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February 9, 2025

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This past week has been a challenging one for our school community, and we want to take a moment to acknowledge the strength, resilience, and kindness

we have witnessed among our students. In times of difficulty, it is our unity that carries us forward, and seeing our students come together to support one another and honor their friend was truly moving.

Their compassion and solidarity remind us all of the power of community and the character it builds. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these moments together. If your child needs any additional support, please don't hesitate to reach out

With gratitude,

Amanda Reyes

Amanda Reyes
Principal
214-780-3600
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Parent Input Form: Please use this form to submit constructive questions, concerns, or suggestions that may benefit our two schools.

- **February 12**: 7th to 8th Transition meeting for parents, HPHS Incoming Freshmen Athletics Parent/student meeting
- **February 17**: Presidents' Day (Student Holiday)
- **February 19**: 8th to 9th Transition meeting for parents at HPHS at 6pm, 6th Grade Coffee Talk
- **February 24-26**: Book Fair
- **February 26**: 6th to 7th Transition meeting for parents
- **February 27**: Author Ruta Sepetys visit



Important Attendance Reminder



Parents, as a friendly reminder there is a state requirement that your student cannot miss more than 18 school days for the year. Please check your student's attendance tab in Skyward to see how many absences your student has at this time. We would like to encourage you to send in any old doctors notes or excuses for your student's attendance. For MIS, grades 5-6, please email misattendance@hpsid.org. For HPMS, grades 7-8, please

email hpmsattendance@hpsid.org. Also keep in mind that if your student will be absent or leaving early please either call the school or email one of the attendance emails mentioned above and not just your student's teacher. This allows us to promptly code their attendance correctly. We appreciate your assistance in keeping your student's attendance up to date.

Incoming 7th Grade Students - Immunizations



The State of Texas requires all 7th grade students to have a Tdap booster and meningococcal vaccine. These vaccines are typically given around a child's 11th birthday. Click [HERE](#) to read the Parent Letter for more information. To meet this requirement, please provide proof of your child's immunization or a notarized Immunization Exemption Affidavit to the nurses by the last day of school, May 23, 2025. For more information about state requirements for immunizations, click [HERE](#) to visit Texas Department of Health Services. Click [HERE](#) to upload your child's immunization record.

- 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](#).



Happy February Birthday

Justin McCants - 1
Dionna Chambers - 2
Samantha Mooty - 2
Katie Eason - 9
Graham Campbell - 10
Karen Arnold - 11
Carolyn Andrade - 12
Emily Green - 13
Jenny Aguilar - 14
Leann Graham - 16
Maria Miranda - 17
Lizzie Grace Foster - 20
Heather Hall - 23
Kaelan Morrison - 25
Kelly Bentley - 28
MollyKate McLaughlin - 28

