



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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March 2, 2025

Message from the Principal

Dear Raider Families,

I hope you all have enjoyed this beautiful weekend with your families! It is hard to believe we have four days before the 3rd 9 weeks grading period ends and

Spring Break begins! We are working hard to keep the kids focused with all the excitement, and we could use your help with a few things.

- We do not allow outside food deliveries for students, but we have had several students DoorDashing food and drinks to the school and accepting the deliveries at various exterior doors, or having a friend hold an exterior door open while the other friend goes to the DoorDash delivery car. There are so many safety issues with these deliveries as well as violations of our student expectations.
- Substitute teachers are always on our campus, and we appreciate them very much! Several of our substitutes, many of whom are retired teachers with years of experience, are reporting that students are being very disrespectful to them, ignoring them during instruction, and speaking to them in a very dismissive manner. We will reiterate to the students what our expectations are for their behavior when a substitute teacher is present, and we would appreciate your help by discussing this issue with them, as well. We are unable to function if we do not have substitute teachers, and we certainly do not want to deter them from working with us.

As we wind down this quarter of our school year, I would like to thank our PTO for all their support with every aspect of our school. With this being my first year as principal for our two campuses, I have been given so much support, treated with such kindness, and lifted up exactly when I needed it. Our PTO Board and every chairperson and volunteer make all of our jobs easier, and I just want to say THANK YOU to each and every parent for your unwavering support and encouragement.

Have a wonderful week, and I hope you have a spectacular Spring Break!

[Parent Input Form](#): Please use this form to submit constructive questions, concerns, or suggestions that may benefit our two schools.

With gratitude,

Amanda Reyes

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Principal
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- **March 3:** Dads Club Pizza Night
- **March 7:** 8th Grade Cheer Application Deadline
- **March 7:** Bad Weather Make-Up Day (no school)
- **March 10-14:** Spring Break



- Review the Traffic Guidelines [HERE](#).
- Review the Student Handbook & Dress code (page 9) [HERE](#).
- Sign up for a volunteer shift [HERE](#).
- Add money to your student's lunch account [HERE](#).

Transition Meetings



HP Class of 2032 **5th to 6th Grade Transition & Elective Course Selection**

Wednesday, April 2nd - Parent Transition Meetings in the 5/6 Assembly Room at 9:30 am and 6 pm.

Monday, April 7th - Student Course Selection Meetings in 5/6 Assembly Room

Monday, April 14th - Choice Sheets are due to Advisory teachers

Friday, May 2nd - Students complete elective choice in Skyward during advisory, Skyward Parent Verification due.

Please contact [Samantha Mooty](#) with any questions.

HP Class of 2031 **6th to 7th Grade Transition & Elective Course Selection**

Monday, March 3 - Students input their elective selections in Skyward during class & turn in Choice Sheets (with parent signature)

Thursday, March 6 - Final deadline to input elective selections in Skyward & turn in Choice Sheets (with parent signature)

Please contact [Rae Harvill](#) with any questions.

8th Grade Cheer



Applications for the 2025-2026 8th Grade Cheer Squad are due on **Friday, March 7** by midnight. No late applications will be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact [Erika Hultsman](#).

Raider Cafeteria

Sign Up for 2025-2026 Shifts!

Timeline:

- March 1-20: All current volunteers can elect to move position or day. Just let one of us know and we will take care of sign up!
- March 24: VSP goes live and will be open to all new volunteers to claim shifts.



If you still want your current shift please ask because it may available!

The cafeteria is a great place to serve, see your kids during the school day, and meet new friends. We hope to see you there!

Please email [Katherine Issel](#) & [Tracy Port Melech](#)
Raider Café Volunteer Chairs

Raider Shop Volunteers Needed

Volunteers still needed for reoccurring shifts and substitutes welcome! Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

**Volunteer in the
Raider Shop!**



Questions? Raider Shop Volunteer Chairs [Laura Price](#) or [Brooke Garner](#).

Dads Club Pizza Night

Join us for
Dads Club Night
at

OLIVELLA'S
PIZZA & WINE

Dine-in This Monday, March 3rd

3406 McFarlin Blvd by SMU

**Olivella's is donating 10% of all sales, which will
go to support our teachers!**

Monday, March 3 is Dads Club Pizza Night at Olivella's from 5 - 9 pm.

