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Hello NGC Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026:

Hope you and our family are enjoying this weather. It's been a little chilly, yet some pretty days. This week we have a few updates and many announcements, so *here we go!*

- **Freshman 15:** This week during Freshman 15 our lessons will discuss *Teen Dating Violence*, what it means to have *Healthy Relationships*, define *Fairness* and what it means to have *Freedom from Prejudice*.
- **UPDATE: 10th Grade Course Selections and Important Information:** Below is the update/rescheduled plan for when our counselors will go over 10th Grade Course Selections with our students.
 - February 21st and 22nd - Course Selection sheets distributed to all students via their Social Studies class.
 - Individual meetings with students:

February 27th - Mr. Zanin	March 2nd - Mr. Rios
February 28th - Mr. Gaviglio	March 3rd - Mr. Jennings
March 1st - Mrs. Malan	March 6th - Mr. Zanin
 - To find the Course Catalog and information about Graduation Requirements and Endorsements, please visit this link:
<https://www.hipponation.org/Page/9380>.
- **Valentine's Day** - Love is in the air and oh my our students *attempt* to let us know it. LOL! Many celebrate Valentine's Day; however, campus deliveries, sweet treats, balloons, etc. are a campus disruption. Some students are allergic to latex balloons. Additionally, some of our students struggle emotionally when everyone around them has gifts/treats and they do not. With that said, please do not send your student to campus with Valentine's Day gifts. Should you forget, gifts will be held in the front office and distributed at the end of the day.
- **TBI Open House at EWCHEC:** The East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHEC) in Hutto is hosting an open house and information session about the Texas Bioscience Institute (TBI) on **Thursday, February 16th and Wednesday, March 1st**. Please see the linked fliers for additional information - [English](#), [Spanish](#).

- **Black History Month Poetry Slam** - This event will be held **Wednesday, February 22nd** after school (time TBD). **We are still in the planning stages of this event.** If you're interested in assisting with or being a part of this event please reach out to me via email.

- **3rd & 4th Six Weeks Academic Celebration:** Last Friday was the last day of the 4th Six Weeks. We will celebrate all of our students who earned all A's or all A's and B's during the 3rd and/or 4th six weeks Monday, **February 27, 2023 from 6pm - 7pm.** So be sure to check Skyward to see if your student performed well academically. If so, mark your calendars and plan to attend a night of fun getting to know your student.

- **Federal Report Card:** Our state, HISD and campus Federal and School Report cards are now available. They can be found at these provided links:
 - School Report Cards: <https://www.hipponation.org/Page/1529>
 - Federal Report Cards: <https://www.hipponation.org/Page/1530>
 - Texas Education Agency's website at:
https://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/Grants/Federal_Report_Card/

If you have difficulty accessing the information from the Hutto ISD or TEA website, hard copies of the reports are available at the district or campus offices.

- **Reminders:**
 - **DEI Winter Public Forum:** [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Equity, Racism, and Inclusivity](#).
 - **Omicron Nu NU Ques High School Talent Show:** Go to these two links [Talent Hunt 2023 | Omicron Nu Nu Ques](#), [Talent Show Flyer](#) for more information.
 - **Stories at the Cottage: A Night of HOPE through Storytelling** - [flier](#).
 - **22-23 Yearbook:** Help ensure the NGC is represented in the 22-23 yearbook ([flier](#)) and don't forget to order your student's yearbook today ([flier](#)).
 - **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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