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Abbott, Clark	Chilian, Wyatt	Greth, Wyatt	McMahon, Lewis	Sander, Ryan
Abbott, Lauren	Clark, Sophie	Gruner, Ben	Melherick, William	Sbaki, Dhalia
Ackerman, Gabriel	Cochran, Page	Hall, Jackson	Meyers, GiGi	Sbaki, Yasmine
Ackerman, Isabella	Cosgrove, Mary Doran	Hall, Maddie	Meyers, Indiana	Schendle, Margot
Adam, Bryn	Cosgrove, Virginia	Hallam, Sofia	Miller, Natalie	Scovell, Maren
Adam, Kylie	Cox, Florence	Hamilton, Avery	Mitchell, Juliette	Shi, Lily
Allen, Charles	Cox, Tommy	Hanna, Elliott	Mitzel, Brayden	Shoemaker, Alli
Andersen, Ketana	Crawford, TJ	Hanna, Helen	Mitzel, Jackson	Shoemaker, Julianna
Andersen, Knox	Crosby, Angelina	Harris, Hatten	Monroe, Olivia	Shull, Evelyn
Anviso, Campbell	Crosby, Trevor	Harris, Archer	Moore, Kennedy	Siegnart, Lucian
Anviso, Parker	Davenport, Jack	Harrison, Field	Morrow, Mack	Simons, Charlie
Baldwin, Claire	Davenport, Maddie	Heartfield, Hall	Mousa, Jacob	Simons, Hank
Baldwin, Hailey	Davis, Andrew	Helm, Hank	Murff, Park	Simons, Sam
Barker, Jack	Davis, Grayson	Helm, Holden	Murff, Pearson Ann	Singleton, William
Barnett, Clardy Ruth	Davis, Gunnar	Hicks, Isabella	Nadeau, Ella	Slaughter, Farren
Barnett, RH	Davis, Pierce	Hooks, Ella Marie	Naggar, Graeyson	Small, Charlie
Beale, Hayes	Deadman, Juliet	Hornbach, Luke	Neff, Emory	Small, Grant
Beale, John	Dering, Annie	Hornbach, Willie	Neff, Jack	Smith, Mac
Beck, Reese	Donaldson, Daisy	Hubbard, Anna	New, Grant	Smith, Landry
Becker, Brady	Donaldson, Tuully	Hubbard, Luke	Newman, Scout	Smith, Maddie
Becker, Sophie	Drennan, Dax	Huff, Sam	O'Boyle, Charlotte	Sporich, Crawford
Beckett, William	Durham, Ari	Hunt, Thomas	O'Brien, Hamilton	Steffen, Annika
Bengston, Maggie	Dyer, Tommy	Inman, Walker	Ozkaya, Eren	Steffen, Stella
Benson, Barrett	Edmondson, Farah	Inman, Will	Pace, Scarlett	Stephenson, Abby
Berlin, Luke	Edmondson, JP	Issel, Maddie	Patten, Campbell	Stockwood, Alex
Berman, Alex	Engstrom, Abby	Jacaman, Graham	Paul, Trigger	Stockwood, Evan
Berman, Evan	Eppler, Holden	Jackson, Devin	Pennington, Audrey	Tasic, Aleksander
Birns, Warner	Erman, Andrew	Jackson, Winn	Phillips, Quinn	Terry, Caleb
Blanchard, Andrew	Ernst, Hayden	Johnson, Leah	Pillers, Evelyn	Terry, Hayley
Blanchard, Grayson	Evans, Olivia	Keene, Anna Coy	Pincoffs, Annie	Thornfield, Molly
Bliss, Andrew	Facini, Juliet	Kelley, Andrew	Pincoffs, Claire	Till, Miles
Bodwell, Jack	Fasano, Bennet	King, Lauren	Pincoffs, Robbie	Tomsula, Ava
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Broer, Miles	Finger, Alexander	Kobler, Shelton	Price, Audrey	Vogds, Max
Brown, Banks	Francis, Sita	Kruppa, Cayden	Price, Ellie	Wagner, Emerson
Brown, Henry	Gaebe, Preston	Kruppa, Jackson	Price, Henry	Wald, Georgia
Brown, Nathan	Gahagan, Annabel	Langer, Elise	Prieto, Millie	Webb, Jack
Burak, Neera	Gallo, Thaxton	Langer, Jeremy	Prieto, Peyton	West, Miller
Burge, Colin	Gates, Ben	Laughlin, Elizabeth	Radford, CC	Whitley, Elle
Bywaters, Parker	Gates, Ellie	Leake, Patrick	Ramo, Bradley	Whitley, Hobbs
Cameron, Alex	Gates, Gracie	Lin, JJ	Ramo, Ethan	Wilbeck, Alexander
Cardenas, Lorenza	Gearing, Ainsley	Lockard, Chloe	Ramo, Taylor	Wilderman, Sophia
Carnahan, Harper	Gekhter, Jacob	Lockard, Elizabeth	Ramundt, Jake	Wilson, Daisy
Carnahan, Kelsey	Gerhardt, Zachary	Logan, Harper	Raynor, Hadleigh	Woldert, Grace
Carpenter, Carrie	Gerstenhaber, Molly	Longino, Brooks	Raynor, Julia	Wood, Landry
Carpenter, Mary Margaret	Gilbert, Madeleine	Longino, Hadley	Reed, Georgia	Woodward, Ella
Cecere, Wolfe	Gillespie, Granger	Lynch, Lily	Reid, Allison	Wyatt, Eden
Cejka, Molly	Greco, Jon	Lynch, Mead	Roberson, Lily	Young, Grant
Chamberlin, Lainey	Green, Jacob	Mamminga, Mark	Roberts, Luke	Young, Scott
Chandler, Harper	Green, Parker	Mamminga, Micahel	Rugg, Jack	
Chapman, Andrew	Green, Sloane	Martin, Molly	Rugg, Reese	
Chilian, Cook	Greta, Georgia	Mathew, Abby	Sachs, Bo	
		McCallan, Richard	Sander, Reese	



6th Grade Coffee Talk- ALL grade levels invited
Wednesday, February 19 at 8:30 am
5/6 Assembly Room
Topic: "Peace Be With You: Escaping the Grip of Anxiety "



Dr. Jodie Elder is a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (LPC-S) and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT). Over the past 20 years, Jodie has provided counseling services for children, adolescents, families, couples, and individuals in various agency and private practice settings. She is a Certified Daring Way™ Facilitator and facilitates counseling work based on Dr. Brené Brown's research. Jodie truly believes that we are built to be in connection with other people.

