



# RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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## **Message from the Principal**

Dear Families,

We are happy to say that the majority of our STAAR testing is complete with only the Math STAAR test remaining. We are so proud of our students and

their stamina as they take their time to show what they have learned! All grade levels will be taking the STAAR Math test on Wednesday, and every student will need to bring a sack lunch. We encourage parents to avoid picking up students early in order to allow them to have plenty of time to complete their test. All students will be required to turn in their phones and smart watches in their testing class to maintain a secure and respectful testing environment.

We would like to send out a reminder about drop-off and pick-up in the front of the school each day being reserved for our families and students with specific and special needs. The families who are authorized to use this area have placards hanging from their rearview mirrors. If you have not been authorized to use the front drop-off/pick-up area, please refrain from using it. We have had several instances where our parents with authorized placards have been unable to pick up their children, who require assistance, safely.

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, May 23, 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 shared a form for incoming 5th grade parents via each elementary school newsletter.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

*Amanda Reyes*

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Principal  
214-780-3600  
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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 30:** Math STAAR for grades, 5, 6, 7, 8, Algebra 1 - Cafeteria Closed
- **May 2:** Dad's Club Staff BBQ
- **May 5-9:** Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
- **May 16:** 8th Grade Spirit Day
- **May 22:** Early release (7-12)
- **May 23:** Early release (K-12), Last Day of School



- 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](#).

## Spring Exam Schedule



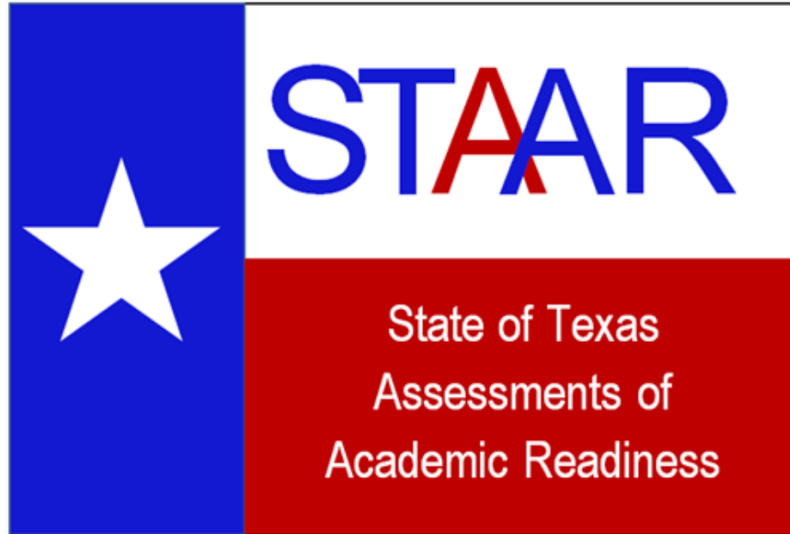
### HPMS Spring 2025 Exam Schedule



Tuesday - May 20		Wednesday - May 21		Thursday - May 22		Friday - May 23	
8:00-8:20 (20 min)	2nd Period Study Hall	8:00-8:20 (20 min)	3rd Period Study Hall	8:00-8:30 (30 min)	6th period Study Hall	8:00-8:30 (30 min)	7th period Study Hall
8:20-9:45 (85 min)	2nd Period Exam	8:20-9:45 (85 min)	3rd Period Exam	8:30-10:00 (90 min)	6th period Exam	8:30-10:00 (90 min)	7th period Exam
9:50-10:43 (53 min)	3rd Period	9:50-10:10 (20 min)	4th Period Study Hall	10:05-10:30 (25 min)	1st period Study Hall	10:05-10:30 (25 min)	8th period Study Hall
10:48-11:41 (53 min)	4th Period	10:15-11:40 (85 min)	4th Period Exam	10:30-12:00 (90 min)	1st period Exam	10:30-12:00 (90 min)	8th period Exam
11:44 - 12:14	8 lunch / 7 Raider Hour	11:44 - 12:14	8 lunch / 7 Raider Hour	<b>Early Release for Students</b>		<b>Early Release for Students</b>	
12:14-12:44	7 lunch / 8 Raider Hour	12:14-12:44	7 lunch / 8 Raider Hour				
12:50-1:25 (35 min)	1st Period	12:50-1:25 (35 min)	1st Period				
1:30-2:05 (35 min)	6th Period	1:30-2:05 (35 min)	6th Period				
2:10-2:45 (35 min)	7th Period	2:10-2:45 (35 min)	7th Period				
2:50-3:25 (35 min)	8th Period	2:50-3:25 (35 min)	8th Period				

