limited choices**
 - **Spanish, French, German, Band, Choir, Orchestra, STEM**
 - **All students had to take PE**
 - **Electives were on a 2 / 3 day a week schedule, no 5 days a week for any elective.**



HMS PRESENT

From 22–23 school year to 25–26 school year

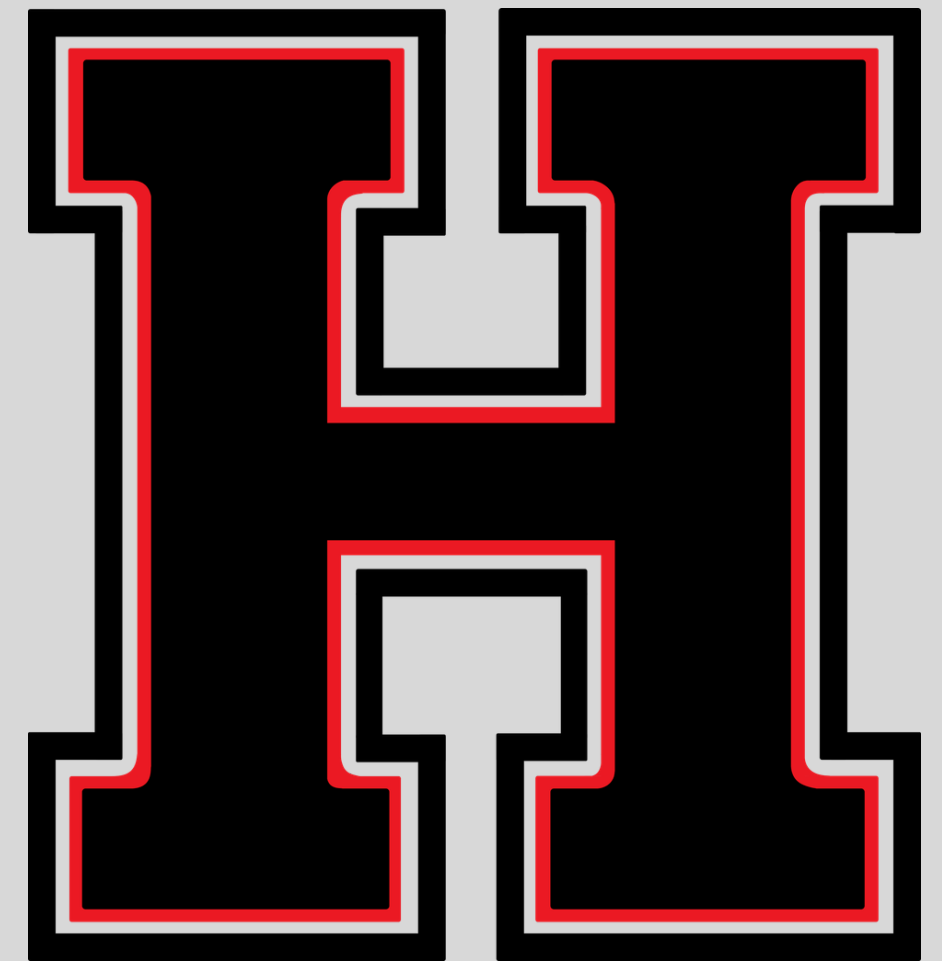
- **Added Mustang Moves**
- **Added Focus for students to have time to study or complete homework before extracurricular/after school activities.**
- **Focus time allowed for House meetings to take place without having to cut class time.**
- **Added remediation rotation to Focus for each content area.**



HMS FUTURE

26–27 School Year

- ALL Students will have a choice of electives, either 1 year long elective or 2 semester electives. But classes are 5 days a week.
- ALL students will still receive Mustang Moves.
- Students will either receive a class that is a 'service' or will have a study hall/pe rotation.
- All students will have a choice on their Focus/FLEX class to get enrichment or remediation which allows more emphasis on academic growth.



SCHEDULE

DISCLAIMER

Students will be placed in their four core subjects classes by the school. (ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies)

We will make every effort to place students in one of their elective choices.

All choices are not guaranteed.

