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February 16, 2025



Message from the Principal

Dear Raider Nation,

February is a very busy and important month as we begin guiding our students toward their choices for the next academic year. Our dedicated counselors are working diligently and thoughtfully to ensure they provide both students and families with all the necessary information to make well-informed decisions. We are committed to supporting our students as they navigate this important time and make choices that will help shape their academic journey.

I wanted to share some important information about communication regarding grades and assignments that you may have already noticed. In an effort to improve our communication about students' grades during each 9-week period, I have programmed Skyward to send a report to each family on Saturday mornings, which will make you aware of any failing grades or missing assignments. You still have the ability to log in to Family Access at any time during the week, and you can always set up your account to alert you of missing or failing grades each day of the week, if you would like. Your child's teachers should be communicating to you, as well, if there are missing grades, exams that need to be re-taken or made up, or if your child is at risk of failing for the 9 weeks. We never want the report card at the end of a 9-week period to be a surprise, so increasing our communication with you, and encouraging

student responsibility to communicate will help everyone be informed and on the same page!

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to help our students thrive.

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

Amanda Reyes

Amanda Reyes Principal 214-780-3600 <u>@prinrey2019</u>



- **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



- 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 <u>HERE</u>.

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 A'davit 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.

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Valentine's Teacher and Staff Appreciation

The Valentine's Day MIS & HPMS staff breakfast was a success! The PTO showed their appreciation by providing coffee, donuts, kolaches, desserts & candy with festive decorations. It was a great morning!





COFFEE

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 <u>Samantha Mooty</u> 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.

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.

School Experience Survey

Parents and staff, this is a reminder that the School Experience Survey launched on Monday, February 3. The primary contact for each student should have received an email from Dr. Mike Rockwood with a link to participate. If you don't see it in your inbox, please check your spam folder.

The deadline to complete the survey is Friday,
February 21. Your feedback is invaluable in
helping us recognize our strengths and identify
areas for improvement. Thank you for your participation!



Book Fair

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE <u>BOOK FAIR!</u>





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



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**.

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 <u>Katherine Issel</u> & <u>Tracy Port Melech</u>
Raider Café Volunteer Chairs

Raider Shop Volunteers Needed

Volunteers still needed for reoccurring shifts and substitutes welcome! Click **HERE** to volunteer!





Questions? Raider Shop Volunteer Chairs Laura Price or Brooke Garner.

Fine Arts

HPMS One Act Play Takes 2nd Place at District Contest

Congratulations to the HPMS One Act Play company for taking 2nd place at the UIL One Act Play Middle School District Contest at Argyle Middle School on February 8. The cast and crew of 21 students competed against other area

schools with an incredible performance of *The Masque of Beauty and the Beast.*

Bravo to individual award winners: Luca Brack and Anoushka Ghai (All-Star Cast), Brooks Buis and Arabella Frizell (Honorable Mention All-Star Cast) and Knox Heinlen (Outstanding Tech).

A HUGE thank you to Director Genevieve Croft for reviving this competition theatre tradition, Co-Director Shannon Howerton, Raider Drama Booster Club and parent volunteers who supported this outstanding company!



Sports

RAIDER BASKETBALL



Our 7th grade Lady Raiders finished up their basketball seasons over the weekend! The white team finished 2nd in the gold bracket losing in the championship game to Prosper Reynolds.

A team won the championship game vs McKinney Dowell in the silver bracket!

7th Grade
Gold Team Wins:
vs. Evans
49-14
Players of the game:

Finley Nerenberg &
Caroline McCarty
Defensive player of the
game: Olivia Brack &
Ella Marie Hooks

7th Grade Gold Team Wins:

vs. Faubion 43-19

Players of the game: Juliette Chan & Katelyn Hogue Defensive player of the

game: Ellie Townsend & Mariam McMahan

7th Grade
Gold Team Wins:
vs McKinney Dowell
40-35
Players of the game:

Peyton Smith &
Annabelle Strohbehn
Defensive player of the
game: Everett Heis



The Red Team finished 2nd in district play but had a tough first match in the gold tournament bracket vs. Allen Curtis losing by 3. Players of the game: Hadlin Honea & Shelby Trotter



The white team finished 2nd in the gold bracket losing in the championship game to Prosper Reynolds.

7th Grade White Team Wins:

> vs. Erickson 25-8

Player of the game: Reed Neblett and Lila Adams 7th Grade White Team Wins:

vs. Rushing 25-20

Player of the game: Margot Mundinger and Alexa Baker 7th Grade White Team Loses:

> vs. Rogers 12-23

Player of the game: Allie O'Connor and Faith Carlson



Please congratulate your 8th grade girls gold team on their district tournament this past weekend! In their first game against Allen Curtis, it was fun to watch everyone contribute and play together to beat Curtis. The next round, they played Prosper Rushing. The girls fought hard till the end but fell short. We are proud of all the progress that has been made this season! It has truly been a great basketball season for all of our teams!

