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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!** Okay, so I am a day early, but I am a creature of habit. LOL! As you and your family close out the 2023 calendar year, I hope you can reflect on the year with fond memories while being excited about the possibilities to come in 2024.

Students will return to campus **Wednesday**, **January 3**, **2024**. This first week back, all students, educators and administrators will be reminded of what it means to continue "*Rowing in Excellence*". We will refer to our reminders as a **campus reset**.

Once again, we are looking forward to a great spring semester. We greatly appreciate your continued support and your partnership this school year thus far. It truly takes a partnership and a village to take care of *our children*. Have a wonderful week ahead and *here we go!* 

## **Campus Reset and Additional Safety Measures:**

- Campus Reset: As previously stated, all stakeholders will be reminded of our campus expectations (ex. electronic policy, dresscode, classroom and campus behavioral expectations, etc.). Educators will explicitly review the campus expectations with our students during class.
- Additional Safety Measures:
  - **Student Traffic Patterns:** As a part of the campus reset, we have changed some of the locations of when and where students are able to enter and exit the building. This information will be shared with students in class as well.
  - Wearing ID Badges: All students received their ID Badges and a lanyard prior to the Holiday Break. Students will now be required to wear their badges daily. Seniors will need to show their badges when they return from off campus lunch. Dual Credit students will need to show their badges when they return from EWCHEC. Having students wear their ID badges is an additional proactive safety measure we will employ with the goal of eliminating non-HHS students from being able to come on campus.
- > Student Drop Off and Pick Up Reminder: This is a friendly reminder that when dropping your child off in the morning and/or picking them up after school, you are to do so in the back of the school by the gym off West Front Street. Here is a map of the traffic pattern. You all (yes I am a true Texan! LOL!) have been doing a great job with this and we THANK YOU!

- > Attendance: A few notes from our HHS Attendance Clerks:
  - Parent/Guardian Notes/Dr Notes need to be submitted within 48 hours of your child's absence.
  - To contact the attendance clerks, email them at hhs.attendance@huttoisd.net.
  - Should you have any attendance questions, call 737-327-5807.
  - Please direct all attendance questions to the attendance clerks through email or phone call. To ensure accuracy of information, our campus receptionists will not address attendance questions.

## > Parent Night/Parent and Family Engagement Event (PFE):

- All parents and guardians of current 9th through 11th grade students are invited to join the HHS Counselors for an Information Night on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Hutto High School Performing Arts Center. The information session will cover student course selection for the 2024-2025 school year, graduation requirements, endorsements, and more. Please join us for this event as we begin preparation for next school year.
- Advanced Academic Night: Our next Advanced Academics Night will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2024 in the PAC.
- An additional Parent and Family Engagement informational event will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. The event will begin in the HHS cafeteria at 6pm and will be a come and go event. See the document linked here for additional information.
- Note: If there is a change in dates, I will be sure to let you know. *Hope to see you at these events that have been designed just for you!*

## > College and Career Corner:

- Location: Room 200D and encourage your child to visit
- o College and Career Website: College, Career, and Military Website
- College Income Based Tuition: <u>Here</u> is a list of colleges that offer tuition support based on a family's adjusted gross income (AGI).
- Financial Aid Information: Seniors and Parents of Seniors please check out this link - <u>Financial Aid Information to Seniors and Parents of Seniors</u> - for information on financial aid.
- > PTSA Upcoming Events: The January PTSA Upcoming Events document is coming soon. Stay tuned and be sure to check it out!

## ➤ Upcoming Events/Reminders:

- Master Tutorial Schedule: HHS 23-24 Master Tutorial Schedule
- o PTSA: Join using this link <a href="https://www.joinpta.org/">https://www.joinpta.org/</a>.
- Yearbook, Picture Day, and Senior Picture Information: Real time information via this document, 23-24 HHS Picture Day and Yearbook Information, Class of 2024 Senior Pictures, Senior Ads and Yearbook Advertisements. Contact Ms. Jennifer Johnson (jennifer.johnson@huttoisd.net)

> Who to Contact: Should you have any questions or concerns, contact your student's counselor and/or assistant principal. If you need to meet with either of these individuals, please make an appointment.

Students by Alpha	Counselor	Assistant Principal
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Honored to serve,

Dr. LaKesha Whitfield Principal Hutto High School 737-327-5796 "Rowing in Excellence Together!" #Connect...Relate...Engage...Empower!



May this year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements, and a lot of new inspirations on your life. Wishing you a year fully loaded with happiness!