**Elective course
do have limited
seats and
times they are
offered.**

**More than 1
year long class
can be written
on their sheet.**

**Five elective
choices MUST be
filled in so there
are options in
case electives
are full.**



SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

7:30–8:00 – Students enter the building

8:00–8:55 – ELA

9:00–9:50 – Science

9:55–10:45 – Study Hall/PE

10:50–11:40 – Math

11:45–12:10 – Lunch

12:10–12:35 – Mustang Move

12:40–1:30 – Social Studies

1:35–2:25 – 1st semester – 3D Art

2nd semester – Career Exploration

2:30–3:30 – Focus



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2:30–3:30 – Focus

SEMESTER

- Art
- 3D Art
- Career Exploration
- Choir
- Critical Thinking
- Current Events
- Forensic Science
- HMS Leads
- Intro to Spanish
- Intro to French
- Multimedia & Design
- STEM – Engineering & Design

YEAR-ROUND

- Band
- Choir
- Advanced Art
- Orchestra

**7TH
GRADE
PROJECTED**

SEMESTER

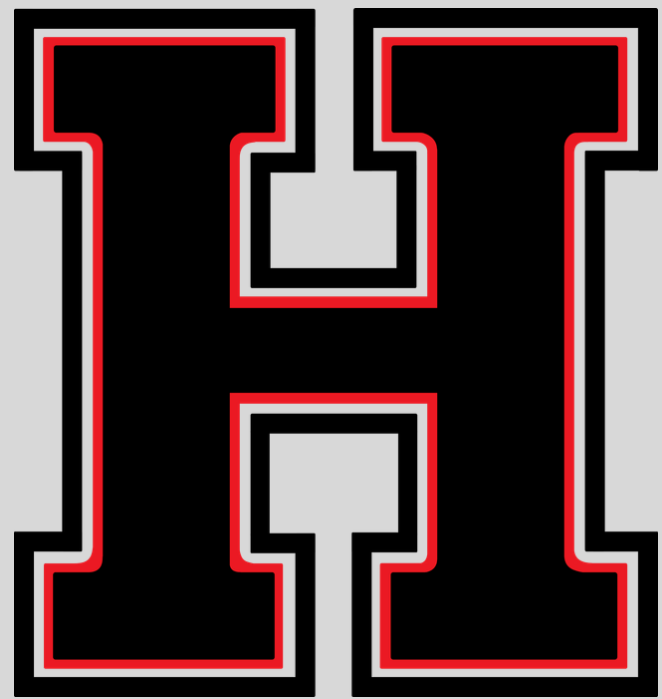
- Art
- Adv. Spanish
- Adv. French
- Animation
- Choir
- STEM – Drones
- Intro to Spanish
- Intro to French
- Sports History
- TV Production
- World Cultures

YEAR-ROUND

- Band
- Choir
- Advanced Art
- Orchestra
- Yearbook

**8TH
GRADE
PROJECTED**

STATE MANDATED SERVICES



**GIFTED
WIN**

**WIN
"What I Need"
ELA or
Math**

**High
Impact
Tutoring**

**WIN
SI**

**MATH
SUCCESS**

ENRICHED & HONORS COURSES



**ENRICHED
ELA (6TH,
7TH, AND
8TH GRADE)**

**ENRICHED
MATH (6TH,
7TH, & 8TH
GRADE)**

**ALGEBRA
1**

**ENRICHED
8TH
GRADE
SCIENCE**



UPCOMING EVENTS & NEXT STEPS

- Summer Reading – this will be on the HMS website by the beginning of summer
- Course Selection Sheets – Due Friday, May 15
- Core class placements will go home by Friday.

COURSE SELECTION SHEET

Forms due to Focus teacher by Friday, May 15

Houston Middle School
2026 – 2027 Course Selection Form
SEVENTH GRADE

Student Last Name Student First Name MI

Parent Name Parent Email Address Parent Phone Number

Parent Signature Date

CORE SUBJECTS: All students are required to take the following (4) Core Subjects:
English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
Students that qualify for enriched ELA and math will be automatically enrolled in those classes.
Students that receive Gifted or SPED services will be automatically enrolled in those classes.

ELECTIVE COURSES: Students could have (2) elective courses each semester with up to (4) elective options per year.

Semester Course Electives		Year-Long Course Electives
Art	Engineering & Design (STEM)	Advanced Art
Career Exploration	HMS Leads	Band
Choir - Semester	Forensic Science	Choir
Critical Thinking	Intro Spanish	Orchestra
Current Events	Intro French	
3D Art	Multimedia & Design	

Select at least (5) of the elective course options from the list above and write them in order of preference in the spaces provided below. NOTE: you can only choose (1) Year-Long Course; see course description for any requirements.