Raider Career Review



Broadcasting students, Daniel Curtin and Jimmy Haig, had the incredible opportunity to interview Ms. Kim Holland, a First Officer for United Airlines! With 19 years of flying experience and international travel to destinations like London, Paris, Sydney, and Tokyo, she shared her inspiring journey from flight instructor to Boeing 777 pilot. Thank you, Ms. Holland, for giving us a glimpse into the life of a commercial airline pilot. Click [HERE](#) to view.

Raider Recognition

Math and Science Team

Congratulations to HPMS/MIS Math and Science Team for winning Sweepstakes Champion during the TMSCA Qualifier on February 22. Twenty-one students qualified for TMSCA state competition. The following students were ranked top 3 individually:

8th grade

Madeline Xing: 1st place in Number Sense, Calculator, General Math

Aiden Xia: 2nd place in Number Sense, General Math

Olivia Dong: 3rd place in General Math

Luke Wang: 3rd place in Science

7th grade

Nalin Krishna: 1st place in Number Sense, Science; 3rd place in General Math

Jing Wang: 2nd place in Calculator, General Math, Science

Dhruv Karamchandani: 1st place in General Math



6th grade

Stella Chen: 2nd place in Number Sense, Science; 1st place in General Math

Hanson Lou: 3rd place in Number Sense, General Math

Jackson Xu: 2nd place in General Math

Anna Markin: 1st place in Science

Andrew Chen: 3rd place in Science

Destination Imagination

MIS/HPMS Destination Imagination teams competed in the DFW regional tournament. The Mind Masters team competed in the main Team Challenge/Instant Challenge in the Fine Arts Category and received 4th place in their category. The team consisted of 6th graders Lorelei Parma, Hunter McCombs, Kate Waldron and Griffin Lazebnik. The Dragon Dreamers completed in DI Extreme (instant challenge only) and got 1st place in their category. The team was 6th graders Emily Kerr, Alina Manhas, Olivia Stanwood, and Violet Rockow.



Sports

RAIDER TENNIS

Congratulate your HPMS tennis team! They dominated their first match of the season with a 15-1 over Willow Springs Middle School of Lovejoy. They swept boys, girls, and mixed doubles, boys singles and only lost one of four girls singles matches.

Boys and Girls singles:

Grayson Davis, Michael Wu, Taylor Stephens and Sloane Stephens

Mixed Doubles:

Elliot Christian/Cooper Clifton and Sebastian Santiago/Riley Chang

scored 6-0 set. Lindsey Cai, William Bjorck, and Carson Liu won their matches.

both put up 6-1 wins.

Girls Doubles:

Glance Bland/Bea Haddock and Alex Marvin/Anna Doak posted 6-0 sets.

Boys Doubles:

Emiliano De La Torre/Preston Dulberger and Barrett Benson/Dhruv Karamchandani won perfect 6-0 sets.



Thank you to our 2024-2025 Raider Challenge Tennis Court sponsor!



Cheers to Raider Volunteers

We appreciate the **Teacher Workroom Volunteer Chair, Brook Armstrong**, for your dedication in taking care of our teachers, making copies and taking on

special projects! You help make our teachers' days run smoother with your volunteering and recruiting of Workroom helpers.

Big thanks to **Amy Moore** and **Heidi McKinley**, **Library Volunteer Chairs**, for helping recruit volunteers in the library and working with our wonderful librarian to host a great Book Fair this week! We are so grateful for the time you spend in our library.

