



# RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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March 30, 2025

## **Message from the Principal**

Dear Raider Families,

As we head into April, we wanted to share some important dates with all of you with regard to upcoming test dates:

- **Tuesday, April 15:** Reading STAAR for grades 5, 6, 7, 8
- **Wednesday, April 23:** Social Studies STAAR for grade 8
- **Thursday, April 24:** Science STAAR for grades 5 and 8
- **Wednesday, April 30:** Math STAAR for grades, 5, 6, 7, 8, Algebra 1

Our teachers have done a wonderful job with instruction this year, which in turn has our students well-prepared to take our state assessments!

Looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year, I wanted to give you the opportunity to share some insight about your student and any information that will help us set them up for success. I have included links below that correspond to the grade level your child will be in when school starts in August. The deadline to complete the voluntary forms is **Friday, April 25, 2025**.

[Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students- Parent Input Form, 2025-2026](#)

[Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students- Parent Input Form, 2025-2026](#)

[Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students- Parent Input Form, 2025-2026](#)

\*I will share a form for incoming 5th grade parents next week via each elementary school newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

*Amanda Reyes*

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

- **April 2:** 5th to 6th grade Parent Transition Meetings
- **April 10,11,12:** *Grease: School Version*
- **April 15:** Reading STAAR for grades 5, 6, 7, 8
- **April 15:** General Membership PTO Meeting
- **April 18:** Student Holiday
- **April 21:** Bad Weather Makeup Day (No School)
- **April 23:** Social Studies STAAR for grade 8
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- **April 30:** Math STAAR for grades, 5, 6, 7, 8, Algebra 1



- 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.



## **Please Join Us for Our April PTO Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 15  
12 - 1pm (lunch service begins at 11:45am)  
7/8 Assembly Room**

**Guest Speaker:  
Lindsay Hazard  
Teen Athlete Dietitian and Nutritionist**

Join us for an engaging talk on nutrition for middle schoolers. Learn how to fuel your child's growth, academic success, and athletic performance with simple, practical nutrition strategies. We'll cover essential nutrients for pre-teens/teens, how to use nutrition for focus and energy, and bust common myths about carbs, protein, and popular diet trends. Whether your child is an athlete or just growing fast, this session will provide valuable takeaways to support their health and performance.



**Thank You to Our PTO Meeting Sponsor**

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## **PTO Gives More Than \$1M to MIS/HPMS in 2024-2025**



The PTO is excited to share that the Gift Committee met and approved a gift of \$204,661.17 to MIS/HPMS thanks to our generous families and corporate sponsors! The PTO has gifted a total of \$1,077,419.23 to MIS/HPMS this school year.

The gift included funds raised through Raider Challenge, Raider Café and Raider Shop sales. A HUGE thank-you to all the families and corporate sponsors whose generosity enabled this amazing gift to benefit our schools.

The gift is highlighted below:

- Technology hardware
- Printer toner
- Classroom furniture
- Copy machine leases
- Classroom instructional supplies
- Fine Arts equipment and supplies
- Athletic equipment
- 6th grade community service activity
- Staff supply reimbursement
- Staff recognition

A quick glimpse into the gifting process: All faculty/staff are encouraged to request needs. The committee reviews the various requests ranging from new

technology equipment, new science lab furniture and athletic equipment, to recurring expenses like printer toner and copy machine leases. The committee discusses each request, prioritizes what can be funded, and votes to approve. The gift is then brought before the School Board for final approval, which was received March 25.

Thank you to our MIS/HPMS families for their incredible support and to our PTO Board of Directors and Chairpersons for their service to our school. We greatly appreciate your generous contributions.

## Raider Cafeteria

### 2025-2026 VSP is LIVE!

We currently have 74 open positions so sign up quickly to get the shift you prefer!

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](#).

**Fine Arts**

***Grease: School Version***

Highland Park Middle School and  
McCulloch Intermediate School Present



*SCHOOL VERSION*

**Thursday, April 10th at 6 pm**

**Friday, April 11th at 4 pm**

**Saturday, April 12th at 5 pm**

**Sunday, April 13th at 2 pm**

**MIS/HPMS Auditorium - Admission \$8**



*GREASE* is the word! Rock 'n' Roll over to MIS/HPMS to see Danny, Sandy, T-Birds and Pink Ladies of Rydell High! You will be grooving in your seats as your classmates perform iconic songs from this fun-loving, hit musical! The show is family friendly and suitable for all ages.

Online pre-sale tickets are available for \$8, please click [HERE](#). General admission tickets will be sold at the door and in the cafeteria the week of the show.

