



# RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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November 10, 2024

## **Message from the Principal**

Dear Raider Nation Families,

I hope everyone has enjoyed this beautiful weekend!

As we look forward to the next two weeks before Thanksgiving break, we hope to make it a time to focus on kindness and supporting one another at school. This is a busy time, but it's also an opportunity to practice gratitude and show empathy to our classmates, teachers, and everyone we see each day. A small act of kindness—a friendly hello, offering help, or just listening—can brighten someone's day and strengthen our school community. We will encourage each other, be patient, and work together to create a positive atmosphere where everyone feels valued and appreciated as we head into the holiday season.

**[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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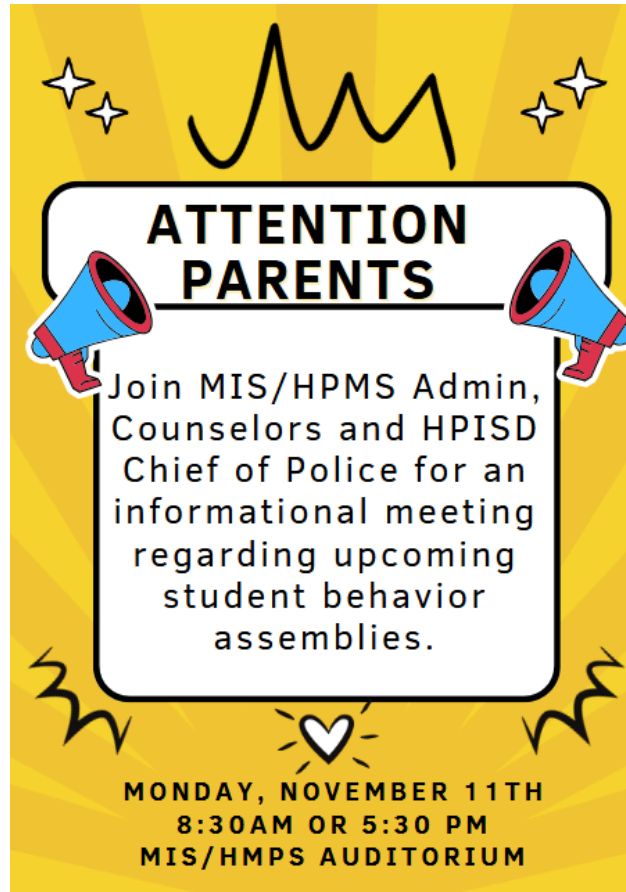
- **November 11:** Parent Informational Meeting regarding Student Behavior Assemblies, 7th and 8th Grade girls' basketball parent meeting
- **November 12:** PTO General Membership Meeting
- **November 15:** 8th Grade Coffee Talk, deadline for PTO interest forms, holiday roll orders, and 8th grade yearbook ad orders
- **November 25-29:** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 5-December 7:** *Sound of Music: Youth Edition*



- 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](#).



## Parent Informational Meeting



We would like to make you aware of behaviors we're seeing at MIS/HPMS and discuss how we can work together to support each other and your students. We also will address behaviors with students by grade level and discuss expectations, consequences and how to focus on kindness. Please contact Assistant Principals [Bri Riddell](#) and [Tiffany McGuire](#) with any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your support.



## Join Us for Our November PTO Meeting

**Tuesday, November 12**  
Lunch Service Begins at 11:45am  
Meeting Begins at 12pm  
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.

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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?

