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Hello NGC Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026:

Happy Sunday! We had a busy yet good week last week and we are grateful. Hopefully you had a great week last week as well. We have just a few new announcements and many reminders. *Here we go!*

- **Freshman 15:** Dr. Estrada-Thomas has asked that we share information with our parents and students about the dangers of vaping. Therefore, this week our students will learn *All About Vaping*. The best way to combat this unfortunate epidemic is to be armed with knowledge. I would encourage you to Google “vape pens” so you are aware of the numerous types and how they look.
 - [Facts: Vaping Harms](#)
 - [Vaping Misperceptions](#)
 - [How to Talk to Kids About Vaping](#)
 - [vaping videos](#)

- **Athletics and Agriculture Classes:** As promised, here is the update that was sent out earlier this week concerning use of the NGC Track and access to the Ag barn. **THANK YOU** for being understanding and awesome throughout this process.
 - Construction is concluding, so coaches will communicate where your athlete needs to report via the Band Ap. Be sure to check the Band Ap regularly. With respect to our Ag students, Mrs. Ehrlich will give you additional information.

- **23-24 Course Verification:** The Course Verification window for 2023-2024 will begin April 5th. Be on the lookout for communication about how to access your student's course requests in Family/Student Access (Skyward) and how to submit questions or changes. Questions and course changes will be handled by the counselors of the campus your child will be attending next year.

- **Picking Students Up for Appointments:** We have been getting requests to pull students early from class if they will need to leave for an appointment. However, we will only pull students once a parent or an approved person on the student's Skyward contact list is present and shows their ID. Pulling students early causes additional loss of instructional time and this is also a safety concern. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's assistant principal.

- **Reminders:**
 - **Free Student Group Opportunity:** The Texas School Safety Center Youth Preparedness Camp. Information found here: <https://txssc.txstate.edu/events/youth-preparedness-camp/>

- **Temple College:** The East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHEC) partners with Temple College/EWCHEC to provide our students with numerous post secondary opportunities - [Open House Flyer](#).
- **Hutto Women’s Alliance’s 5K Race:** The 2023 Hutto Hippo Stampede 5k will be held on April 1, 2023. Registration and more information can be found at this link: <https://www.active.com/hutto-tx/running/distance-running-races/hutto-women-s-alliance-hippo-stampede-2023?fbclid=IwAR2sgXxx31E6A5f8ze-MeqF854EFGLnISJtn-wTb-2B87iUNOIGvwHQsvks>. This event is being put on by the Hutto Women's Alliance in partnership with Hutto ISD and the City of Hutto. Any questions, reach out to HISD Athletic director Bradley LaPlante (bradley.laplante@huttoisd.net) and/or HISD Board Member Amy English (amy.english@huttoisd.net).
- **Spring Community Education Classes:** Spring Community Education classes are now open for registration! View the class list [here](#) and here.
- **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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