



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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October 27, 2024

Message from the Principal

Dear Raider Families,

It is hard to believe we are beginning the 12th week of school! Our two schools are in full swing, working hard, and aiming for excellence!

Friendly reminder that Early Voting ends this Friday, Nov. 1. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. To learn more about the bond, please watch the overview video [HERE](#). You can find additional bond information and frequently asked questions by visiting bond2024.hpisd.org.

We welcomed our new librarian this week, Mrs. Jena Wayt! She is excited to join the Raider Nation family, and she is looking forward to getting books in the hands of our students. Starting Monday, the library will be open to students at 7:30am and will stay open until 3:45pm each day. Please welcome Mrs. Wayt if you have the chance to stop by the library.

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

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Amanda Reyes

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Principal
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- **October:** Principal Appreciation Month
- **November 5:** No School, Election Day
- **November 12:** PTO General Membership Meeting
- **November 15:** 8th Grade Coffee Talk
- **November 25-29:** Thanksgiving 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](#).

A graphic with a blue background. On the left, a yellow banner says "BIG" in black, and a red banner below it says "NEWS!" in white. To the right, there are three black lightning bolts. Below the lightning bolts is a yellow and red megaphone held by a hand. A white speech bubble contains the text: "All Raider Café volunteer spots are now **FILLED!** **THANK YOU** to all who are serving our students and staff!"

BIG NEWS!

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THANK YOU to all who are serving our students and staff!



The 2024 Highland Park ISD bond proposal is a community-driven plan that will address critical maintenance and safety concerns, free up dollars in the operating budget to increase teacher compensation, position our district with flexibility to address future facility needs through land procurement, and allow for other district and campus improvements. You can learn more by visiting bond2024.hpisd.org.



Join Us for Our November PTO Meeting

Tuesday, November 12
 Lunch Service Begins at 11:45 am
 Meeting Begins at 12 pm
 7/8 Assembly Room

Featured Speaker: Jen Maroulis
 Certified Life Coach as she covers
 "Raising Teens - Helpful Things Every
 Parent Should Know"



Jen will share insights on how our teens function, why they do (or don't do) things, and what parents can do to help support, encourage and guide teens. She is a certified life coach and works predominately with teens and young adults equipping them with tools and skills for life. Jen also coaches moms on how to connect, understand and support their children from a loving intentional space. She is the mom of 3 HPHS graduates and she and her husband still reside in HP.



Thank you to our PTO Meeting Sponsor

got wisdom teeth?



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Serve on the 2025-2026 PTO MIS/HPMS Board



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Submit interest forms by Friday, November 15, 2024!

Why You Should Get Involved with the PTO:

- Parent involvement and leadership are critical to the success of our school
- You'll meet other parents who are committed to serving our students, teachers and staff
- You'll have unique opportunities to interact with school staff and teachers
- IT'S FUN!

Want to serve on the MIS/HPMS PTO Board?

We have more than 75 roles so there's something for everyone! Learn about the available opportunities by viewing the job descriptions, [HERE](#).

Want to help select the next PTO Board?

Serve on our Nominating Committee to help slate the 2025-2026 PTO Executive Board and Committee Chairs. Required meetings are planned for Tuesday, November 19, 2024 (10:30am to 12pm), and Friday, Jan. 10, 2025 (8:30am to 2pm)

How do you participate?

Get involved by completing our [Nominating Committee & Board Interest Form](#) by Friday, November 15!

Questions? Email us at nominating@mishpmspto.org.

Cafeteria Gift Fund

Holiday Giving

BENEFITTING THE MIS/HPMS
FACULTY AND STAFF

Please help us show GRATITUDE this holiday season to our wonderful MIS/HPMS Faculty and Staff through a donation that helps fund cafeteria lunches and provides a gift card for each staff member. Your participation in this giving campaign is a great way to support the individuals who educate and care for our Raiders every day!

Click here to donate.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and MIS/HPMS Faculty and Staff will receive acknowledgment of your participation.

Campaign ends Friday, December 13, 2024

Raider Challenge Donor List



Thank you to the more than 700 MIS and HPMS families who donated to the 2024-2025 Raider Challenge, we are so grateful for your support. Donors who contributed \$750 or more will be featured on the plaque in the school lobby. Click [HERE](#) to view the list and ensure your name is correct. Email edits to: raiderchallenge@mishpmspto.org by October 30th.

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](#).

5th and 6th Grade News

Student Leadership Club

Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11. In keeping with our district's motto *Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve*, our students would like to show their appreciation for our former military by doing something for our homeless Veterans. This year our SLC (Service Leadership Cub) will join with 6th grade Social Studies in this effort!

