



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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February 23, 2025

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed this beautiful weekend after a very chilly week last week!

With the excitement of our upcoming Spring Break, our focus remains on providing a nurturing and enriching environment where all students can thrive. Together, we will continue to support them academically, socially, and emotionally. May the coming week bring warmth, sunshine, and positivity in all forms.

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

Amanda Reyes

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Principal
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- **February 24-26:** Book Fair
- **February 26:** 6th to 7th Transition meeting for parents
- **February 27:** Author Ruta Sepetys visit
- **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

Tuesday, February 25 - Students receive Choice Sheets & attend counselor presentation during Social Studies classes

Wednesday, February 26 - Parent presentation in MIS/HPMS Auditorium at 9:00 am or 6:00 pm.

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.

HP Class of 2030
7th to 8th Grade Transition & Elective Course Selection

Week of February 24-28 - Students input their elective selections in Skyward during Raider Hour & turn in Choice Sheets (with parent signature)

Friday, February 28 - Final deadline to input elective selections in Skyward & turn in Choice Sheets (with parent signature)

Please contact [Charlotte Richter](#) with any questions.

Book Fair

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE BOOK FAIR!



Where and When?

Library:

Monday, February 24th-Tuesday, February 25th

7:30-4:00

Wednesday, February 26: 7:30-3:30

Parent Volunteers Needed

Please call

Amy Moore @214-893-1476

Heidi McKinley @214-789-9332

Visiting Author

#1 New York Times bestselling author of historical fiction



RUTA SEPETYS

is visiting
MIS/HPMS!



February 27

Student Grade Levels 6-8 Presentations
Throughout the School Day

Book Signing in the Library
from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Books will be available for preorder
Forms on Library web site or in the Library

Funding for author visit generously provided by HP LitFest

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Library Site.

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:

- February (all month): All **current and active volunteers** can let their day captain know if they are reclaiming their shift. Bonus: we will sign you up in VSP. You don't have to do anything else!
- 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.



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](#).

Cheers to Raider Volunteers

Thank you to our **Cafeteria Finance Committee**: **Julie Melihercik, Rochelle Mayfield, Margaret Kelley, Alexa Snelleman, Kelley Curtin, Nicole Vanderstorm, Katherine Issel, Tracy Port Melech, Kara Smith, Amanda Reyes** and **Brenda Vardell**. They amaze us with their attention to detail and

action. Thank you for all you do behind the scenes ... we are so proud of our cafeteria!

Thank you to **Ashley Gray, Communications Chair**, who brings together our Raider Weekly each and every week, along with special edition News to Know messages. Your work never stops and you are always appreciated!

We want to thank **Meg Boyd** and **Emily Klein**, our **6th Grade Coffee Talk Chairs**, for inviting Dr. Jodie Elder, LPC-S and LMFT, to speak to parents on Wednesday. Dr. Elder talked to parents about anxiety and the many ways it shows up in children's and parents' lives. She shared a variety of tools and tactics for managing anxiety and reclaiming peace for the whole family.

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

YMCA Mental Health Discussion

**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.



Miki Johnston MSW, LCSW

Monday, March 3rd

5:30pm

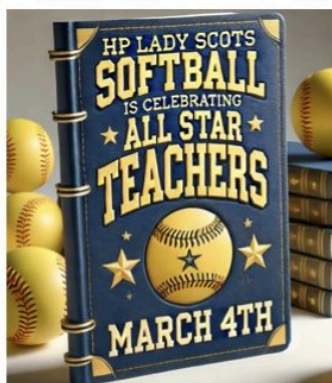
MOODY FAMILY YMCA

HODGES HALL

Please scan QR code to
register and for more
information



Softball Teacher Appreciation



**Join us for Lady Scots Softball
Teacher Appreciation!**

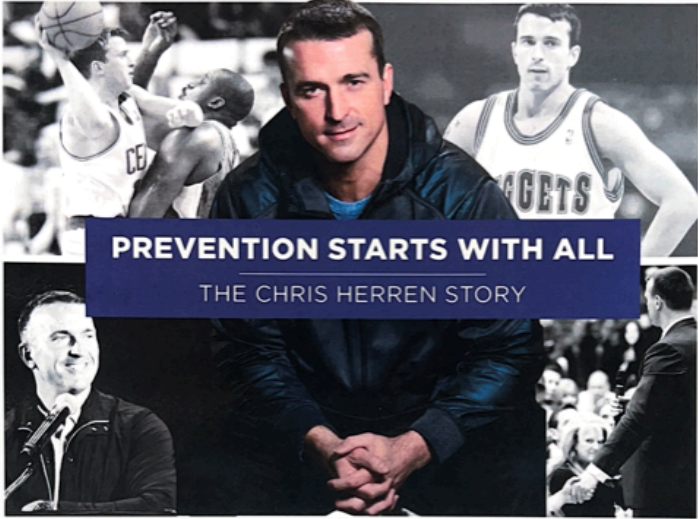
Tuesday, March 4th

Lady Scots vs. Creekview

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

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

HPHS Student Council Guest Speaker



PREVENTION STARTS WITH ALL
THE CHRIS HERREN STORY

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.

DATE: Tuesday, March 4

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: HP HS Main Gym

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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

Highland Park Field Hockey **TRYOUTS**



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.

Row with Dallas United Crew's Middle School Team



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
ROWING**

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DALLAS
UNITED CREW

BEGINNER ROWING

 **MARCH 4th - MAY 22nd**
TUESDAY & THURSDAY

 **TIME: 4:45PM - 6:45PM**
SEASON PRICE: \$599

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

JOIN NOW!

LEARN MORE



With one of the largest middle school programs in the country, we've taught many kids to row over the years. While we are proud of guiding our youth to increased fitness, strength, and cardio capacity, we love seeing our middle schoolers become confident, focused, and accountable student-athletes who know how to work together and be good teammates. Please join us starting March 4 at 4:45 pm, no tryouts.

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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HPMS Activity Calendar

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Raider Shop
Skyward/HPISD Parent Portal

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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!

[Email Raider Weekly](#)



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