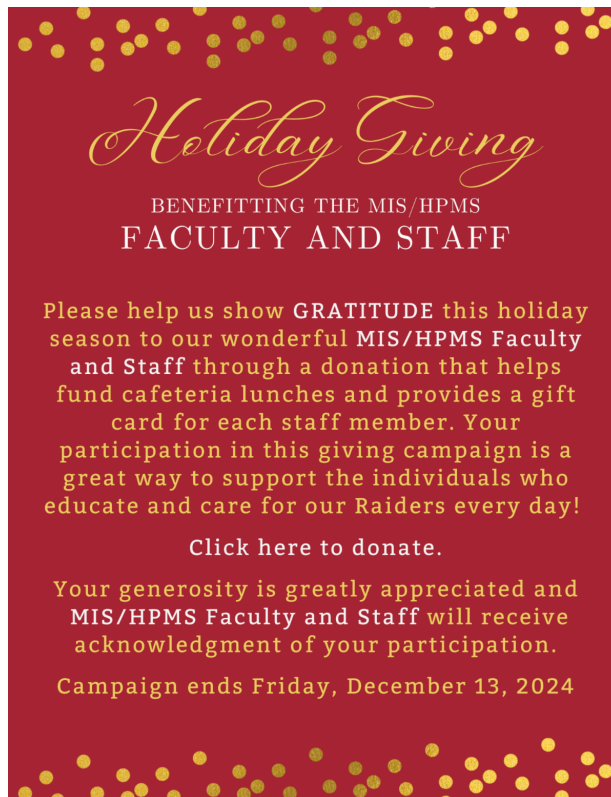
Serve on our Nominating Committee to help slate the 2025-2026 PTO Executive Board and Committee Chairs. Required meetings are planned for Tuesday, November 19, 2024 (10:30 to 12pm), and Friday, Jan. 10, 2025 (8:30 to 2pm)

### 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](mailto:nominating@mishpmspto.org).

### Cafeteria Gift Fund



### Get your Holiday Rolls from the Raider Cafe!

The Raider Cafe is offering a chance to purchase its sweet yeast rolls for your holiday meals. The rolls are frozen and will come in a baker's dozen for \$8.00 (cash only). They are simple to make just thaw, rise, and bake. This will be your only opportunity to order rolls, so don't miss out . . . and you may want extras!



Please click [HERE](#) to order by **November 15**.

### Pick-Up Instructions

Pick-up days will be **November 20, 21 and 22 between 7-9:30am and 1-2:00pm**. (Please do not come between 10:30-

1:00pm while we are serving lunch).

Please bring cash when picking orders up; no checks will be accepted.

Park in the back parking lot by the cafeteria entrance. Walk down the loading ramp to the brown door (marked with a Red X on the map below). Ring the doorbell and a Cafeteria employee will help you with your pick-up. (Entrance into the building is not necessary).

## Raider Cafeteria Need Substitutes



The cafeteria has been amazing this year thanks to all of you! As we approach the holiday season, substitutes will be a critical part of our daily operation! Please be vigilant about looking for and accepting sub requests! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!

## 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](#).

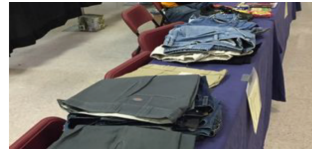


# 5th and 6th Grade News

## Student Leadership Club

Veterans Day is Monday, 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 Club) 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 November 8)

- Scoliosis (boys only)

**November 19 & 20** - 7th Grade (opt out by November 15)



- 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](mailto:EckebeS@hpsid.org) (214) 780-3520

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

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

## 8th Grade Yearbook Ads

Last call to submit an 8th grade ad in the yearbook!

**Deadline is Friday, November 15!**

The link to purchase a yearbook ad click [HERE](#).

For help with purchasing an ad, contact Jostens at 877-767-5217 or contact them [HERE](#).



# Sports

## RAIDER FOOTBALL

### 7th Grade Boys

Congratulate the 7th Football Teams grade football teams on their sweeps of Allen Curtis and McKinney Johnson. The 7th grade continually got better each game and capped the season off with the Red Team winning 16-14, and the Gold Team smashed Curtis in a 40-14 victory. The entire coaching staff is proud of the players and are looking forward to next season!

**HP Red Wins: 16-14**

**HP Gold Wins: 40-14**

### 8th Grade Boys

Congratulate our 8th Grade football team on their undefeated seasons and being the outright District Champions! The Red team dominated McKinney Johnson in a 28-8 win, and the Gold Team destroyed McKinney Johnson 44-8 to finish off the season in style. All of the coaches are extremely proud of all of our athletes and wish them luck as they become Scots.

**HP Red Wins: 28-8**

**HP Gold Wins: 44-8**



## 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts

The 7th and 8th grade girls basketball parent meeting is November 11 at 6pm in 7/8 Assembly Room.