Below is a "Wish List" from the Veterans Resource Center. Donating these needed items will have a positive impact and make a difference in the lives of our nation's heroes! This is McCulloch's 4th annual drive and the first time our SLC will be a part of this. Many thanks for your support! For details, click [HERE](#).



Cold Weather Clothing

- Gloves
- Knit Hats
- Scarves
- Thermal Shirts and Long Johns (all sizes)
- Sweatshirts (larger sizes needed up to 3X-4X)

General Clothing

- Long Sleeve T-Shirts (all sizes)
- Men's Underwear (all sizes)
- Socks

Hygiene Items

- Hotel toiletries (soaps, shampoo & conditioner)
- Body Wash
- Stick Deodorant
- Foot Powder
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent

Day Center General Goods

- Washcloths

- Towels
- Laundry Detergent - individual pods or containers of detergent
- Heavy Duty Shower Curtains

Day Center Food Needs

- Cup-o-Noodles
- Beanie Weenies
- Vienna Sausages
- Tuna or Chicken pouches

Day Center Kitchen Items

- Individually wrapped plasticware sets
- Styrofoam coffee cups with lids - 8 oz. size
- Coffee: large containers of ground coffee/ coffee beans
- Creamer and Sugar for coffee (individual serving size)

7th and 8th Grade News



Final 8th Grade Coffee Talk

Friday, November 15 from 8:30-10:00am
7/8 Assembly Room

Speaker: Diane Wilcox from Wings to Soar

Topic: Preparing to Navigate the Transition from 8th Grade to High School

Diane received her bachelors and master's in counseling from SMU and her career included Highland Park High School as a counselor, Cleburne High School as an Asst. Principal, and Coordinator of Gifted Education at Region 10 Education Service Center before she began full-time educational counseling. Her children graduated from Highland Park.



Thank you to Geneva M. Williams and Mendrygal Law PLLC for sponsoring our 2024-2025 Coffee Talks.

HPMS Health Screenings in November

HPISD Nurses will be conducting age-appropriate health screenings as mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Click [HERE](#) to learn more. If you do not wish to have your child screened, please complete the [Screenings Opt-Out Form](#) and provide it to your school nurse by the deadlines below.

November 12 & 13 - 8th Grade (opt out by Nov. 8, 2024)

- Scoliosis (boys only)

November 19 & 20 - 7th Grade (opt out by Nov. 15, 2024)

- Hearing
- Vision
- Acanthosis Nigricans (Texas Risk Assessment for Type II Diabetes in Children)
- Scoliosis (girls only) - must be wearing appropriate undergarments or a tank top

For questions about health screenings, contact your school nurses or visit the [Texas Department of State Health Services website](#).

Stacy Eckeberger, LVN – MIS Nurse, EckebeS@hpsid.org (214) 780-3520

Amanda Settle, RN – HPMS Nurse, SettleA@hpsid.org (214) 780-3620

Staci Floyd, RN – HPISD Lead Nurse, FloydA@hpsid.org (214) 780-360

Fall Exams December 16 - 20



HPMS Fall 2024 Exam Schedule



Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:00-8:20 (20 min)	2nd Period Study Hall	8:00-8:20 (20 min)	3rd Period Study Hall	8:00-8:30 (30 min)	7th period Study Hall	8:00-8:30 (30 min)	6th period Study Hall
8:20-9:45 (85 min)	2nd Period Exam	8:20-9:45 (85 min)	3rd Period Exam	8:30-10:00 (90 min)	7th period Exam	8:30-10:00 (90 min)	6th period Exam
9:50-10:43 (53 min)	3rd Period	9:50-10:10 (20 min)	4th Period Study Hall	10:00-10:30 (30 min)	8th period Study Hall	10:00-10:30 (30 min)	1st period Study Hall
10:48-11:41 (53 min)	4th Period	10:15-11:40 (85 min)	4th Period Exam	10:30-12:00 (90 min)	8th period Exam	10:30-12:00 (90 min)	1st period Exam
11:44 - 12:14	8 lunch / 7 Raider Hour	11:44 - 12:14	8 lunch / 7 Raider Hour	Early Release for Students		Early Release for Students	
12:14-12:44	7 lunch / 8 Raider Hour	12:14-12:44	7 lunch / 8 Raider Hour				
12:50-1:25 (35 min)	1st Period	12:50-1:25 (35 min)	1st Period				
1:30-2:05 (35 min)	6th Period	1:30-2:05 (35 min)	6th Period				
2:10-2:45 (35 min)	7th Period	2:10-2:45 (35 min)	7th Period				
2:50-3:25 (35 min)	8th Period	2:50-3:25 (35 min)	8th Period				

Exams must be taken during the normal exam time. In extenuating circumstances, please contact your grade-level counselor to schedule a different time for an exam to be taken.

