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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians,

Hope the weekend has treated you well and you are keeping warm. We have a great deal of announcements, so please read this edition of the Principal's Update in its entirety. Let's get to it. *Here we go!* 😊

- **National Merit Scholars:** We would like to extend a colossal *CONGRATULATIONS* to our students who have earned high academic honors. Seniors **Hannah Kawar** and **Mitchell Lazzari** were both named National Merit Semifinalist. Seniors **Alana Nunez** and **Richard Ridings** were identified as Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- **Algebra I EOC Interventions:** In an effort to assist our students on the Algebra I EOC Exam, we have decided to try something new and offer Saturday Interventions. Students and parents whom this directly affects have received this information, but we wanted to be sure to share this information again. Should you have any questions, please reach out to campus instructional coach Mr. Wayne Christmas ([wayne.christmas@huttoisd.net](mailto:wayne.christmas@huttoisd.net)).
  - [Letter to Parents - Saturday EOC](#)
  - [Saturday EOC Program Expectations/Rules 10/28 - 12/2/2023](#)
- **Master Tutorial Schedule:** Linked [here](#) is a copy of HHS' Master Tutorial Schedule. We continue to update the schedule as needed. Students are encouraged to attend tutorials on a regular basis as a proactive approach to learning.
- **Orange Santa:** *Orange Santa is here!* Information about Orange Santa can be found [here](#). What is being asked specifically of HHS is listed here - [HHS Orange Santa HHS](#). Share this information with your students and let's be a blessing to our community.
- **Orange Santa VOLLEYBALL SignUp -** Hello! It is that time again for our Orange Santa volleyball tournament Public Safety vs Public Education. We hope you will consider joining us. Here is the [link](#) for those who wish to participate. Please fill out the form on who represents Hutto the best with all the bragging rights. Please feel free to bring the family, friends, colleagues and anyone else as entry tickets are just 1 toy for 1 admission. This is for a great cause so let's help fill the gym with excitement, Hippo Pride, and toys for the Hutto community. The volleyball game will be **November 29, 2023 in the HHS Main Gym** starting at **6:30pm** until a team is victorious.

➤ **Join Us for Thanksgiving Dinner:** If you were not aware, we love to have our families join us on campus. And there is no greater time than to share a Thanksgiving meal with your student. Our HISD Food Service Department will prepare a special Thanksgiving meal **November 7, 2023** during all lunches (4th - 11:30am - 12:15pm, 5th - 12:20pm - 1:05pm, and 6th - 1:10pm - 1:55pm) and the meal will cost \$7. You can pay with cash or with a check. *Please join us!*

➤ **Bathroom Checks:** The administrative team checks bathrooms frequently to ensure our students are not in there making unwise choices with respect to drugs, skipping class, etc. Unfortunately there has been an uptick in bathroom vandalism. The vandalism is costing the district thousands of dollars and there are times we have to shut a bathroom down for repair. So in response to the drugs, skipping class, and vandalism, our Campus Safety Officers will systematically check all restrooms after passing periods. These Gentlemen will always announce themselves prior to entering the restrooms and will have their body cameras rolling as they check the restrooms. This is definitely news I do not care to share, yet this is the proactive approach we will employ to encourage our students to make wise choices. Campus Safety Officers will begin these bathroom checks Monday, November 6, 2023.

➤ **Yearbook:** Here is some additional information about purchasing ads in the yearbook - [Senior Ads](#) and [Yearbook Advertisements](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to [jennifer.johnson@huttoisd.net](mailto:jennifer.johnson@huttoisd.net).

➤ **College and Career Corner:** I recently realized I do not share information about all the wonderful things our College and Career Counselors do on campus to assist our students with making postsecondary education plans. Postsecondary education is basically defined as what our students plan to do educationally once they graduate from high school. So moving forward, if there are any updates from the College and Career Counseling Team, they will be added here.

- **College and Career Website:** You will find real time information on this site - [College, Career, and Military Website](#)
- **Introducing the College and Career Counselors:** - Should you have any questions about College and Career, we have two counselors who would love to hear from you.

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- **ASVAB Testing: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery** (ASVAB) testing will take place **Tuesday, November 14, 2023** in the PAC. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will last approximately 3 hours. The ASVAB

test is a multiple-aptitude battery test that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic occupational success. If your student is interested in taking the test, they can sign up by logging into their Schoolinks account and sign up under the “School Events” tab at the top. Or they can stop by the College and Career Corner (room 200D) and speak to one of the counselors.

- **College Income Based Tuition:** It’s a little known fact, but there are many colleges that offer tuition support based on a family’s adjusted gross income (AGI). Admittance to the college is based on a student's Grade Point Average (GPA). Click [here](#) to see what colleges offer this support.
  
- **PTSA Upcoming Events:** Our PTSA is still busy planning activities for us. See this document for our [November PTSA Upcoming Events](#). The event list is updated, so be sure to check it out!
  
- **Upcoming Events/Reminders:**
  - **PTSA:** Join using this link - <https://www.joinpta.org/>.
  - **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](#). Contact Ms. Jennifer Johnson ([jennifer.johnson@huttoisd.net](mailto: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.**

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I stated there were a great deal of announcements. Breathe, you made it through and hopefully nothing was missed. LOL! 😊 Have a great week ahead!

Honored to serve,

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