



# RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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April 13, 2025

## **Message from the Principal**

Dear Raider Families,

As we begin STAAR testing this week, we understand that it can be a time of stress and anticipation for students and families alike. However, we want to

reassure you that these assessments are a chance for our students to shine and showcase everything they've learned throughout the year.

We are confident that your children are well-prepared and fully capable of performing exceptionally on each of their assessments. We are proud to have some of the brightest students and most dedicated, highly qualified teachers who have worked tirelessly all year to uphold a standard of excellence.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's encourage our students to do their best- they've got this!

Looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year, I wanted to give you the opportunity to share some insight about your student and any information that will help us set them up for success. I have included links below that correspond to the grade level your child will be in when school starts in August. The deadline to complete the voluntary forms is **Friday, April 25, 2025**.

[Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students- Parent Input Form, 2025-2026](#)

[Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students- Parent Input Form, 2025-2026](#)

[Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students- Parent Input Form, 2025-2026](#)

\*I will share a form for incoming 5th grade parents next week via each elementary school newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

*Amanda Reyes*

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Principal  
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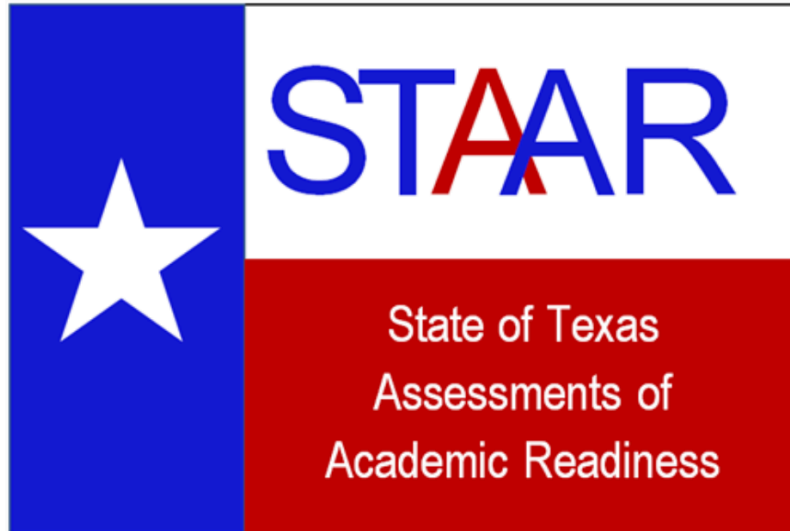
**Parent Input Form:** Please use this form to submit constructive questions, concerns, or suggestions that may benefit our two schools.

- **April 15:** Reading STAAR for grades 5, 6, 7, 8 - Cafeteria Closed
- **April 16 - NEW DATE:** General Membership PTO Meeting
- **April 18:** Student Holiday
- **April 21:** Bad Weather Makeup Day (No School)
- **April 23:** Social Studies STAAR for grade 8
- **April 24:** Science STAAR for grades 5 and 8
- **April 30:** Math STAAR for grades, 5, 6, 7, 8, Algebra 1 - Cafeteria Closed



- Review the Traffic Guidelines [HERE](#).
- Review the Student Handbook & Dress code (page 9) [HERE](#).
- Sign up for a volunteer shift [HERE](#).
- Add money to your student's lunch account [HERE](#).

## STAAR Testing Dates



### **5th Grade**

Tuesday, April 15: Reading  
 Thursday, April 24: Science  
 Wednesday, April 30: Math

### **6th Grade**

Tuesday, April 15: Reading  
 Wednesday, April 30: Math

### **7th Grade**

Tuesday, April 15: Reading  
 Wednesday, April 30: Math

### **8th Grade**

Tuesday, April 15: Reading  
 Wednesday, April 23: Social Studies  
 Thursday, April 24: Science  
 Wednesday, April 30: Math

## Transition Meetings



### HP Class of 2032

#### **5th to 6th Grade Transition & Elective Course Selection**

- **Monday, April 14th** - Choice Sheets are due to Advisory teachers
- **Friday, May 2nd** - Students complete elective choice in Skyward during advisory, Skyward Parent Verification due

Please contact [Samantha Mooty](#) with any questions.



