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Hello NGC Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026:

We definitely had an interesting week last week. Hopefully things have returned to normal at your house - power has returned, trees removed, etc. In true Texas fashion, this week's weather will be drastically different from last week and we will even have a few days where the high will be in the 70s. Isn't that something? With that said, last week did give us all a much needed break. However, we look forward to our students returning and having a great week this week. There aren't many new announcements, but some things have changed due to last week's weather. So *here we go!*

- **Freshman 15:** This week during Freshman 15 our students will talk about *Integrity vs Loyalty*. We do our best to challenge and teach our students to be the best version of themselves.
  
- **10th Grade Course Selections and Important Information:** The time has come for you and your students to begin thinking about what courses they will take during their 10th grade year at Hutto High School. Below is some very important information. Be sure to mark your calendars.
  - **At the NGC:** Your students have already begun the **Course Selection process**. The NGC counselors will meet with students individually to go over their course selections for the 2023-2024 school year. NGC Students will receive their Course Selection sheets on Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Counselors will begin meeting with students in their Geography classes on Monday, Feb. 6th. Here is the schedule of when students will meet with the counselors and select their courses:

Feb. 6th - Mr. Zanin	Feb. 9th - Mr. Rios
Feb. 7th - Mr. Gaviglio	Feb. 10th - Mr. Jennings
Feb. 8th - Ms. Malan	Feb. 11th - Mr. Lampe

**\*\*Note: To my knowledge this has not changed. Should it change, the updated information will be shared with you.**

- Anyone interested in learning more about AP, REACH, Dual Credit, Texas Bioscience Institute (TBI), and Dual Enrollment should attend the Feb. 9th Advanced Programs meeting at Hutto High School. You can also find more information about these programs here: <https://www.hipponation.org/Page/7835>. The Academic Newsletter also contains a video that explains the different Advanced Programs offered by Hutto ISD.
  
- To find the Course Catalog and information about Graduation Requirements and

Endorsements, please visit this link: <https://www.hipponation.org/Page/9380>.

- Your student's NGC counselor is also available to assist and their contact information is listed below.
- **10th Grade Information Sharing At HHS:**

- **Evening for Parent Information regarding Registration and Advanced Programs:  
Feb. 8th (6:30PM-8:00PM)  
HHS BIG Gym**

- Should you have any questions about either of these events, the lead Counselor at Hutto High School is Linda Hughes ([linda.hughes@huttoisd.net](mailto:linda.hughes@huttoisd.net))
- Here is the [flier](#).

➤ **DEI Winter Public Forum:** Due to the inclement weather last week, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) **Winter Public Forum meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023.** This forum will be hosted at the NGC from 6:30pm - 7:45pm and here are the flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Please join us to see what HISD is doing to inspire and support excellence for every Hutto ISD student and adult by enabling equitable mindsets and disabling inequitable barriers. For additional information about the Equity, Racism, and Inclusiveness (ERI) Task Force, please click [here](#).

➤ **Stories at the Cottage: A Night of HOPE through Storytelling:** Hutto ISD Human Resources Department is hosting this night of storytelling in honor of Black History Month. This event will be held at *The HR Cottage* (200 College Street) Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:30pm ([flyer](#)).

➤ **Reminders:**

- **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.
- **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](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
Mrs. Tara Burgess, Assistant Principal <a href="mailto:tara.burgess@huttoisd.net">tara.burgess@huttoisd.net</a>	Mr. Shannon Morrison, Assistant Principal <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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Humbly honored to serve!

Respectfully,

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