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Hello NGC Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026:

Hope you and your family are well. Many of the announcements are reminders, yet we also have a great deal going on this week. *Here we go!*

- **Freshman 15:** This week during Freshman 15 our students will be introduced to **Financial Planning**. Our student leadership team Voices of Tomorrow expressed this is a topic they and their peers need to learn about, so we are going to deliver.
- **NGC Spirit Week:** We, students and educators, will show our NGC Family solidarity by having a spirit week during the week of February 20th - February 24th. Our students love these days. We will wear the following each day:
  - Monday - Student Holiday
  - Tuesday - Throwback Tuesday
  - Wednesday - Wear your favorite Jersey
  - Thursday - Tuck me in with my PJs
  - Friday - Black Out Friday
- **Instructional Make-Up Days:** The district approved Fridays, March 10th and April 7th as the days we will use to make up for the lost instruction during the ice days.
- **Black History Month Poetry Slam -** This event will be held **Wednesday, February 22nd from 5:30pm - 7pm in the Black Box area**. Please join us as we learn the vital role the Arts played in Black History. We are still looking for students, parents and educators to perform.
- **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.
- **10th Grade Course Selections and Important Information:** Please don't forget to discuss course selections (<https://www.hipponation.org/Page/9380>) with your student. Your student will receive their course selection sheets next Tuesday and Wednesday and select tier courses the following week through their Social Studies class. See last week's Principal Update for specific details.

- **2022-2023 Yearbook:** Additional information from the Hutto High School Yearbook Staff - [22-23 yearbook](#).
- **Spring Community Education Classes:** Spring Community Education classes are now open for registration! View the class list [here](#) and here. There are more spring camps to come and summer camps will be published soon.
- **Reminders:**
  - **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](#)).
  - **TBI Open House at EWCHEC:** Please see the linked fliers for additional information - [English](#), [Spanish](#).
  - **Join the PTSA - Board members can be contacted via** [HuttoNinthGradeCenterPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:HuttoNinthGradeCenterPTSA@gmail.com) and you can join via [www.JoinPTA.org](http://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  |
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| Mrs. Tara Burgess, Assistant Principal<br><a href="mailto:tara.burgess@huttoisd.net">tara.burgess@huttoisd.net</a> | Mr. Shannon Morrison, Assistant Principal<br><a href="mailto:shannon.morrison@huttoisd.net">shannon.morrison@huttoisd.net</a> |

| Students A-F  | Students G-O   | Students P-Z   |
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| Mr. Johnny Kay, Counselor<br><a href="mailto:johnny.kay@huttoisd.net">johnny.kay@huttoisd.net</a> | Mrs. Tanya Castro, Counselor<br><a href="mailto:tanya.castro@huttoisd.net">tanya.castro@huttoisd.net</a> | Ms. Tonya Major, Counselor<br><a href="mailto:tonya.major@huttoisd.net">tonya.major@huttoisd.net</a> |

Humbly honored to serve!

Respectfully,

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