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Hello NGC Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026:

Happy Easter! Hope you spend time with your family and friends this weekend.

Hope you've dried out from last week's April showers. LOL! Looks like we will have rain this Monday only. We will see. A huge shout out to our **MAGNIFICENT STUDENTS!!!** They did academically and behaviorally during the power outage. Our students remained productive by continuing to learn content and/or working on relationship building and socializing activities in the classroom. Many of them wanted the lights to remain off. Again they did well. Celebrate them, and our entire NGC Family (Safety and Security, teachers, cafeteria staff, front office staff, district personnel) for being flexible and making the best of the situation. THANK YOU to YOU as well for trusting us to take care of your blessings. ;-)
Here we go!


- **Freshman 15:** This week our students will be introduced to ***SchoolLinks***. ***SchoolLinks*** is a modern College and Career Readiness platform/program that Hutto ISD has partnered with to help prepare our students for life after high school.
- **23-24 Course Verification:** The Course Verification window for 2023-2024 will begin April 5th and must be completed by April 12th. See the document linked here - [2023-2024 10th Grade Course Verification Information](#) - for additional information. If you have any questions, reach out to your student's respective HHS counselor.
- **DEI High School Student Panel:** Our Hutto ISD Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Thymai Dong, Ph.D is looking for high school students, grades 9-12, to participate on a student panel at our next DEI Public Forum open to the Hutto community. If you know of a student passionate about DEI and whose voice needs to be heard, please help me connect with that student.. More details are provided in the attached invitation letter - [Invitation to DEI Student Panel - 4 19 23](#).
- **Military Connected** - Attention Parents/Guardians. April is the Month of the Military Child. Please review your child's Skyward records. If you are a member of the Armed Forces or have served in the Armed Forces (all branches, TX Guard and Reserves), please ensure that your child's records are updated with the correct Military-Connection codes for military students. This ensures that our district is able to assist students as they are reassigned or forced to relocate per Texas Education Code Chapter 162. Thank you.

- **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.
 - SHINE Color Run 4/22/23 (flier to come)
 - [Block Party Dance 4/22/23](#)
 - [Family Movie Night 5/19/23 \(DATE CHANGE\)](#)
 - No QR codes for any event. Tickets for movies will be sold at the door. Tickets for the dance sold during all lunches the week of April 17 - 21. No tickets will be sold at the door for the dance.
 - [District Art Show 4/22/23 - video \(ADDED\)](#)

 - **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.

 - **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).

 - **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.
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- **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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