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

Tuesday, February 11 - Students receive Choice Sheets & attend counselor presentation during Social Studies classes

Wednesday, February 12 - Parent presentation in MIS/HPMS Auditorium at 9:00 am or 6:00 pm.

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.

HP Class of 2029
8th to 9th Grade Transition & Elective Course Selection

Wednesday, February 19 at 6pm. - Parent meeting at HPHS
More information coming soon!

Please contact [Buffy Summers](#) with any questions.

HPHS Incoming Freshmen Athletics Information Meeting



Incoming Freshman Athletic Information Session February 12th

The Highland Park Athletic Department is excited to host our annual Incoming Freshman Athletic Information Session. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 12th at 6:00 PM. HPHS coaches and other representatives from each of our athletic programs will have tables set up in the Highland Park High School Cafeteria. The purpose of this event is to allow our parents and student-athletes the opportunity to speak with our coaches and learn more about our athletic programs. This is not a mandatory event, but we highly encourage all incoming freshman families interested in participating in athletics at HPHS to attend. We are excited to see you there!

Please email HPISD Director of Athletics, Jeremy Gilbert, with any questions regarding this event or other items related to HPISD Athletics.

GO SCOTS!

Jeremy Gilbert
Director of Athletics
Gilberj@hpsd.org

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

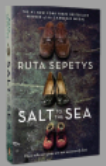
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February 27

Student Grade Levels 6-8 Presentations
Throughout the School Day

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

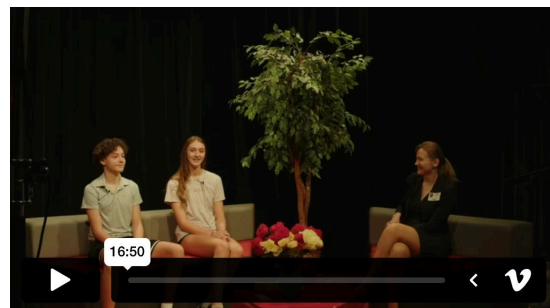
Books will be available for preorder
Forms on Library web site or in the Library

Funding for author visit generously provided by HP LitFest

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

Raider Career Review

Daniel Curtin and Taylor Ramo interviewed Ms. Long. She is a Commercial Litigation Attorney with 8+ years of litigating all facets of complex disputes through trial, arbitration, settlement, and appeal. Represent domestic and international clients across industries, such as financial services, software, oil, gas, and energy. Now, she covers a broad range of business matters, including breach of contract and fiduciary duty, fraud, trade secrets, and business



disparagement. She is also fluent in Russian. We learn more about her profession and her plans for the future.

Crossing Guard Appreciation

We celebrated our crossing guards on Monday, February 3. Thank you to Kemberly Frye, Joe Lucerno, Carla Sheffield, Reatha Chalmers, Richard Shepherd, Carolyn Henderson and Van Cole for your hard work and kindness!



Raider Cafeteria



Everyone who helps at the Cafeteria during the month of February will receive Brenda's famous sweet yeast rolls. We love our volunteers and would like to show our appreciation. Grab any open shifts this month to get your treat!



Please secure your reoccurring spot for next year! Volunteers will be on hand to sign you up. The 1st week after spring break current volunteers can move days or position if available and the following week new volunteers can sign up.

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](#).

Sports

RAIDER BASKETBALL

Girls

Our Lady Raiders finished their district play tonight with 3 hard fought games. Thank you to all of the wonderful teachers who came out to support!

7th Grade
Red Team Loses:
10-12
MVP: Ellie Gates

7th Grade
Gold Team Wins:
46-25
MVP: Juliette Chan

7th Grade
White Team Wins:
23-13
MVPs: Alexa Baker and
Faith Carlson



Please congratulate your 8th grade girls' basketball teams on finishing their basketball seasons tonight! All teams fought hard and it has been a great year!