## Sports

### RAIDER TENNIS

Your Raider Tennis Team fell in a tightly contested battle against Allen Ereckson. They lost their first match of the season 11-5 in a close fight. The team fought hard against the only undefeated team in the district and was the first team to take a match off of them.

#### **Singles:**

Alex Marvin battled from 5-2 down saving multiple match points to put up a 7-5 win for the team!

#### **Girls Doubles:**

Anna Doak and Lauren King gave the Raiders a 6-1 win at number 1 doubles and Briley Brown and Eliana Weinberg posted a 6-2 victory to score another point.

#### **Boys Doubles:**

The team of Carson Liu and Dhruv Karamdanchani scored a dominant 6-1 win at number 1 doubles. JJ Lin and Nicholas Stokley put up a 6-2 victory to give the Raiders 2 out of the 3 boys doubles matches.





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



## RAIDER TRACK & FIELD

### Girls

#### 7th Grade

**HPMS - 223 points**

Melissa - 105

Hays - 110

Ford - 49

#### 8th Grade

**HPMS - 220 points**

Hays - 164

Melissa - 106

Ford - 72



Click [HERE](#) for 7th grade results.

Click [HERE](#) for 8th grade results.

## HPMS Raider Archery Competes in Texas NASP State Tournament

The HPMS Team #1 placed 4th overall in the state Middle School division with a score of 3,296. An increase of 43 points from last year's state tournament score. The individual top finishers were Conner Hardaway, who placed 2nd overall for Middle School boys. He also broke the HPMS school record with a high score of 288. Alana Schroeder and Oliva Hsu placed 7th and 8th for 8th grade girls with impressive, personal best scores of 281 each. Newcomer Fulton Jefferies also placed 7th for the 7th grade boys scoring a personal best of 280.

The following top 17 HPMS archers have qualified to compete in the US Western Nationals Tournament: **Conner Hardaway, Alana Schroeder, Olivia Hsu, Fulton Jefferies, Haines Keiser, Everett Heis, Vivian Haworth, Jayden Lu, Levi Gruber, Ryleigh LaRue, Elise Townsend, Alexander Madsen, Hall Allison, Lauren Reed and Madison Norvell.**



News to Share

## HP Cheer Welcomes 13 Raiders to Scots Junior Varsity Cheer

# SCOTS *HP* CHEER



### Junior Varsity Cheer

Front Row: Jade Najork, Natalie Muller, Ryan Pekar, Abigail Harper, Bea Lang

Second Row: Emma Rose Conger, Cruz Pielsticker, Hadley Robertson, Claire Sumner, Ilsa Johnson, Macauley Carter, Hallie Bacharach

Third Row: Lucy Ruth, Amelia Meade, Hayley Hefton, Bryn Adam, Emery Gray, Scarlett Pace

Back Row: Emerson Winner, Sophia Castaneda, Emerson Istre, Claire Rubenstein, Annabel Gahagan, Elle Whatley, Emmy Barsotti

Not Pictured: Westyn Wheat

## Spirited Scots Welcome One Raider Cheerleader and Three Raider Mentors



## SPRITED *Up* SCOTS

Front Row: Greer Jackson, Kate Waterman, Will O'Connell, CiCi Dowd, Carolina Wilson

Second Row: Caroline Davidson, Margaret Bickel, Brooklyn Hickey, Annabelle Dalton

Third Row: Wesley Holmes, Clara Erwin, Leighton Booth, Elliot Christian, Emma Worrel

Fourth Row: Horacio de Coss Camet, Kara Moran, Laurie Bickel, Mills Duvall, Hardin Omege, Faith Cree

Back Row: Ellison Newberry, Elle Dyer, Batu Uster, Olivia Jaudes, Caroline Johnson, Delaney Newberry, Mary Margaret Harlow, Teddy Amos

Not Pictured: Ryan Kosel

**World Down Syndrome Day**



Our Raiders honored World Down Syndrome Day with a special visit. The students were great listeners and participated in the discussion.

## **Basketball Open Gym for MIS/HPMS Girls**

**BASKETBALL**  
**OPEN GYM**  
**5TH-8TH GRADES**

HPMS SOUTH GYM  
3:45-5:00PM NO COST

 **DATES:**   
**WEDNESDAYS:**  
4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30

**SHOOT, DRIBBLE & SCRIMMAGE WITH**  
**INTERMEDIATE, MIDDLE & HS LADY SCOTS**  
**MIS & HPMS GIRLS**

Returning this spring is OPEN GYM, for our intermediate and middle school girls who play basketball. High school athletes and coaches will be in the south gym on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-5pm, starting on April 9. These events are a come-and-go as needed. No sign-up necessary. We look forward to seeing our Raiders and future Lady Scots in the gym.