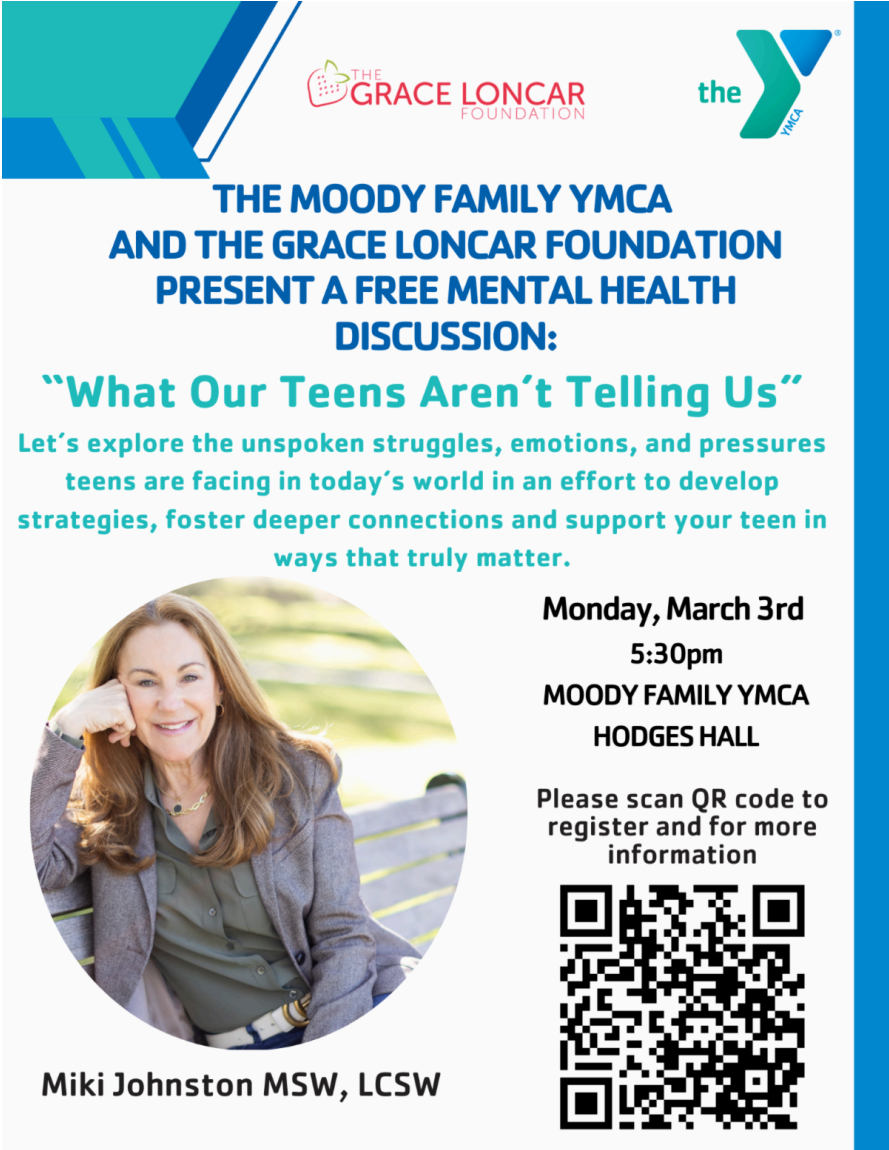
GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

YMCA Mental Health Discussion



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**THE MOODY FAMILY YMCA
AND THE GRACE LONCAR FOUNDATION
PRESENT A FREE MENTAL HEALTH
DISCUSSION:**

“What Our Teens Aren’t Telling Us”

Let’s explore the unspoken struggles, emotions, and pressures teens are facing in today’s world in an effort to develop strategies, foster deeper connections and support your teen in ways that truly matter.



**Monday, March 3rd
5:30pm
MOODY FAMILY YMCA
HODGES HALL**

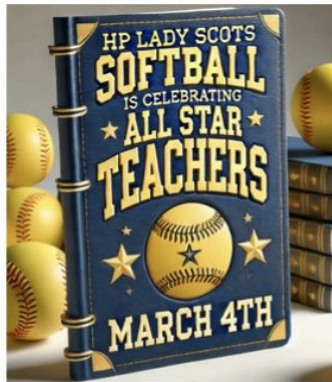
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Miki Johnston MSW, LCSW

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Softball Teacher Appreciation



Join us for Lady Scots Softball Teacher Appreciation!