**8th Grade
Red Team Wins:**
24-14
MVP: Presley Miller

**8th Grade Team
White Team Wins:**
14-16
MVP: Callie Wong

**8th Grade Team
Gold Wins:**
24-19
MVP: Addie Edwards



Please congratulate your 8th girls red and white teams on their district tournaments this past weekend! Red Team had a good start to their

tournament knocking off Curtis and Rogers, but fell short in the championship to Willow Springs. White Team did a great job playing together and finishing strong. They beat Evans, Rogers and Rushing to win the district championship! We are so proud of all of the girls and the improvement we have seen throughout the season. Please congratulate them on an outstanding basketball season!

Red Team

Game 1: HP vs. Allen Curtis

16 - 5

MVP: Ella Mayberry

Game 2: HP vs. Rogers

38 - 17

MVP: Adelaide Wortman

Championship Game: HP vs.

Lovejoy Willow Springs

15 - 27

MVP: Presley Miller



White Team

Game 1: HP vs. McKinney Evans

36 - 6

MVP: Charlotte Gerstle

Game 2: HP vs. Prosper Rogers

29 - 17

MVP: Ruthie Swope

Championship Game: HP vs.

Prosper Rushing

30 - 15

MVP: Maddie Morrison



Boys

Your 7th grade boys' basketball teams continued their season at home against Willow Springs. The White team got things rolling with a dominant team effort in a win against a tough team. The Red Team played hard and finished the night out with a loss against a really talented Willow Springs team. The Gold Team had a great performance in a back-and-forth exciting game. Thank you for all the support this season.

7th Grade

Red Team Loses:

31-35

Jackson Mitzel-6 points

Henry Rado-4 points

7th Grade

Gold Team Wins:

51-50

Taylor Wood-11 points
William Beckett-32 points
and the game winning 3
pointer

7th Grade

White Team Wins:

51-17

Duke Bonfield-11 points
Colin Mansouri-6 points
Matthew Choi-6 points
Marcum Enfield-6 points



Please congratulate the 8th grade Boys basketball team on their clean sweep of Willow Springs! These were the final games of the year for both Red and White teams. Both squads completed undefeated seasons going a combined 24-0 for the year!

Toughness Belt Award Co-Winners are **Logan Jones** and **Cook Chillian**. Both have been phenomenal rebounders. Jones played selfless basketball all year setting great screens and helping his teammates score in addition to being on the offensive glass and fighting for loose balls. Chillian has battled back through several injuries this year and always brings the energy on and off the floor for the Raiders.

**8th Grade
Red Team Wins:**
34-24

**8th Grade
Gold Team Wins:**
71-33

**8th Grade
White Team Wins:**
32-16



Please congratulate the Red & White teams for winning their district tournaments this past Saturday! Coach Corbett and Coach Gruber are incredibly proud of the way both groups stuck together and battled through adversity by playing for one another.

8th Grade White Team Results:

Quarterfinals vs Allen Ford:
28-21 HP
Semifinals vs. Allen Curtis:
37-21 HP
Championship vs. Prosper Rogers:
30-21 HP
Tournament MVP: Layton Thomas

8th Grade Red Team Results:

Quarterfinals vs. McKinney Dowell:
54-16 HP
Semifinals vs. Prosper Reynolds:
41-31 HP
Championship vs. Allen Ereckson:
35-28 HP
Tournament MVP: Carter Johnston,
averaged 12 PPG in the tourney



Cheers to Raider Volunteers

Huge thank you to our **MIS/HPMS PTO Board of Directors**. We are so grateful for the discussion and reports at each meeting!

Thank you to our members of our Newcomer Committee, **Annie Cochran**, **Whitney Cameron**, **Katy Pyle**, **Lisa Leet**, **Kim Norvell** and **Kathia Steel**, for coordinating the Newcomer's Coffee last Wednesday. Parents were able to visit with Mrs. Reyes and learn all things MIS/HPMS.

Thank you to **Sarah Taub** for showering our crossing guards with love last week. The smiles you brought to each recipient were priceless!

Thank you **Laura Nell Morrow, Kristi Harvey, Brett Crawford** and **Laura Boynton**, our **PTO Hospitality Chairs**, for a great PTO meeting lunch put together by these ladies.