RAIDER VOLLEYBALL

7th Grade

The 7th grade volleyball teams finished the season with a clean sweep of Prosper Hays! It was such an awesome night, and the gym was full of pink! Thank you to all our teachers who came out for our Pink Out/Teacher Appreciation game. We are grateful for all the support!

HPMS A	HPMS B	HPMS C
HPMS WINS!	HPMS WINS!	HPMS WINS!
25-6	25-19	25-16
25-7	25-4	25-13

8th Grade

Bring out your brooms to celebrate 8th Grade volleyball's clean sweep versus Prosper Hays to put an end to their regular season! We are so proud of the girls and very grateful for a short night.

HPMS A	HPMS B	HPMS C
HPMS WINS!	HPMS WINS!	HPMS WINS!
25-18	25-7	25-13
25-14	25-3	25-10
MVP: Callie Wong	MVP: Maddie Martinez	MVP: Lara Meghrabi

RAIDER CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulate the 7th and 8th grade girls cross country teams on outstanding performances at the 2024 District Championship! Both teams qualified to race at the district championship and both teams ended up taking 2nd place in the team results as District Runner Up in a very competitive district!

We had two 8th graders on the overall podium individually. Stella Pruet had a fantastic race and took 3rd place with a time of 11:54. Adelaide Wortman ran an 11:04 and took home 1st place overall, defending her District Champion title from last year!

7th Grade Girls

Team Results

Rogers - 57 points
HPMS - 81
Lovejoy - 85, Dowell - 134
Faubion - 176, Rushing - 196
Johnson - 203, Ford - 206

Top Runners

Hadleigh Raynor - 12:54 - 6th place overall
Ella Marie Hooks - 13:07 - 14th
Louise Litton - 13:14 - 15th
Sloane Odom - 13:46 - 20th
Jing Wang - 13:58 - 26th
Katherine Deeken - 14:12 - 28th

Caroline Baskin - 14:14 - 29th
Hailey Baldwin - 14:17 - 30th
Allison O'Connor - 14:39 - 36th
Caroline McCarty - 14:42 - 39th

8th Grade Girls

Team Results

Dowell - 62 points
HPMS - 91
Lovejoy - 104, Reynolds - 125
Rushing - 140, Cockrill - 161
Johnson - 219, Curtis - dnf

Top Runners

Adelaide Wortman - 11:04 - 1st place District Champion!
Stella Pruet - 11:54 - 3rd place
Ruthie Swope - 13:14 - 16th
Ava Gonzales - 14:37 - 35th
Natalie Garcia Villalon - 14:44 - 36th
Nora Jennings - 15:06 - 44th
Zoe Peck - 15:38 - 51st
Juliet Facini - 15:39 - 52nd
Alexandra Deuillet - 16:33 - 61st
Maren Colangelo - 16:48 - 66th



Full Race Results [HERE](#).

RAIDER FOOTBALL

7th Grade Boys

The 7th grade Raiders football teams traveled to Melissa for our final district road game. All three teams battled through adversity, played hard and gave their best effort. Next Tuesday, the Raiders will play for the final time at Highlander Stadium this season against Prosper Hayes. Please come out and support our teams as we look to finish off the regular season with a solid performance at home.

HP White Wins: 14-6

Offensive MVPs
Luke Roberts and Will Gurganus

Defensive MVPs
Cash Davis and Jonas Corn

Special Teams MVPs
Davis Turnbull and Alexander Wilbeck

HP Red Loses: 6-13

Offensive MVPs
Forrest Taylor and Josh Ownes

Defensive MVPs
Ben Gates and Cameron Clear

Special Teams MVPs
Hayes Colter and Brooks Longino

HP Gold Loses: 35-37

Offensive MVPs
Henry Hightower and Reid Cave

Defensive MVPs
Evan Stockwood and Jeb Olmstead

Special Teams MVPs
Grant Sacher and Duncan Swope

8th Grade Boys

Congratulate the 8th grade football team on their exciting sweep over a very talented Melissa Middle School. They play our last regular season game next Tuesday at Prosper Hays, then will have a chance to play for the district championship on November 6th.