HP Wins

44 - 29

MVPs: Harper Carnahan & Wynne MVPs: Addie Edwards & Londy Shoffner

HP Loses

21-29

Hutchinson





Boys

The 7th grade boys finished their season winning the district tournament against some tough opponents in Prosper. They finished the season strong, with only one loss the entire season. The first game was against a tough Mckinney Faubion squad, and after a tight first half the boys were able to pull away and finish with win. The second game was against Mckinney Dowell and your Raiders came out with a win. The Championship game was a tight one and your Raiders pulled off a 65-64 win! William Beckett had the game winning basket with 3 seconds left. Thank you for all your support this season and please congratulate the 7th Grade Raiders on a great season!

7th Grade Team Results:

Quarterfinals vs Faubion:

66-40 HP

William Beckett (39 points)

Hall Allison (6 points)

Semifinals vs. Dowell:

69-33 HP

Charlie Bradbury (16 points)

Chase Merrick (9 points)

Championship vs. Cockrill:

65-64 HP

Chase Merrick (9 points)

Charlie Bradbury (12 points)

William Beckett (26 points)

Tournament Co-MVPs: Chris Martinez and Scott Young

Please congratulate the 8th grade gold team on an outstanding finish to their season this past Saturday as they became district champs going 15-0! Martinez played outstanding basketball as a floor general and a scorer when his team needed him the most in the championship game. Young was spectacular finishing around the rim and protecting the paint on the defensive end of the floor. The gold team was especially excited to have the beloved Mr. Duke there to cheer them on!

8th Grade Gold Team Results: Core Values individual award winners:

Quarterfinals vs Allen Ford: Integrity: Hadden Crouch

76-37 HP

Scott Young (19 points)

Semifinals vs. Johnson:

67-49 HP

Scott Young (25 points)

Championship vs. Cockrill:

60-47 HP

Alex Stockwood (14 points)

Chris Martinez (14 points)

Tournament Co-MVPs: Chris

Martinez and Scott Young

integrity. Hadden Groden

Unity: Davis Bristow

Pride: Mason Miller

Accountability: Wyatt Greth

Toughness: Luke Johnson





Cheers to Raider Volunteers

A big thank you to our **Appreciation Chairs**, **Jae Carpenter**, **LeeAnn Wood**, **Lauren Heffelfinger**, **Emily Helm** and **Jennnifer Vaughn** for hosting an adorable Valentine's Day Breakfast for teachers and staff! They dished up kolaches, donuts and desserts to spread the love and a good time was had by all.

Thank you **5th and 6th Grade Room Parent Chairs**, **Brynn Tremper**, **Katie Head**, **Whitney Zapffe** and **Meredith Sarracino** for organizing Valentine's Day snacks along with the Room Parents and volunteers. Hope all the MIS students enjoyed exchanging Valentines!

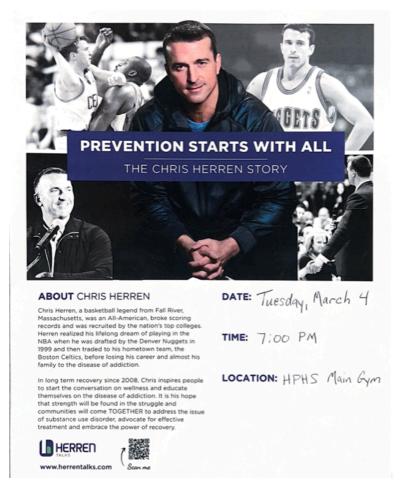
Thank you to everyone who worked hard to spread a little extra love and support for our students this week. Thank you to Lindsay James for designing supportive signs that showed our students just how much they are seen and loved on Valentine's Day. Many thanks to Curt Martin for the amazing print job and getting the signs produced so quickly. Thank you to Kevin Brack and many others in the Dads Club for handing out candy and holding the signs for our students to make this Valentine's Day extra special. We also want to thank Meg Boyd, Jacque Green, Nancy West, Richie Greth, Hillary Sinclair, Emily Helm and Amanda Hamilton for handing out sweet treats on Tuesday to students when they arrived at school. You helped spread smiles throughout Raider Nation on a cold and rainy day.

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith MIS PTO President Amy Barker HPMS PTO President

News to Share

HPHS Student Council Guest Speaker



Student Council, with gratitude to la Fiesta, is hosting Chris Herren on March 4, at 7:00 pm, in the HPHS gym, for a parent presentation. Another assembly for high school students on March 5.



Highland Park Literary Festival - February 20



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF HP LITFEST

Join us for our Community Keynote Event featuring Mark Sullivan

FEBRUARY 20, 2025 HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Admission is free.

Doors open at 6:30 PM | Program begins at 7PM www.hplitfest.com



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.

HP Girls Field Hockey





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.

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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.

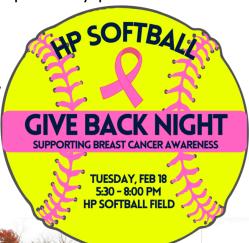
HP Softball Giveback Night



Join the HP Lady Scots Softball Team for Give Back Night! NEW DATE: February 18

Lady Scots Vs. Royce City 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 confidentially raidersreachingout@mishpmspto.org.

Thank you so much! RRO Chairs, 2024-25



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