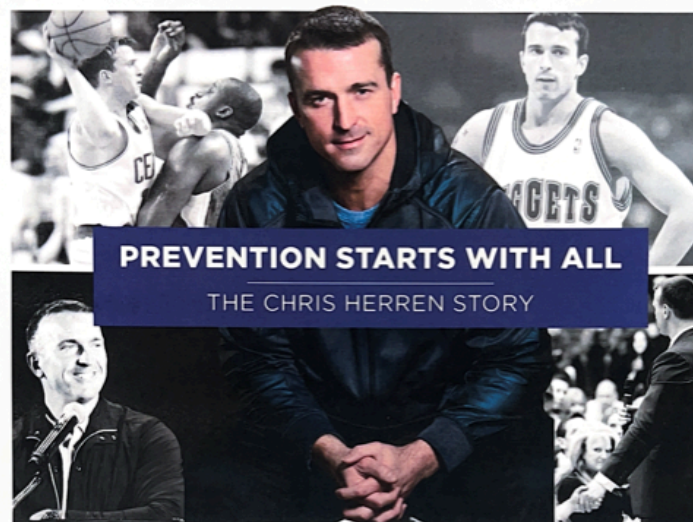
Tuesday, March 4th

Lady Scots vs. Creekview

JV Ceremony 4:45pm; Game 5:00pm

Varsity Ceremony 6:30pm; Game 6:45pm

HPHS Student Council Guest Speaker



ABOUT CHRIS HERREN

Chris Herren, a basketball legend from Fall River, Massachusetts, was an All-American, broke scoring records and was recruited by the nation's top colleges. Herren realized his lifelong dream of playing in the NBA when he was drafted by the Denver Nuggets in 1999 and then traded to his hometown team, the Boston Celtics, before losing his career and almost his family to the disease of addiction.

In long term recovery since 2008, Chris inspires people to start the conversation on wellness and educate themselves on the disease of addiction. It is his hope that strength will be found in the struggle and communities will come TOGETHER to address the issue of substance use disorder, advocate for effective treatment and embrace the power of recovery.



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DATE: Tuesday, March 4

TIME: 7:00 PM

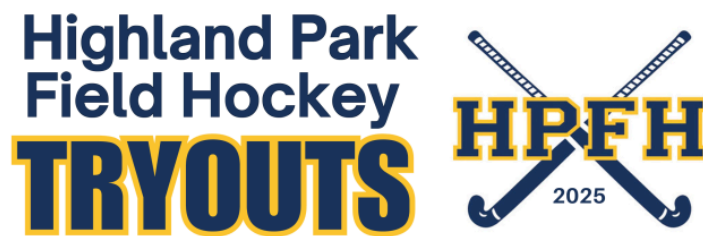
LOCATION: HP HS Main Gym

Student Council, with gratitude to la Fiesta, is hosting Chris Herren on March 4, at 7:00 pm, in the HP HS gym, for a parent presentation. Another assembly

for high school students on March 5.



HP Girls Field Hockey



JV and Varsity

Clinics (Optional)

- Thursday, 2/27 7-8 PM @ HP Softball Field
- Monday, 3/3 7-8 PM @ HP Softball Field

Tryouts (Mandatory)

- Monday, 3/17 6-8:30 PM @ HP Softball Field
- Wednesday, 3/19 6-7:30 PM @ Germany Park (running tryout)
- Thursday, 3/20 6-8:30 PM @ HP Softball Field
- Monday, 3/24 6-8:30 PM @ HP Softball Field
- Thursday, 3/27 7-8:30 PM @ HP Softball Field

Middle School

Clinics (Optional)

- Thursday, 2/27 6-7 PM @ HP Softball Field
- Monday, 3/3 6-7 PM @ HP Softball Field

Tryouts (Mandatory)

- Thursday, 3/27 6-7:15 PM @ HP Softball Field



Please visit www.hpfieldhockey.com to complete the required Tryout Registration and Waiver forms.

Raiders Reaching Out

Raiders Reaching Out is ready to serve our Raider students, families, and staff in need of support and to honor those who go above and beyond to serve our school and children. Please let us know if you know someone in our Raider community who needs some sunshine sent their way! Email confidentially raidersreachingout@mishpmspto.org.

Thank you so much!
RRO Chairs, 2024-25





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Didn't see a school-related shout-out this week?
We want to hear about it! Please send details
and any available pictures!

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