## Fine Arts

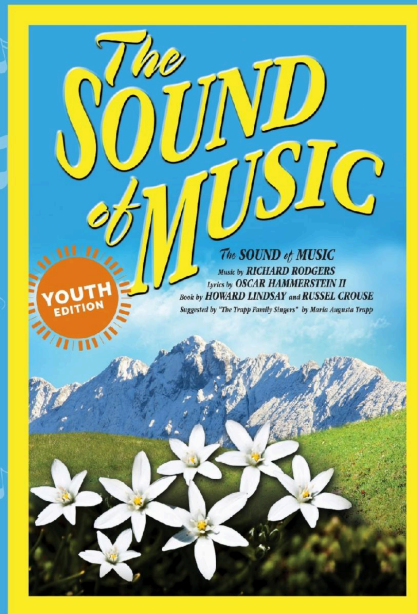
### Raider Band Veterans Day Concert

On November 7, the award-winning HPMS Raider Band presented their annual Veterans Day Concert, under the leadership of HPMS directors Mr. John Vanhook and Ms. Lindsay Pfaff as well as HPHS Directors Ms. Lisa Stiles and Mr. Quiyan Murphy. Band students delighted the audience with patriotic songs in honor of our veterans. Audience members were also treated to a beautiful slideshow of students' family members who have served in the military. The concert was followed by a nice reception outside the auditorium. We would like to extend a big thank you to the Raider community for their continued support of the Raider band!



### McCulloch Presents *Sound of Music: Youth Edition*

McCulloch Intermediate School Presents



**Thursday, December 5th at 6 pm**

**Friday, December 6th at 4 pm**

**Saturday, December 7th at 2 pm**

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

The MIS halls are alive with the *Sound of Music*! Come see your 5th and 6th grade classmates bring this beloved musical to life!

Performances are **Thursday, December 5 at 6pm, Friday, December 6 at 4pm** and **Saturday, December 7 at 2pm** in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

Tickets are available for \$8. Please click [HERE](#) to reserve pre-sale tickets (pre-sale will close 11/30 for online purchases). General admission tickets will be sold at the door and in the cafeteria the week of the show.

## Cheers to Raider Volunteers

Thank you to our PTO Communications team for helping keep parents in the loop on all the exciting things happening at MIS/HPMS! **Ashley Gray, Communications Officer; Cathy Geiszler, Website Chair; and Cheryl Crosby, Social Media Chair.** Each of you does a great job and is so important to helping things run smoothly for our Raider Community. And speaking of social media - be sure to follow us on Instagram at [@mishpms\\_pto](#)!

Shout-out to **Hillary Sinclair, Technology Reports Chair**, for taking on a newly created role this year. Hillary is our spreadsheet master and helps many of PTO chairs and board members by slicing and dicing data to create lists and labels for everything from student parties to Spirit Wear distribution. Hillary, you're a wonderful and needed asset to the PTO team!

Finally, thank you to our many **Cafeteria, Library, Clinic** and **Raider Shop volunteers.** Our school couldn't function without each of you. We continue to be amazed by your commitment and passion for serving our students and staff. Our **Raider Volunteers** are simply the best!

**GO RAIDERS!**

## News to Share

### HPMS Basketball Meet the Scots



**MEET THE SCOTS/HOOPS & HOT SAUCE  
MONDAY - NOV. 11TH (6-8 PM)**

MEET THE PLAYERS - AUTOGRAPHS/PHOTOS  
SHOOTING CONTEST FOR KIDS - MUST REGISTER VIA QR CODE  
HOOPS & HOT SAUCE SHIRT, BASKETBALLS, RAFFLE & TACO JOINT  
(ORDER ONLINE)

HPHS MAIN GYM  
[HTTPS://MENSBALL2024.CHEDDARUP.COM](https://mensball2024.cheddarup.com)



To register your child for the shooting contest and pre-purchase basketball items, click [HERE](#).

### Holiday Etiquette Classes

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## HOLIDAY ETIQUETTE CLASSES

**November 13 & 20, 2024**  
Ages: 6-12  
Time: 4:15-6:15 p.m.  
Location: UP Elementary

**November 14 & 21, 2024**  
Ages: 13-17  
Time: 4:15-6:15 p.m.  
Location: UP Elementary

 Register now by calling  
(214) 780-3380





## 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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Principal on Twitter  
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MIS/HPMS Attendance Offices  
MIS Activity Calendar  
HPMS Activity Calendar

Lunch Menu  
MIS/HPMS PTO Website  
Volunteer Sign-Up  
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!

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