\*Exams must be taken during the normal exam time. In extenuating circumstances, please contact your grade-level counselor to schedule a different time for an exam to be taken.\*

## STAAR Testing Date



**Wednesday, April 30: Math testing for 5th-8th grades  
CAFETERIA CLOSED**

## 5th Grade Verification Window this week!

### **HP Class of 2032**

Attention 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents! It is time to verify your child's elective choice in Skyward. The window for verification opens Monday, April 28 at 9 am to Friday, May 2 at 4pm. Directions for verification: Parents, please log into Skyward, a note/message will pop up asking you to verify and sign for your child's electives.

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

## 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.

**8th Grade Spirit Day**

# HIGHLAND

# SCOTTS

# PARIK

**8TH GRADE  
SPIRIT DAY  
MAY 16TH**

(during school hours)

GAMES, PEP RALLY & YEARBOOK SIGNING  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

\*WEAR 2029 SPIRIT DAY SHIRT & SUNSCREEN\*  
(shirts handed out during Raider Hour on Thursday, May 15th)

# 2029

If you have questions, please email [8thgradespiritday@mishpmspto.org](mailto:8thgradespiritday@mishpmspto.org)

## Sports

### Raider Tennis Try-outs

Team Tennis Tryouts will be hosted May 3 and 4 starting at 9am both days at HPMS courts. Day one is open to all students that have selected tennis as an elective. There are no UTR requirements. Students will participate in drills hitting forehands, backhands, volleys, and serves. Day two will be invitation only and students will play points and live ball games to further display skill. Monday students and parents will be informed who has made the team. If for some reason a student is unable attend try-outs you may message me through the sportsYou to schedule a time for evaluation. Please sign up for the sportsYou page using the code ZMXN-X5H8 for more information or to contact [Coach Hallum](#).

## Raider Cheers

A massive thank you to our entire **Gift Committee** for coming together to approve an extra 1% pay increase for teachers and staff. Your hard work and dedication makes this raise possible. We appreciate each and every one of you for helping make this happen.

We had our last **MIS/HPMS PTO Board of Directors** meeting with the outgoing and incoming boards. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to serve with you. We appreciate you sharing your time and talents for the benefit of our schools.

Thank you to **Sara Taub** for delivering treats and appreciation to our Campus Administrative Assistants! Our MIS/HPMS Administrative Assistants keep our schools informed, organized and ready for each day.

### GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith  
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker  
HPMS PTO President

## News to Share

### Highland Park Girls Cross Country

This upcoming Monday, April 28 at 5:30pm, there is a meeting for all girls and their parents who are interested in learning more about 9th grade Girls Cross Country at HPHS. This is an informational meeting to discuss the upcoming Fall cross country season. Previous experience in cross country at HPMS is NOT required. We encourage all girls and their parents to attend, hear about the team and ask questions. The meeting is taking place at the Clements Building at HPHS, next door to the indoor football facility.

### Join the HPHS Bass Team

Do you love to fish and want to explore becoming a part of the Highland Park High School Bass Team someday? Please join us on May 1 in the Highland Park High School Auditorium at 6pm to learn more about this team. During this information session, you will learn about the ways you can participate in the Highland Park Bass Fishing team. Anyone with an interest in fishing can join!

In addition, you will hear from Highland Park's top senior tournament fishing team on how they became the winningest high school bass fishing team in

Texas high school history - winning four straight Angler of the Year titles!

All high school and middle school students are welcome (even if you will not yet be in High School for the 2025-2026 season). In addition, for those students who will be in high school and are eligible to join the team next year, there will be an information session for parents on the evening of May 12. More information on the team and the parent information session will be available at the meeting.



### Highland Park High School Youth and Government Club

The Highland Park High School Youth and Government Club will be holding a recruitment meeting for students interested in Junior Youth and Government (rising 6th-8th graders) and for students interested in participating in the high school club (rising 9th graders). Students interested in current events, debate, theater, law, and/or politics would be ideal Youth and Government Club participants. The meeting will be held in the 7/8 Assembly room at HPMS on April 30 at 3:15pm. Contact [Temple Truax](#) at HPMS with questions.

### 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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[HPMS Activity Calendar](#)

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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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