### NEW DATE!

## Please Join Us for Our April PTO Meeting

**Wednesday, April 16**

**12 - 1pm (lunch service begins at 11:45am)**

**7/8 Assembly Room**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Lindsay Hazard**

**Teen Athlete Dietitian and Nutritionist**

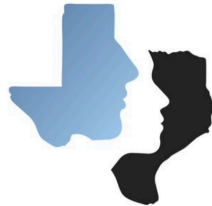
Join us for an engaging talk on nutrition for middle schoolers. Learn how to fuel your child's growth, academic success, and athletic performance with simple, practical nutrition strategies. We'll cover

essential nutrients for pre-teens/teens, how to use nutrition for focus and energy, and bust common myths about carbs, protein, and popular diet trends. Whether your child is an athlete or just growing fast, this session will provide valuable takeaways to support their health and performance.



**Thank You to Our PTO Meeting Sponsor**

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**Raider Cafeteria**



## **RAIDER CAFETERIA**

**NEEDS YOU!**

**Log into VSP and pick up a  
shift this year or sign up for  
next year!**

Please email [Katherine Issel](#) & [Tracy Port Melech](#)  
Raider Café Volunteer Chairs with questions.

### **Raider Career Review**

Our Broadcasting students, Donna and Mia, had the incredible opportunity to interview alumni Andrew Harper, the head of Creative at PMG, an advertising company that believes in “Digital Made for Humans.” Mr. Harper has helped lead creative projects for big brands like Dr Pepper, Home Depot, SquishMallow, and TikTok. He’s been a writer and an art director and now leads a whole team that works on terrific, innovative advertising and digital content. He’s here to tell us about his journey and what it’s like working in a super creative career.



## Sports

### RAIDER TENNIS

The Raider Tennis Team competed in our district tournament and had incredible results! The Raiders won 14 of the possible 16 draws! They swept doubles competitions and won all but 2 of the singles draws. Please congratulate the following 2024-2025 District Champs!

**Boys Doubles:**

William Bjorck  
Barrett Benson  
Preston Dulberger

**Girls Singles:**

Grace Bland  
Taylor Stephens  
Alex Marvin

**Mixed Doubles:**

Sloane Stephens and Sebastian Santiago  
Cooper Clifton and Linsey Cai

**Girls Doubles:**

Anna Doak and Lauren King  
Eliana Weinberg and Briley Brown  
Bea Haddock and Riley Chang

**Boys Doubles:**

Carson Liu and Dhruv  
Karamchandani  
Nicholas Stokley and Jayden Lin  
Grayson Davis and Michael Wu



Thank you to our 2024-2025 Raider Challenge Tennis Court sponsor!

**KG** KELLEY  
CHRISTIAN  
GROUP  

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COMPASS

**RAIDER TRACK & FIELD**

**Girls**



Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade girls track and field teams on a fantastic season. At the Area Meet, both teams competed very well against some super strong competition and came away with 3rd place finishes in each team competition. There were several amazing performances, and most importantly, tons of progress during this season.

A special congratulations to 8th grader Adelaide Wortman who broke the school records in both the 400m and 1600m races during the Area Meet. Adelaide ran a 56.15 in the 400m (previous record, 58.43, held by Ella Patterson - 2017) and ran a 5:04.75 in the 1600m (previous record, 5:11.00, held by Natalie Rathjen - 2010).

### **7th Grade**

Reynolds - 183

Melissa - 117

### **HPMS - 98.5 points**

Rogers - 74

Hays - 56

Rushing - 43

Lovejoy - 28

Jones - 20.5

### **8th Grade**

Reynolds - 150

Lovejoy - 115

### **HPMS - 80 points**

Hays - 73

Rogers - 70

Rushing - 61

Melissa - 53

Jones - 18

Click [HERE](#) for 7th and 8th grade results.