Example with a Year-Long Course:

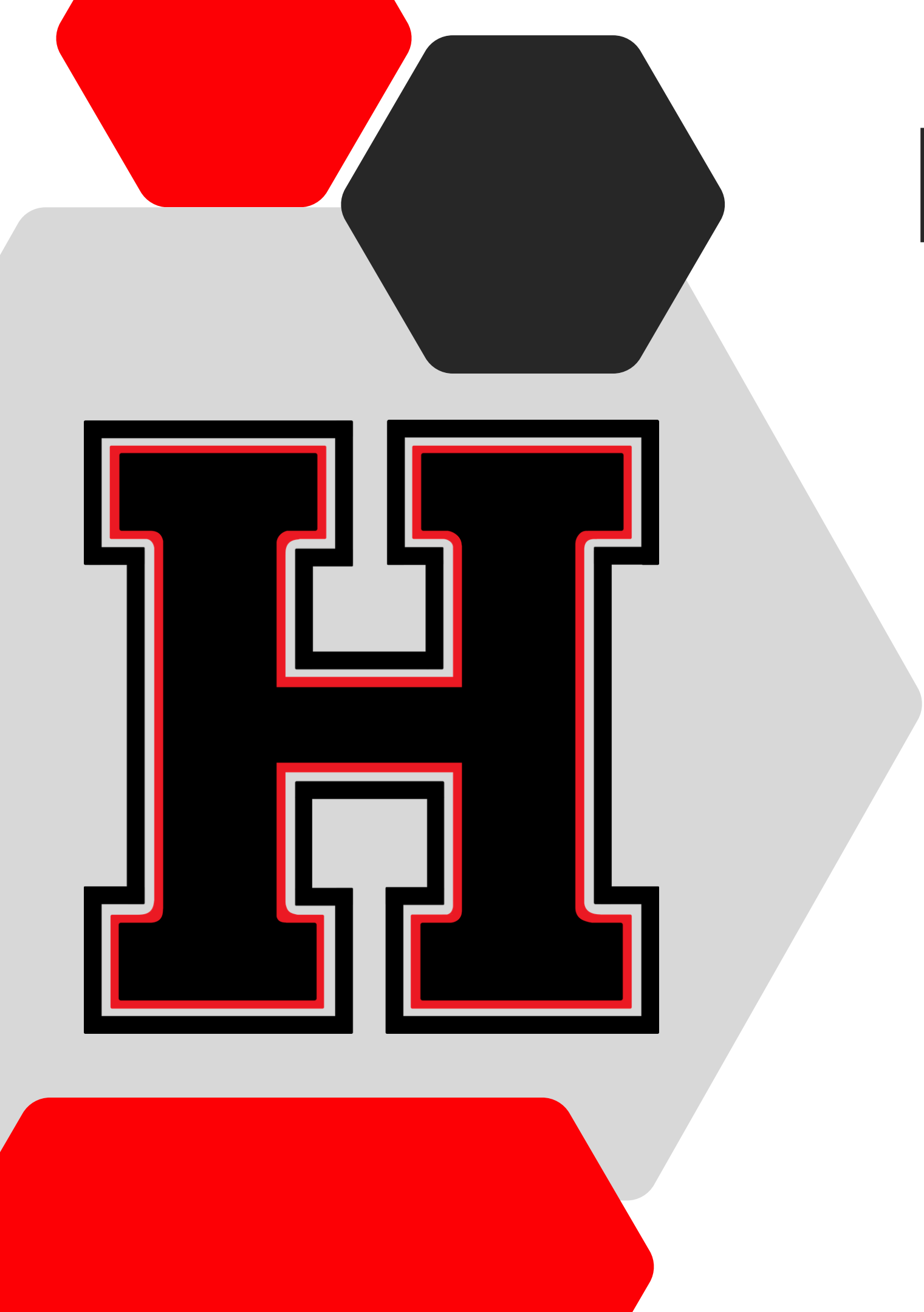
1. Choir (Year-Long)
2. Current Events (Semester)
3. Career Exploration (Semester)
4. 3D Art (Semester)
5. Intro Spanish (Semester)

Example without a Year-Long Course:

1. Art (Semester)
2. HMS Leads (Semester)
3. Engineering & Design (Semester)
4. Forensic Science (Semester)
5. Current Events (Semester)

Elective Course Selections (List in Order of Preference)	Semester or Year-Long (Circle one)	Teacher Signature (If required for a Year-Long Course)
1. _____	Semester or Year-Long	_____
2. _____	Semester or Year-Long	_____
3. _____	Semester or Year-Long	_____
4. _____	Semester or Year-Long	_____
5. _____	Semester or Year-Long	_____

*Students are NOT guaranteed all their elective choices. If enrollment in any elective course exceeds capacity, other options may be chosen for the student.



FOR QUESTIONS

CONTACT

All questions about scheduling can be emailed to the following email:

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