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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians,

We had a great couple days last week. We welcomed 2,047 students Thursday and an additional 50 or so Friday. We are projected to have approximately 2,250 this year, so we will see. With respect to communication, my plan is to send this Principal Update twice a month. I know a few have already gone out this year. There are many important things to share as we successfully kick off the school year so *here we go!*

- **Student Schedules:** Schedule changes will be underway this week. Students were given access Friday to sign up to see their counselor via [Can I Change My Schedule Flyer QR Code](#) flyer. This flyer was shared with them today directly via Parent Square as well.
- **Arrival and Dismissal Pick Up/Drop Off:**
 - **Arrival:** Student arrival/drop off went well Thursday and Friday. Having the staggering drop off really helps.
 - **Dismissal:** We are still working on this. We were able to get your students in your cars faster Friday than Thursday, so that was good. Though the dismissal traffic is not ideal, everyone was **being PATIENT, KIND, and SAFE!** **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!** Continue to watch out for our junior and senior drivers as they walk to their cars. **We will continue to work to improve this process.**
- **HB114:** Did you know? House Bill 114 was passed by the 88th Texas Legislature, and will affect required disciplinary action that Hutto ISD will be implementing beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. This bill requires a mandatory placement into a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) for offenses related to e-cigarettes/nicotine vapes. Therefore, students who use, sell, or possess e-cigarettes will have the same consequence as those possessing vapes which contain THC (cannabis/marijuana extract). For information about vaping awareness resources, [click here](#). To read House Bill 114, [click here](#).
- **Campus Expectations:** All campus expectation information has been placed on our HHS website - [Expectations](#).
 - Here's where to find them on our HHS website - [Student/Parent Handbook and Student Code of Conduct](#)
- **Lunch:**
 - **Visiting and Food Deliveries:**

- We welcome parents/guardians to come to campus and have lunch with your student.
 - Parents/Guardians are also welcome to drop off food for your student.
 - We do not allow students to order nor receive lunch from Uber Eats and Door Dash. This is a safety concern.
 - **Free and Reduced Lunch:** The Child Nutrition Services (CNS) Department has provided Free and Reduced Lunch Packets. You and/or your student can pick up a packet from the front office. This information can also be accessed via [Linq Connect](#). HISD is no longer using "My School Bucks" and is now "Linq Connect."
- **Camino El Lexito:** We will host an introductory Parent And Family Engagement Event (PFE) for our Emerging Bilingual (EB) students and families entitled Camino El Lexito ([flyer](#)). The meeting will be 100% in Spanish. Here is a message from Mr. Joaquin Bordon:
- El camino al exito se define por quienes te rodean, como padres somos el apoyo y la inspiración para que nuestros hijos conozcan el éxito.
"SI DEJAS HUEYAS PROFUNDAS AUNQUE PASEN LOS AÑOS NO SE BORRARAN"
- **Upcoming Events/Reminders:**
- **Meet the Hippos:** Mark your calendars for August 16th! Here is a flier about [Meet the Hippos](#). Hope to see you there!
 - **Meet the Teacher Night:** This event will be held on Monday, August 21st from 5:30pm - 7pm. Hope to see you there!
 - **PTSA:** Join using this link - <https://www.joinpta.org/>.
 - **Crown Act:** If you are interested - [Crown Act flier](#).
 - **Parking:**
 - **General Student Parking:** [23-24 HHS Parking Permit](#).
 - **Senior Parking:** [23-24 Senior Parking Spot Consent Form](#).
 - Contact Mrs. Yolanda Taylor (yolanda.taylor@huttoisd.net) or Mr. Gavino Barrera (gavino.barrera@huttoisd.net).
 - **Mentoring Programs:**
 - **HISD Volunteering/Mentoring:** Sign up here - [link](#). Email Mrs. Alex Payne (alexandra.payne@huttoisd.net), our campus volunteer/mentor coordinator and counselor.
 - **SHINE (female):** [SHINE flier](#) and reach out to Ms. Gabrielle Willis (gabrielle.willis@huttoisd.net) if you have questions or are interested.
 - **Iron Sharpens Iron (male):** Reach out to Mr. Anthony Carr (anthony.carr@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.**

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Honored to serve,

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