## **Raider Cheers**

We appreciate **BSSU Chair, Karen Glassman** and **BSSU Chair-Elect Katie Jones**, for your efforts to get BSSU ready for our next school year. We know you all will do an excellent job this coming year.

A special thank you goes to **Jill Morrison**, the unofficial Lost and Found Chair, for your tireless efforts to reunite our Raiders with their lost items. You have worked so hard this year to organize the area and have gone the extra mile to alert parents of the many lost and found items that need to be claimed by the end of the year. Thank you.

### **GO RAIDERS!**

Kitsy Smith  
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker  
HPMS PTO President

## **News to Share**

## Academy for Lifelong Learning



Registration is open! Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## HP Aquatics Camp

# Highland Park High School Aquatic Sports Summer Camp



**CAMP COST:**  
**\$225 PER SESSION**

**REGISTER AT ...**  
Session 1: [bit.ly/25hpaquatics1](https://bit.ly/25hpaquatics1)  
Session 2: [bit.ly/25hpaquatics2](https://bit.ly/25hpaquatics2)

**LOCATION: HPHS NATATORIUM @ 6900 DOUGLASS AVE.**

## 7TH - 9TH GRADERS

SESSION 1: JUNE 9-12 12:00PM - 3:00 PM

SESSION 2: JULY 7-10 12:00PM - 3:00 PM

- INCLUDES SWIMMING, WATER POLO, AND 1 METER DIVING INSTRUCTION
- PREREQUISITES - ABILITY TO SWIM 50 YARDS WITHOUT STOPPING + TREAD WATER FOR 60 SECONDS
- INSTRUCTION WILL BE DIFFERENTIATED TO MATCH ABILITY LEVELS OF ALL ATHLETES
- INCOMING 9TH GRADERS MAY ONLY ATTEND ONE SESSION OF CAMP

## 3RD - 6TH GRADERS

SESSION 1: JUNE 9-12 12:00PM - 3:00 PM

SESSION 2: JULY 7-10 12:00PM - 3:00 PM

- INCLUDES SWIMMING & WATER POLO INSTRUCTION
- PREREQUISITES - ABILITY TO SWIM 25 YARDS WITHOUT STOPPING + TREAD WATER FOR 30 SECONDS
- INSTRUCTION WILL BE DIFFERENTIATED TO MATCH ABILITY LEVELS OF ALL ATHLETES

**\*\*\*THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CAMP START DATE\*\*\***

Get ready to make a splash this summer at the Highland Park Aquatics Camp! We're thrilled to announce our exciting sessions designed to enhance swimming, water polo, and springboard diving skills while creating lasting memories in the pool.

**Howie Award Nominations**



IT'S TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR  
**HOWIE AWARD**  
NOMINATIONS!

The **Howie Award** is an annual financial award given to a current HPISD teacher, administrator, or staff member who exemplifies the spirit of community service. Recipients go ABOVE & BEYOND their district duties to serve the schools and greater community.

ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY CAN NOMINATE  
an HPISD staff member.

Learn more and submit a nomination form at  
**HPEF.ORG/HOWIE-AWARD**



Nominations due  
**MAY 31, 2025**

Questions: 214-780-4060 or info@hpef.org



Click [HERE](#) for the form.

## Raiders Reaching Out

Raiders Reaching Out is ready to serve our Raider students, families, and staff in need of support and to honor those who go above and beyond to serve our school and children. Please let us know if you know someone in our Raider community who needs some sunshine sent their way! Email confidentially [raidersreachingout@mishpmspto.org](mailto:raidersreachingout@mishpmspto.org).



Thank you so much!  
RRO Chairs, 2024-25



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## Quick Links

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[Principal on Twitter](#)  
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[MIS/HPMS Attendance Offices](#)  
[MIS Activity Calendar](#)  
[HPMS Activity Calendar](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)  
[MIS/HPMS PTO Website](#)  
[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)  
[Raider Shop](#)  
[Skyward/HPISD Parent Portal](#)

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Didn't see a school-related shout-out this week?  
We want to hear about it! Please send details  
and any available pictures!

[Email Raider Weekly](#)



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