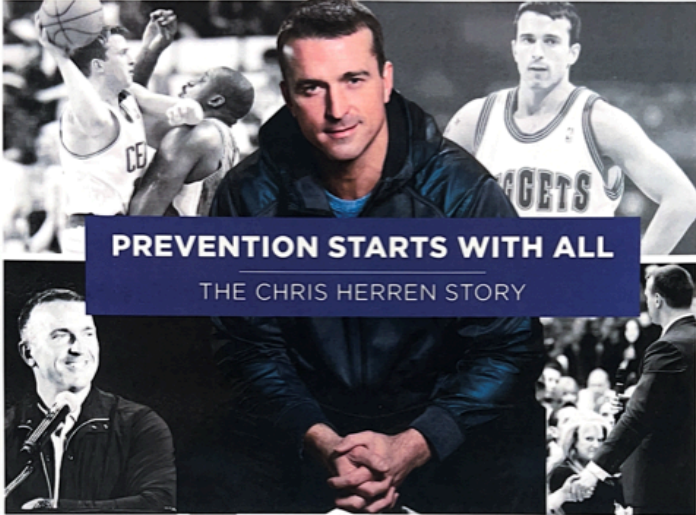
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Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

HPHS Student Council Guest Speaker



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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: HPMS 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 HPMS gym, for a parent presentation. Another assembly for high school students on March 5.



Highland Park Literary Festival - February 20

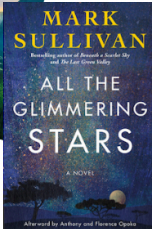
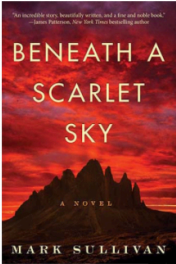
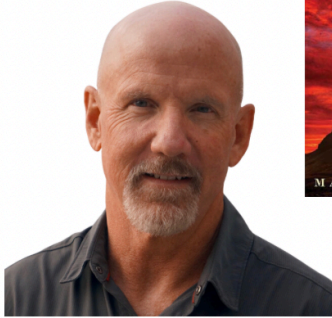


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Keynote Speaker



Mark Sullivan
New York Times Best Selling Author

Mark Sullivan

Community Event on February 20, 2025
7 pm @ Highland Park High School Auditorium

Celebrating our 30th anniversary, Highland Park LitFest is excited to announce that Mark Sullivan, New York Times bestselling author of *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* and a former investigative reporter, will be the featured speaker at this year's community keynote event on February 20, 2025, in the Highland Park High School Auditorium. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. and the program will begin at 7 pm. Admission is free. Please join us! For more information, click [HERE](#).

HP LitFest is made possible by the generous donations from La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas, HP Arts, PC Tag and HPHS PTA along with families of the school district and beyond.

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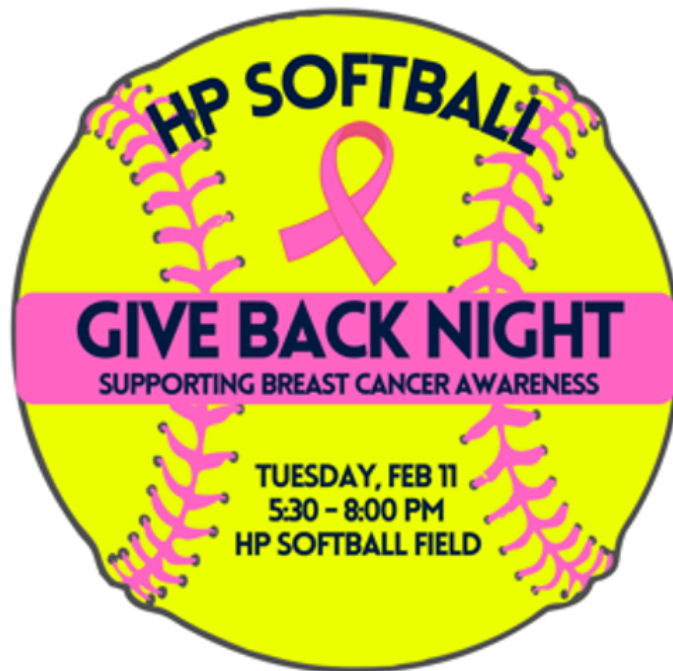


With one of the largest middle school programs in the country, we've taught many kids to row over the years. While we are proud of guiding our youth to increased fitness, strength, and cardio capacity, we love seeing our middle schoolers become confident, focused, and accountable student-athletes who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

HP Softball Giveback Night

Join us for the HP Lady Scots Softball Giveback Night!

Lady Scots Vs. West Mesquite
JV 5:30pm Varsity 7pm



The HP Lady Scots will be raffling off great prizes including gift cards to Mi Cocina, Doughbird, Chips, Hiatus Spa, and tickets to a Dallas Stars game! **All proceeds of the Lady Scots raffle will benefit the Cancer Center at UTSW.** Tickets can be purchased at the field.



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
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Thank you so much!
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Didn't see a school-related shout-out this week?
We want to hear about it! Please send details
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