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Hello NGC Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026:

It's the last week of April and your student's freshman year of high school is winding down. If you thought April was a busy month, just wait until May is in full swing. We have several announcements, so *here we go!*

- **EOC Testing: We NEED YOUR HELP!!!** There will be campus wide testing this week. Our students will take their **English EOC Tuesday, April 25, 2023**. Students need to pass this test to graduate. Speak with them about taking this test seriously and encourage them to do their best to pass the test. Begin talking with your student now to ensure they have their computer, their charger, and all things necessary to be able to test and to be successful. Get a good night's rest and let them know **THEY CAN DO IT** as well.
- **Freshman 15:** This week our students will continue going through a lesson entitled *Let's Talk Future & About You*. Through this lesson our students will learn what it means to be a productive citizen and discuss career options.
- **Evolve Weapons Detection System** - Information about the Evolve Weapons Detection System has gone out via Parent Square previously. This is a reminder that the NGC will go live using the system **Monday, May 8, 2023**. We decided to implement the system after EOC testing. Some important dates and information below:
 - 4/24 - HHS Evolv Community Demo, 6pm - 7pm
 - 4/26 - NGC Evolve Community Demo, 6pm - 7pm
 - [Evolv Demonstration Video](#)
 - [Weapons detection systems](#)
 - [Evolv web page](#) - for a Frequently Asked Questions
 - safety@huttoisd.net - email if you have questions or concerns
- **HB4545 Tutorial Changes:** There will not be any HB4545 AM or PM tutorials on Tuesday, April 25, Tuesday May 2 and Thursday May 4 due to EOC and AP testing.
- **NGC Dancing Elites:** Our Dancing Elites will be a part of the Hi-Stepper Spring Show. *Please go and support!* Here are the [poster](#) and [ticket link](#).
- **Summer School Information:** High school summer school will be held at the NGC from 8:30am - 1:00 pm Monday - Thursday June 5, 2023 to June 29, 2023. Any students who will attend summer school to take EOC preparation courses will conclude summer school on June 22, 2023.

- **Art Opportunity:** [Linked here](#) is information about an Art I Class which will be offered during the summer. This course will run concurrently with summer school and will give students the opportunity to obtain a full Art I credit if they need to free up room in their schedules or need the credit to graduate. This is one of our proactive approaches for all students and for athletes who have two periods allocated to athletics. If you have any questions, please contact HISD's Fine Arts Coordinator Mrs. Amber Kingsley (amber.kingsley@huttoisd.net).
- **Hutto ISD Driving School:** Hutto ISD now has a Driver's Ed course - **[Hutto ISD Driver's Ed!](#)** Spots are limited. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Elbalah (dana.rawdahElbalah@huttoisd.net). We also have fliers available in the front office.
- **Upcoming Events:** We do our best to host events for our students. With that said, click the links below for some of the upcoming events.
 - [Family Movie Night 5/19/23 \(DATE CHANGE\)](#)
 - No QR code for this event. Tickets will be sold at the door.
- **Black Eagles:** We have an additional mentoring opportunity available for men. This opportunity will take place at at least one elementary school, one middle school, the NGC, and at HHS. See the linked fliers for information - [Join with US](#), [Find Out How](#), [Volunteering](#). Please reach out to me and/or Mr. Leron Jackson (leronjcksn47@gmail.com) for additional information.
- **Final Exam Schedule** - The close of the year is near and that means final exams. Our [22-23 NGC Midterm/Final Exam Schedule](#) has been linked here so you and your family can plan your families summer vacation accordingly. Should you have any questions, reach out to your child'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/>
 - **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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