



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 5
and is a Student Holiday!

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As we enter the month of November, I want to take the opportunity to tell all of you how grateful I am to be at MIS and HPMS. As a school community, we have faced many challenges in a few short months, and the support you have had for each other, for our school, and for our staff has been inspiring and uplifting. As I have been inspired by your actions, I am hoping to inspire our students to focus on kindness and showing gratitude toward each other while they are at school. Our administration team, our counselors, Officer Valverde, and Chief Rowden are creating a presentation regarding the power of words and actions toward each other, and the implications of our actions when we choose to be negative or hurtful to others. We will offer an information session to parents first, and then we will share the presentation with each grade level. We are looking forward to working with you to ensure our kids are focused on lifting each other up in positive ways!

We would like to welcome back a few of our teachers who have been out caring for their sweet families!

- 7th Grade Counselor, Charlotte Richter
- 7th Grade Math In Class Support Teacher, Katie Eason
- 7th Grade Science Teacher, Darlene Alexander

Friendly reminder that Election Day is this Tuesday, November 5. Exercise your right to vote and learn more about Bond 2024 by visiting bond2024.hpisd.org.

I also want to say how grateful I am for all the thoughtful gifts and notes I was given during Principal Appreciation Month. Your kindness means the world to me!

[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 5:** No School, Election Day
- **November 11:** 7th and 8th Grade girls' basketball parent meeting at 6pm in the 7/8 Assembly Room.
- **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](#).



HP Bond 2024

Immediate Maintenance Priorities

Budget and Compensation Optimization

Property Acquisition

Campus and District Priorities

HP BOND 2024
HIGHLAND PARK ISD

Texas law mandates that all school bond ballots state "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE," even if your tax rate will remain the same. The November 5 Highland Park ISD bond referendum will not affect your tax rate. Learn more at bond2024.hpsid.org.



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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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 (10:30 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.

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

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 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

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 email them [HERE](#).



Sports

RAIDER VOLLEYBALL

7th Grade

The 7th grade volleyball teams played in the district tournaments to close out their season. The **A Team** competed in the semi-finals and championship matches against Prosper Rogers and Melissa MS. The highlight of the tournament for the A Team was meeting Prosper Rogers again and walking away with a win this time. The girls played great and had such a fun competitive spirit and finished 2nd in the Silver Bracket. Congratulations to all the three teams!

HPMS A	HPMS A vs Prosper Rodgers (Semifinals)	HPMS A vs Melissa
HPMS WINS!		HPMS Loses
25-6		9-25
25-7	HPMS WINS!	11-25
	25-14	
	25-21	

Tournament MVPs: Annabelle Strohbehn with 1 BLOCK, 7 ACES, and 14 KILLS overall and Alexis Tobin with 18 ACES, 16 SET ASSISTS, 2 KILLS overall. These girls crushed it!

The **B team** competed hard in the Gold Bracket against the number one seeded team and came very close to knocking them out of the tournament. They fought hard and we are so proud of them!

HPMS B vs Ereckson

HPMS Loses
20-25
22-25

Tournament MVPs: Madison Baskin and Sloane McEneny

The **C Team** entered the tournament on the silver bracket side and came out dominating from the get-go. They did fantastic their first match and had 18 total aces. It did not stop there. The team ran away with the tournament for a 1st place finish!

**HPMS C vs
Ford**

HPMS WINS!

25-12

25-6

**HPMS C vs
Jones**

HPMS WINS!

25-13

25-20

**HPMS C vs
Melissa**

HPMS WINS!

25-16

25-18

Tournament MVPs: Whole Team!

(And B team stat crew who stayed to take great stats to share after every set)

8th Grade

Volleyball season is officially over after all three teams played in the District Tournaments. We had so much fun this season and are sad to see it come to an end. Please congratulate the teams on a great volleyball season!

The Lady Raiders **A team** fought hard this season and earned a spot in the gold bracket as a 3 seed. They started play against a very talented 2 seed, Dowell, and unfortunately came up short after a couple of close sets.

HPMS A vs Dowell

HPMS Loses

23-25

22-25

MVP: Emerson Miller



The **B team** played in the gold bracket versus 1 seed, Ereckson, and unfortunately came up short after a couple of close sets.