HP White Wins: 24-6

Offensive MVPs
Jack Koryl and George Cohen

Defensive MVP
Aaron Mooney

Special Teams MVP
Holden Helm

HP Red Wins: 14-6

Offensive MVPs
Zach Swedian and Travis Yang

Defensive MVP
Garner Godfrey

Special Teams MVP
Hamilton O'Brien

HP Gold Wins: 40-0

Offensive MVPs
Logan Lucero and Charlie Petet

Defensive MVP
Davis Bristow

Special Teams MVP
Brock Marsh



8th Grade Boys Basketball Tryouts

Please have your son fill out the link below if they would like to sign up for basketball tryouts this year if they have not already done so. 8th Period Athletics coaches have posted these to their respective Google Classrooms. This will have to be filled out when they are **logged in with their HPISD email**. Coach Corbett met with 8th grade athletics for all those interested in trying out on Wednesday, October 23 to discuss the tryout process. Tryout numbers and groups will be assigned the week of October 28. These will be posted to Sports You and outside the locker room & South gym

Please click [HERE](#) and read through the tryout info flyer thoroughly for dates, times and the process

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS



For all other basketball tryout information please check the Sports You app!

Fine Arts

4th and 5th Grade Honor Choir

The Revival of the
HPISD Fourth and Fifth Grade Honor Choir



All Fourth and Fifth Graders are invited to be a part of a district-wide choir that will perform during the HPISD Choral Concert on March 26, 2025.

Rehearsals will be led by HPHS and HPMS Choral Directors and held in the Highland Park High School Choir Room on Thursday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm on the following days: *January 30th, February 6th, 20th, 27th, March 6th, and 20th*

Requirements for participation:

- Be a Fourth or Fifth Grade Student in HPISD
- Complete your application for membership by going to www.hpscotschoir.org, or using this link: [HPISD 4th and 5th Grade Honor Choir - Application](#)
- Participation Fee \$30.00 – Please utilize the *Highland Park High School Choir Booster Club* website (www.hpscotschoir.org) for payment.
- Students should not miss more than 2 rehearsals.
- Students will receive sheet music, choir folder, a pizza party, and an official Highland Park Honor Choir T-Shirt!

Speak to your campus music specialist for more information!

Please contact HPHS choir director [Natalie Walker](#) if you have any questions.

6th - 8th Grade UIL One Act Play Auditions

**OPEN
AUDITIONS**

**UIL ONE
ACT PLAY**

The Masque of Beauty and the Beast

**Cast Auditions & Crew Interviews:
Monday, October 28th
4-6 pm in the Black Box Theater (D105)**

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY 10/28:

<https://forms.gle/vdhCiEAu2A9ziYM4A>

**ALL 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADERS WELCOME
*NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED***

Cheers to Raider Volunteers

HUGE kudos to our entire Cafeteria team for their relentless work to fill more than 530 volunteer spots every month to fully staff our Raider Cafe! Many, many thanks to **Cafeteria Volunteer Chairs Katherine Issel and Tracy Port Melech** for your dedication to this important job that makes such a difference in helping our school run smoothly. Our team of fabulous Day Captains are also so important to recruiting volunteers and keeping them informed and inspired to serve our Raiders each and every day. Thank you to this awesome team: **Cathy Amos, Reagan Pace, Brook Armstrong, Danielle Mullen, Jill Morrison, Lyndal Greth, Barbie Kohl, Alexa Snelleman, Whitney Donaldson and Kelli Mueller.**

Thank you to our **Raiders Reaching Out** team for continuing to shower our school community with care during good and challenging times. **Berkeley Litton, Whitney Jodry and Stephanie Wilson** - we appreciate you!

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

HPMS Boys Basketball Try Out Clinic

HPMS BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUT CLINIC (HPMS GYM)
Led by the HP Varsity Basketball Team

Saturday, October 26th
 7th Grade - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 8th Grade - 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

\$95 per player

ARE YOU READY FOR TRYOUTS?
 Practice tryout drills
 Learn what to expect at tryouts
 Learn next level skills

A Highland Park Men's Basketball Fundraiser

<https://hpmstryoutclinic.cheddarup.com>

All 7th and 8th grade boys trying out for basketball, we hope you join us.

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Saturday, October 26

7th Grade - 10:00 - 12:00pm

8th Grade - 12:30 - 2:30pm

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HP Tennis

MEET THE SCOTS!

TENNIS FESTIVAL & EXHIBITION MATCH PLAY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2024
 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
 SEAY OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS

SERVING CHALLENGE! TARGET CONTEST!
 SENIOR RECOGNITION, MATCH PLAY & MORE!

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR
 A FUN MORNING ON THE COURTS
ALL SKILL LEVELS & AGES WELCOME!

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:

READY TO RALLY

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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