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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians,

Hope you and your family had a great week last week. *It's showtime!* Our students' first day of school for the 23-24 school year will be this **Thursday, August 10th**. No new students will be registered on day one. HHS doors will open at 8:20am, classes will begin at 9am, and students will be released at 4:25pm. Here's our [23-24 HHS Regular Bell Schedule](#). This communication will be shared with your student as well because there are many things they need to know as well. My apologies for the length. *Here we go!*

- **Student Schedules:** Student schedules will be ready to view in Skyward on Wednesday, August 9th. The majority of our 2230 schedules are done. However, we are continuing to enroll new students and we are making changes to accommodate for teacher vacancies in some courses. Once you see your student's schedules on August 9th, please do not reach out to the counselors for schedule changes. Doing so would hinder the counselor's ability to make the final scheduling adjustments before we welcome our students Thursday, August 10th. Our admin team and counselors will address scheduling issues the first couple weeks of school. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.
 - **Schedule Pick Up Day #1:** A list of all student's first period classes will be displayed in the cafeteria and in the hallways. Educators will assist students with locating their first period (all) classes. Students will report to their first period class and that's when they will receive a paper copy of their schedule.
- **Arrival and Dismissal Pick Up/Drop Off:** Safety and security are priorities at HHS. The arrival and dismissal procedures have been designed to keep all stakeholders safe and to eliminate any confusion at the start and at the end of the school day. You and your student(s) adhering to the arrival and dismissal procedures are critical in making our student drop off and pick up safe, secure, and successful. The safe transfer of the custody of your student is of utmost importance. There is no need to hurry. **BE PATIENT, BE KIND, and BE SAFE!** The first day and couple weeks will be our trial run and our time to perfect our traffic patterns. Please be patient with us and please expect delays the first weeks of school.
 - Here is a [map](#) of the pick up and drop off traffic pattern. All pick up and drop off will take place in the back of the school by the gym off West Front Street.
- **Parking:**
 - **General Student Parking:** If you are a student who would like to park in the student parking lot, here's the needed information - [23-24 HHS Parking Permit](#).
 - **Senior Parking:** If your student is a senior and want your very own parking space, here's the information - [23-24 Senior Parking Spot Consent Form](#). we

have 114 senior parking spaces and they will be first come first serve until they are gone. More info to come on when the design is due and when we will have the parking space painting party.

- Any questions about parking email our assistant principal secretary Mrs. Yolanda Taylor (yolanda.taylor@huttoisd.net) and assistant principal Mr. Gavino Barrera (gavino.barrera@huttoisd.net).

➤ **Off Campus Lunch:** Off campus lunch is a privilege for seniors only. Should seniors abuse this privilege, it can be taken away. For non-senior students, please do not forfeit your senior off campus privileges by going off campus as a sophomore or junior.

- Seniors, please be careful as you go back and forth to lunch.

➤ **Campus Expectations:** We want to be sure our students and our parents are aware of all campus expectations. All expectations will be explicitly taught to our students. With that stated, here are the links to the

- [Hutto ISD Student Code of Conduct](#) (SCOC) and to the
- [HISD Student and Parent Handbook](#) (SPH).
- Here's where to find them on our HHS website - [Student/Parent Handbook and Student Code of Conduct](#)
 - **Attendance Policy** - SPH pp. 30-35
 - Our HHS Tardy Policy will be explicitly taught as well.
 - **Cell Phone Policy and Electronic Device Policy** - SPH pp. 57-58
 - This is a biggie for our students and will be enforced starting the first day of school.
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➤ **Sophomore Camp:** We had our first ever Sophomore Camp Saturday and it was a huge success! Thanks to all the students and the parents who came out and participated. Looking forward to the continued parental participation throughout your student's high school career. 😊



➤ **PTSA:**

- **Shout out: *THANK YOU*** to our PTSA and all parents, guardians and community members who assisted and/or donated to our Back to School Breakfast. It was awesome!
- **Join the PTSA** - We want 100% of the HHS Family to join the PTSA. You can join here <https://www.joinpta.org/> after August 1st.



➤ **Mentoring Programs:** We have several mentoring programs at HHS for we believe in the power of mentoring. Research shows it only takes one person investing in a student to change a student's trajectory. There are numerous benefits, such as increased graduation rates, better attitudes about school, enhanced self-esteem, stranger relationships with parents, teachers and other students, improved behavior and grades, improved interpersonal skills; just to name a few. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity and become a mentor and/or see how your student can get involved, see the information below.

- **HISD Volunteering/Mentoring:** To mentor, you will need to firstly sign up through our HISD Volunteer/Mentoring portal by going to this [link](#). Email Mrs. Alex Payne (alexandra.payne@huttoisd.net), our campus volunteer/mentor coordinator and counselor.
- **SHINE:** Our female mentoring program is entitled **SHINE** and here is some information - [SHINE flier](#). Any questions, reach out to Ms. Gabrielle Willis (gabrielle.willis@huttoisd.net).
- **Iron Sharpens Iron:** Our male mentoring program is entitled Iron Sharpens Iron and the mission of the program is to assist young men in the life-long journey of realizing their full potential. To help our young men with the necessary skills to navigate through life and become a better servant, future husband, father, son, student, brother and member of society. Any questions, reach out to Mr. Anthony Carr (anthony.carr@huttoisd.net).

➤ **Upcoming Events:**

- **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!

➤ **Who to Contact:** Again, communication between home and school is a vital part of your student's education. Should you have any questions or concerns, contact information for your student's counselor and assistant principal is listed below. **If you need to meet with either of these individuals, please make an appointment.**

Students by Alpha	Counselor	Assistant Principal
A - Cri	Ms. Angela Entrekin angela.entrekin@huttoisd.net	Ms. Molly Reardon molly.reardon@huttoisd.net
Crj - Hen	Mrs. Melinda Earp melinda.earp@huttoisd.net	Dr. Peter Price peter.price@huttoisd.net
Heo - Mon	Ms. Mika Harrell mika.harrell@huttoisd.net	Mr. Jarred Houston jarred.houston@huttoisd.net
*Moo - Sanc	Johnny Kay johnny.kay@huttoisd.net	Dr. Tamica Allen tamica.allen@huttoisd.net
Sand - Z	Mrs. Alex Payne alex.payne@huttoisd.net	Mr. Gavino Barrera gavino.barrera@huttoisd.net
	Lead Counselor Mr. Johnny Kay johnny.kay@huttoisd.net	Associate Principal Ms. Holly Wells holly.wells@huttoisd.net

*Due to a recent counselor resignation, Mr. Johnny Kay, our lead counselor, will take care of student caseload Moo - Sanc until we hire a new counselor.

Looking forward to learning and growing with you and it being an amazing year! As always...

I am humbly honored to serve!

Respectfully,

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"Rowing in Excellence!"
#Connect...Relate...Engage...Empower.