HPMS B vs Ereckson

HPMS Loses

26-28

16-25

MVPs: Abbey Gonzalez and Ginger Dickerson



The **C team** came home the district CHAMPIONS after beating 2 teams they lost to earlier this season! Congratulations to the **DISTRICT CHAMPS!**

**HPMS C vs
Dowell**

HPMS WINS!

26-28

16-25

**HPMS C vs
Ereckson**

HPMS WINS!

25-18

26-24

15-10

**HPMS C vs
Lovejoy**

HPMS WINS!

25-18

25-14

MVPs: Ella Murphy & Maggie Birdwell



The 8th Grade Volleyball celebrated Halloween with a pumpkin decorating contest. What a fun way to end the season!

- 1st- Winnie the Pooh
- 2nd- Pumpkin spice latte
- 3rd- KFC pumpkin



RAIDER FOOTBALL

7th Grade Boys

Congratulate the 7th Football Teams on their sweep of Prosper Hayes. The guys worked hard and played well in their final regular season game of the season at Highlander Stadium. Because of this win, your Raiders will play a cross-district game against Allen Curtis MS at Highlander Stadium next Tuesday, November 5. Please come out and watch our guys close out the season as we look to finish off our season with a win!

HP Red Wins: 45-0

Offensive MVPs

Dylan Owen and CJ Geissen

Defensive MVP

Eli Helbing and Paxton Ayoub

Special Teams MVP

Houston Newbold and Michael
Beechrel

HP Gold Wins: 44-8

Offensive MVPs

Sachin Dayalji and Dominic Cerullo

Defensive MVP

Drew Prine and Banks Brown

Special Teams MVP

Henry Hightower and Reid Cave

8th Grade Boys

Congratulate our 8th Grade football team on their clean sweep against Prosper Hays and their incredible exhibition game against Prosper Reynolds. We've had an amazing regular season and play our final game next week on November 6 (Wednesday) for the district championship at Highlander Stadium! We would love to have you there. Thank you for all your support this season. Special Thank you to Band, Cheer, and all of our game workers for creating such a great environment for every home game!

HP White Wins: 18-12

Offensive MVPs

Hunter Myer and
Spencer Mooney

Defensive MVP

Brayden Cawthon and
Luke Conlon

Special Teams MVP

Laird Greenfield

HP Red Wins: 42-0

Offensive MVPs

Andrew Clark and Felix
Bonewell

Defensive MVP

Graham McCants and
Travis Yang

Special Teams MVP

Garner Godfrey and
Hamilton O'Brien

HP Gold Wins: 56-0

Offensive MVPs

Luke Johnson and
Sagan Wilson

Defensive MVP

Bear Anderson and
Blake Sontag

Special Teams MVP

Will Adamson



7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts start this Wednesday - Friday! The 7th and 8th grade girls basketball parent meeting is November 11 at 6pm in 7/8 Assembly Room.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS



Fine Arts

Raider Band Hauntcert

On October 29, the award-winning Raider Band held their Hauntcert, a concert for 6th graders. Each section showcased their amazing talent and their progress made so far this year, under the mentorship of awesome Raider Band directors Mr. Vanhook and Ms. Pfaff & HPHS directors Mr. Murphy and Ms. Stiles. A great time was had by all.



Cheers to Raider Volunteers

Thank you to the amazing Raider Challenge Team for a hugely successful fundraising campaign! Our dedicated team includes **Raider Challenge Chairs Kristin Evans, Jill Morrison, Allison Small** and **Rachel Stephens**; and **Raider Challenge Donor Relations Chair Suzie Forsberg**. This group continues to work so hard to raise needed funds for our school. We also thank **Sandy and Barry Moore**, who graciously hosted a wonderful donor brunch last week to show appreciation for all families who donated to the Raider Club level and above.

Thank you **5th and 6th Grade Room Parent Chairs, Brynn Tremper, Meredith Sarracino, Katie Webb** and **Whitney Zapffe**, for organizing Halloween snacks along with the Room Parents and volunteers. Hope all MIS students enjoyed a spooky Halloween treat!

Thank you **Vanessa Renna, Cafeteria Gift Fund Chair, and GeeGee Hammel, Treasurer-Elect**, for kicking off a season of giving back to benefit our teachers and staff. We appreciate all your efforts and look forward to great parent participation in this year's fundraising effort!

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

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](#).

HP Tennis

MEET THE SCOTS!

TENNIS FESTIVAL & EXHIBITION MATCH PLAY

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:



HP

READY TO RALLY

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!

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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