



From the Desk of Dr. Amy Kern:

September 24, 2026

- ❖ **Student Pictures:** Please Note: Class/Group pictures are on **September 29**. This will also be the date for make-up pictures for students who were absent on Picture Day
- ❖ **Mid-Term:** Earlier this week marked the middle of the 1st quarter. Parents of students in grades 2-5 may review your child's grade on "Parent Gradebook Viewer" in your Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- ❖ **Emergency Drills:** Because student safety is paramount, it is important to be prepared in the event of any kind of emergency such as fire, flood, intruder, severe weather, chemical spill, or gas leak to name a few. The HTSD has an extensive and detailed Crisis Planning Manual to assist school personnel in crisis management. One of the most important aspects of crisis preparedness is practicing all drill procedures throughout the course of the school year. Central Elementary will be practicing various announced and unannounced emergency drills each month.
- ❖ **ALICE Student Safety Drill Training:** During the week of October 13, we will be training students on the ALICE procedures for school safety. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. Please see the attached letter for more details.
- ❖ **October School Day Variations:**
 - **Elementary Early Dismissal – Friday, October 9 at 1:45 pm**
 - **No School – Monday, October 12**
- ❖ **Central Notes:** Please remember, standard dismissal is to send students home on the bus. Please be sure to send in notes if there is a change in dismissal plans for your child. If there isn't a note regarding a change, students will be put on their assigned bus/van. The office must be notified by 2:15 pm of any changes to a student's dismissal. Otherwise, dismissal changes cannot be guaranteed. Also, a note is required if your child will be attending Royal Oak and/or the YMCA's after school program. If you would like your note to be for the remainder of the school year, please indicate that, otherwise we will assume it is for that day only. If you have any questions, please email Julia.brescia@ht-sd.org
- ❖ **Transportation:** Roenigk Bus/Monark Van lines has asked that everyone be patient and flexible regarding the bus times. Due to bus driver shortages, we thank you for your patience as we receive changes. Please contact Lisa Arture 412-492-6316 regarding transportation issues.

- ❖ **Cafeteria:** Please use www.payschoolscentral.com if you would like to add money to your student's cafeteria account using an online system. You may still send a check or cash in an envelope marked with "HTSD Cafeteria Fund" and your student's name and student number. Please note, if you wish to block your student from getting breakfast or extras you will need to contact Metz directly at geyers@ht-sd.org.

Emails from the cafeteria will be sent once or twice a week regarding your child(ren)'s negative balance(s) on their cafeteria account(s) which are from noreply@email.payschools.com. These may go to your spam folder, so please add this email to your contact list. Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact Sharon Geyer at geyers@ht-sd.org or 412-492-6398.

❖ From the PTO:

- The sign ups for Halloween parties are live! The parties will take place on October 30th. Sign up at: <https://centralpto.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/178549>
- We're so excited to introduce our **NEW PTO Membership Website & Platform!** 
Ready to get connected? Head over to centralpto.membershiptoolkit.com to learn more and **sign up today!**
- **2026 Honorary Talbot Dog Contest – We Need Your Help!**
It's almost time to crown the **2026 Honorary Talbot Mascot!** But before we can do so, we need your help in a few ways:
 1. **ENTER YOUR DOGS!**
 - Submit an entry form (found in the [school & community flyers](#)), along with your dog's photos and payment, to our school office by **September 24**.
 2. **SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER!**
 - We need volunteers to help oversee voting and count donations: [Volunteer - Sign Up](#)
 3. **HELP CHOOSE THE CHARITY!**
 - Help us choose which charity will receive the donations raised at the Talbot Tailgate: [Charity Voting](#)

As always, thank you for your help and support! We can't wait to see all of this year's amazing canine candidates!

IMPORTANT DATES

September 29.....Group/Class/Make Up Photos
September 29.....Kids Care Club – Gr. 3-5 (3:30-4:30 pm)
September 29.....Soccer Club – Gr. 3-5 (3:30-4:30 pm)
September 29-Oct 1....Honorary Talbot Dog Voting(lunchtime)
September 30..... Growing Together Club (3:30-4:30)
September 30..... Lego Club Gr. (3:30-4:30)
September 20..... Spirit Club Gr 2-3 (3:30-4:30)
October 1.....Escape Room Club - Gr. 2-5 – Maley - The Studio (3:30-4:30 pm)
October 2.....Spooktacular Science Club (3:30-4:30 pm)
October 2.....Talbot Tailgate – HMS Parking Lot (3:30 – 7:00pm)

School Flyers

- ✚ Alice School Safety Letter
- ✚ Arrival and Dismissal Procedures
- ✚ Spelling Bee Interest Flyer
- ✚ Honorary Talbot Dog Contest
- ✚ Hiring! 2hr Lunch/Recess Aide

PTO and Community Flyers

- ✚ PTO – Yearbook Flyer
- ✚ PTO – Welcome Back
- ✚ Spirit Wear Sale!
- ✚ Hampton Library
- ✚ Hampton Alliance 5K
- ✚ Senior Class Blanket Sale
- ✚ Sports Flyers