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Hello NGC Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026:

Hope you and your family are well. There's a great deal of information, so let's get right to it.
Here we go!

- **Freshman 15:** The next couple weeks during Freshman 15 our students will dive deeper and continue learning about **Financial Planning** via an online course entitled **EverFi**. Students will need their Chromebooks, so please be sure they bring them charged and they have their charger as well. Be sure to ask them how what they're learning is beneficial to their future.
- **Morning Drop Off:** When dropping off your student in the morning, be sure to pull up as far as you can in the fire lane. Many parents are stopping where the main entrance sidewalk leads to the front door and truly providing curbside service for their student. However, if everyone pulls up as far as they can, more students can be dropped off simultaneously and you will not have to sit in the line as long. Also once in front of the school, be sure your student has all their belongings ready and they are prepared to exit your vehicle. Be cognizant of others, be courteous, and be safe! 😊
- **Attendance:** Our students have done it again. We have the highest attendance rate in the district. This continues to be a huge accomplishment for research shows attendance is an issue for ninth graders. So thank you parents/guardians for ensuring your/our students attend school. We will celebrate our students with ice cream during lunch soon.
- **Athletics and Agriculture Classes:** Due to construction the next couple weeks around the football field and along the roadway leading up to the field, athletic practices and access to the Ag Barn has been changed. Please see the Parent Square Post sent out Friday, February 24th for specific details. Athletes, continue to check your Band App and for communication from your head coach for any changes. Thank you for your patience and more information to come should changes need to continue after Spring Break.
- **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.

- **REACH and Advanced Academics Meeting:** The NGC Counselors will host an Advanced Academics Information Session on **Wednesday, March 1st at 6 pm** in the NGC Cafeteria. The AP (Advanced Placement), REACH (Ready for Early to College in Hutto), DC (Dual Credit), and the TBI (Texas Bioscience Institute) programs will be explained. Application packets, testing information, and important deadlines for REACH will be shared. It is highly recommended that you and your student attend this meeting if you are interested in any of the Advanced Academic programs offered by Hutto ISD.

- **10th Grade Course Selections:** Just another friendly reminder. Please talk with your student about the courses they plan to select for their 10th grade year.

Monday, Feb. 27th - Mr. Zanin	Thursday, March 2nd - Mr. Rios
Tuesday, Feb. 28th - Mr. Gaviglio	Friday, March 3rd - Mr. Jennings
Wednesday, March 1st - Ms. Malan	Monday, March 6th - Mr. Lampe

- **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. Please be sure to plan accordingly.

- **Medications - A Message from Our Nurse:** If your student has medications which are kept in the nurse's office, please read the document linked here - [Medication Information](#).

- **The Path to Homeownership:** HISD Human Resources have a few spots left in their first ever literacy series at the Hippo Cottage (HR Building). Join them to learn how easy home ownership can be on **February 28th from 5:30 to 6:45pm**. Please RSVP as soon as possible! Click on [this link](#) or the image below for more details.

- **Reminders:**
 - **TBI Open House at EWCHEC:** Please see the linked fliers for additional information - [English](#), [Spanish](#).

 - **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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