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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians,

Hope the weekend has treated you well thus far and you are enjoying this cool weather. Our first semester is almost over and my how time has flown by. We only have two more weeks and then it will be Christmas Break. *Whooo-hooooo!!!* We don't have too many announcements this week, but please read what is listed. Also, always be sure to click the link for the PTSA activities and updates. A huge **THANK YOU** to you parents/guardians for all you do! 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!* 😊


- **Fall Midterm Schedule:** Here is our [HHS 23-24 Midterm/Final Exam Schedule](#). This document outlines when your child will take their midterm exams next week. Due to recent legislative changes, we will only have Friday, December 15, 2023 as an early release day. This schedule was created to ensure students were not asked to take more than four exams on any given day and that each exam was allotted the same amount of time. If you have any questions about the schedule, reach out to your child's assistant principal.
- **EOC Testing:** We will STAAR EOC retest this week **December 5, 2023** thru **December 8, 2023**. If your child is scheduled to test, be sure they are on campus by 8:20am so they can eat breakfast if needed and then report to their testing room. Be sure they get a good night's rest, bring their Chromebook fully charged, and bring their charger. Don't forget to encourage them with a hug, a kiss and to let them know you are proud of them on their way out the door. 😊
- **ID Badges:** All students now have ID Badges. Students were given a lanyard and were asked to wear their ID daily. We started with a soft start to them wearing the ID badges. However, we will strictly enforce the badges being worn once we return from Christmas Break. This will be one additional proactive safety measure we will take to hopefully eliminate non-HHS students being able to come on campus. Please know that the administrative team, HISD PD, and district personnel are continuing to brainstorm and devise additional ways to secure the campus and keep *our children* safe. Please continue talking to your child about the importance of not opening any exterior doors for anyone and to not invite non-HHS students on to campus. Overall, our students are doing a great job with this and we thank them.

- **Lunch Deliveries:** We are beginning to have lunches being delivered via DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc. We do not allow this on campus as a safety precaution as well. Parents/Guardians you are welcome to drop off lunch and are encouraged to come and have lunch with your child.

 - **Parent Survey Results:** A 23-24 HHS End of 2nd Six Weeks PARENT Survey was sent out prior to Thanksgiving Break. Thank you to the 26 Parents/Guardians who completed the survey and thank you for your honesty. The survey results are [linked here](#). For the two Parents/Guardians who conveyed the Principal's Update does not provide enough information, please email me (lakesha.whitfield@huttoisd.net) or give me a call so we can discuss how I can improve the communication.
 - We will have a couple events after the Christmas Break to communicate more information about graduation requirements, FAFSA, advanced academics, and endorsements and pathways of study. **Our next Advanced Academics Night will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2024.** More information to come and we hope to see you there!

 - **College and Career Corner:**
 - **Location:** Room 200D and encourage your child to visit
 - **College and Career Website:** [College, Career, and Military Website](#)
 - **College Income Based Tuition:** [Here](#) is a list of colleges that offer tuition support based on a family's adjusted gross income (AGI).
 - **FSA IDs:** Our College and Career Counselors went into senior level classes last week to help students create **Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)** accounts. Communication via Parent Square should have gone out last week as well to convey how parents are to create their Parent FSA ID. [Linked here](#) is some additional information and reach out to our College and Career Counselors if you have any questions.

 - **PTSA Upcoming Events:** Our PTSA is still busy planning activities for us. See this document for our [December PTSA Upcoming Events](#). The event list is updated, so be sure to check it out!

 - **Upcoming Events/Reminders:**
 - **Master Tutorial Schedule:** [HHS 23-24 Master Tutorial Schedule](#)
 - **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](#), [Senior Ads](#) and [Yearbook Advertisements](#). Contact Ms. Jennifer Johnson (jennifer.johnson@huttoisd.net)
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- **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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