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Hello Hutto High School Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We hope you and your family had a wonderful summer break and are eagerly anticipating an amazing school year. Communication between the school and home is vital to the success of our students. With that being said, communication will be sent home often via Parent Square. This introductory communication is being sent to welcome you to this school year, to share some information from our PTSA, and to inform you of our campus expectations (we know it is back to school shopping time;-)).

- ➤ Welcome: We, the Hutto High School administrative team and the rest of the HHS Family are excited to begin the new school year. We have been extremely busy this summer hiring and preparing for an amazing school year.
 - HHS has adopted the motto of "Rowing in Excellence!". "Rowing in Excellence!" means we are all in the boat, moving in the same direction, guided by the same vision and doing so with excellence by being a high purpose environment and a campus of high expectations for all. All stakeholders will be asked to be excellent in all we do.
 - Our goals are to focus on creating an atmosphere where you and your student(s) feel welcome and enjoy being a vital part of the HHS community.
 We will be instructionally driven as we help your student be successful in high school as well as prepare your student(s) for the numeros postsecondary options awaiting them.
 - We are looking forward to connecting, relating and engaging our families in order to empower our families and our students to be successful with achieving their goals.
- ➤ 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. They will provide breakfast for us, along with our Hi-Steppers, Wednesday, August 2nd. Our 23-24 HHS PTSA Board Members are listed below:
 - o Lindsay Beverline, President
 - Bethany Hoffman, VP Membership
 - o Theresa Gunn, Secretary
 - $\circ \quad \text{Jennifer Henderson, Treasurer} \\$

- Rose Lichorobiec, Parliamentarian
- o Iselda Robles, Events Chair
- Bethany Hoffman, Membership Chair

Our PTSA is also sponsoring our **Teacher Back to School Breakfast** on August 2nd. If you are interested in donating, please go to this <u>Teacher Back to School SignUpGenius Link</u>. Additional info on how to donate can be found via that link as well. *THANK YOU!*

- ➤ Campus Expectations: We want to be sure our students and our parents are aware of all campus expectations. With that stated, here are the links to the
 - Hutto ISD Student Code of Conduct (SCOC) and to the
 - o HISD Student and Parent Handbook (SPH).

The handbooks have not been added to the district nor to our HHS website (the <u>link</u> once updated), but should be by the close of this week. The Spanish versions are in the works as well. All campus expectations will be explicitly taught to our students during the first two weeks of school and reiterated throughout the school year.

- 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.
- **Dresscode:** SPH pp. 56-57
 - We presumed students would begin their back to school shopping at this time, so we wanted to be sure parents/guardians were informed of what is and is unacceptable school attire. This is a biggie for our students and dresscode will be enforced starting the first day of school.
- Additional campus expectations will be discussed, but the aforementioned expectations are normally what is most concerning to our students.
- Additionally, the powerpoints which include visuals (where applicable) will be linked on the HHS school website under the Parents and Students within the first month of school.
- ➤ **General Back to School Information:** If you have questions about Meet the Teacher Night, Chromebook Distribution, Bus Transportation, etc., you can find all this information linked here.

> <u>Upcoming Events:</u>

- Sophomore Camp: We will have Hutto High School's first ever Sophomore Camp this Saturday, August 5th from 9am 12pm. This camp is just for sophomores with the exception of upperclassman who have volunteered to assist. There will also be a Sophomore Parent Camp running simultaneously. Students and parents will learn about various aspects of 10th 12th high school life, how to be a part and how to be successful. Our students will take a tour of the campus as well. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Molly Reardon (molly.reardon@huttoisd.net). Thanks to those who have already volunteered and looking forward to seeing you there!
- **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 even will be held on Monday, August 21st from 5:30pm 7pm.

> 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
Her - Mon	Ms. Mika Harrell mika.harrell@huttoisd.net	Mr. Jarred Houston jarred.houston@huttoisd.net
Moo - Sanc	Christina Loy christina.loy@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

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

I am humbly honored to serve!

Respectfully,

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