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Happy New Year Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026:

This is the Sunday and the first Principal Update of the 2023 semester. Whoooo-hoooo! We made it! Hopefully you and your family enjoyed some much needed rest during our two week holiday break. It's now time to get back to it and kick off the beginning of a great spring semester. *Here we go!*

- **Freshman 15:** This week during Freshman 15, our students will be presented with “Credits: What are they and how do they impact progress?”.
 - **Obtaining Credits:** Be sure you and your student check Skyward by the close of this week and review their first semester grades and credits. By passing all classes, students were able to earn a maximum of four credits. Students need a minimum of six credits to be classified as a sophomore at the end of this school year.
 - **Credit Recovery:** Our counselors have been contacting parents and meeting with students who failed a course(s) since the first six weeks. As grades are finalized this week, parents and students will be contacted if your student will need to recover credit(s) from the first semester.

- **HB4545 Tutorials:** We will not have HB4545 tutorials this week. Tutorials will resume starting January 10, 2023 and will continue to be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings and after school.

- **Traffic and Parking Etiquette:** As we enter the spring semester, this is a friendly reminder to be courteous and kind as you are dropping off and picking up your student. The following reminders are responses to complaints our administration and Hutto ISD have received.
 - When picking up your student, there is only one lane. Please do not create a second lane and have your student walk through cars to get to you. This is a safety hazard. Be courteous and wait patiently in the pick up line.
 - In the main parking lot, be sure not to block people in (park horizontally) while waiting for your student in the parking lot. If you choose to wait in the parking lot, please park in a space.
 - If you are not handicapped and/or do not have the proper handicap signage on your vehicle, please do not park in the handicap spaces. Our Hutto ISD PD will begin issuing tickets to those who are illegally parked.
 - Do not park by the north end of the gym on the paved walkway. That is a firelane and our Hutto ISD will begin issuing tickets to those who are illegally parked.

- **First Semester Survey:** Please take the time to complete our [NGC 22-23 End of the 1st Semester Parent Survey](#). We had 19 parents complete the survey at the end of the first six weeks and we appreciate the feedback. However, we would like more feedback so we as educators can grow as well. Our administration team and faculty discuss the survey results. **Please complete the survey by Friday, January 13, 2023.** Thanks in advance!
- **Join the PTSA - Board members can be contacted via** HuttoNinthGradeCenterPTSA@gmail.com and you can join via www.JoinPTA.org.
- **Who to Contact:** Should you have any questions or concerns, contact information for your student’s assistant principal and counselors is listed below:

Students A-L	Students M-Z
Mrs. Tara Burgess, Assistant Principal tara.burgess@huttoisd.net	Mr. Shannon Morrison, Assistant Principal shannon.morrison@huttoisd.net

Students A-F	Students G-O	Students P-Z
Mr. Johnny Kay, Counselor johnny.kay@huttoisd.net	Mrs. Tanya Castro, Counselor tanya.castro@huttoisd.net	Ms. Tonya Major, Counselor tonya.major@huttoisd.net

Humbly honored to serve!

Respectfully,

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