If you have any questions, please email [Coach Monsey](mailto:Coach Monsey).

**Meet the Lady Scots Golf Team**

COME MEET THE  
**LADY SCOTS  
GOLF TEAM**

MONDAY, APRIL 7TH  
4:30-6:30  
FOXTROT | SNIDER PLAZA



\* TAKE PICTURES  
WITH THE EASTER  
BUNNY, GRAB AN  
ARNOLD PALMER,  
PLAY GOLF GAMES,  
GET LADY SCOTS  
MERCH AND  
HAVE SOME FUN!!

**Softball Youth Night**



Join us April 1<sup>st</sup> for Lady Scots Softball 2025 Youth Night!

JV game 5 pm  
Varsity game 6:45 pm

The varsity game will honor Raegan Davis, the 2009 HP Lady Scots Softball Team Manager. We will also have some fun activities like Softball Bingo and Youth Door Prizes!

## Academy for Lifelong Learning



Registration opened Friday, March 28, at 8am. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## PCLDA Pool and Garden Party - April 10





Click [HERE](#) to get your tickets.

**HP CultureFest**

Coming Soon!

# HP CultureFest

Saturday  
5 April 2025

Highland Park Presbyterian Church

12-3PM



## Activities

- Food
- Crafts
- Performances
- Raffles
- Photo booth

For More Information  
[hpculturefest.com](http://hpculturefest.com)



Get ready for HP CultureFest, happening on April 5, 12-3pm at Highland Park Presbyterian Church. This free community festival is a celebration of the cultural heritages of families in our neighborhood, featuring food, fashion, music, and dance. Registration can be completed [online](#). Get involved by signing up to volunteer [HERE](#). And check out the [online raffle](#), going on now!

## HP Aquatics Camp

# Highland Park High School Aquatic Sports Summer Camp



**CAMP COST:**  
**\$225 PER SESSION**

**REGISTER AT ...**  
Session 1: [bit.ly/25hpaquatics1](https://bit.ly/25hpaquatics1)  
Session 2: [bit.ly/25hpaquatics2](https://bit.ly/25hpaquatics2)

**LOCATION: HPHS NATATORIUM @ 6900 DOUGLASS AVE.**

## 7TH - 9TH GRADERS

SESSION 1: JUNE 9-12 12:00PM - 3:00 PM

SESSION 2: JULY 7-10 12:00PM - 3:00 PM

- INCLUDES SWIMMING, WATER POLO, AND 1 METER DIVING INSTRUCTION
- PREREQUISITES - ABILITY TO SWIM 50 YARDS WITHOUT STOPPING + TREAD WATER FOR 60 SECONDS
- INSTRUCTION WILL BE DIFFERENTIATED TO MATCH ABILITY LEVELS OF ALL ATHLETES
- INCOMING 9TH GRADERS MAY ONLY ATTEND ONE SESSION OF CAMP

## 3RD - 6TH GRADERS

SESSION 1: JUNE 9-12 12:00PM - 3:00 PM

SESSION 2: JULY 7-10 12:00PM - 3:00 PM

- INCLUDES SWIMMING & WATER POLO INSTRUCTION
- PREREQUISITES - ABILITY TO SWIM 25 YARDS WITHOUT STOPPING + TREAD WATER FOR 30 SECONDS
- INSTRUCTION WILL BE DIFFERENTIATED TO MATCH ABILITY LEVELS OF ALL ATHLETES

**\*\*\*THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CAMP START DATE\*\*\***

Get ready to make a splash this summer at the Highland Park Aquatics Camp! We're thrilled to announce our exciting sessions designed to enhance swimming, water polo, and springboard diving skills while creating lasting memories in the pool.

**Howie Award Nominations**



IT'S TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR  
**HOWIE AWARD**  
NOMINATIONS!

The **Howie Award** is an annual financial award given to a current HPISD teacher, administrator, or staff member who exemplifies the spirit of community service. Recipients go ABOVE & BEYOND their district duties to serve the schools and greater community.

ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY CAN NOMINATE  
an HPISD staff member.

Learn more and submit a nomination form at  
**HPEF.ORG/HOWIE-AWARD**



Nominations due  
**MAY 31, 2025**



Questions: 214-780-4060 or info@hpef.org

Click [HERE](#) for the form.

## 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](mailto: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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