



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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Message from the Principal

Dear Raider Families,

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, we are excited to spend the next 7 weeks working with your children! This is an important time to finish

strong, and we are committed to helping them succeed.

We will continue to partner with you to encourage students to complete their homework, which reinforces key concepts, attend tutorials if needed, and stay on track with their assignments. Together, we can ensure they end the year with confidence and achievement.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to a productive and rewarding final quarter!

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 6th Grade Students- Parent Input Form, 2025-2026](#)

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

[Incoming 8th 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

Amanda Reyes
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 10 - 13:** *Grease: School Version*
- **April 15:** Reading STAAR for grades 5, 6, 7, 8
- **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

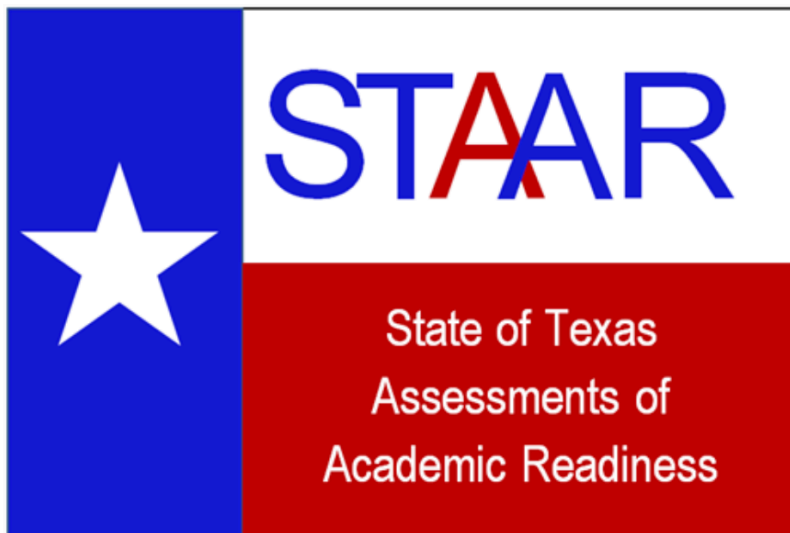


- Review the Traffic Guidelines [HERE](#).
- Review the Student Handbook & Dress code (page 9) [HERE](#).
- Sign up for a volunteer shift [HERE](#).
- Add money to your student's lunch account [HERE](#).

Happy April Birthdays



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 2022

5th to 6th Grade Transition & Elective Course Selection

- **Monday, April 7th** - Student Course Selection Meetings in 5/6 Assembly Room
- **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

**Tuesday, April 16 -
12 - 1pm (lunch service begins at 11:45am)
7/8 Assembly Room**

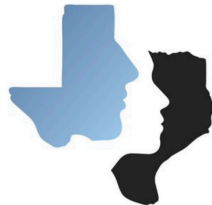
**Guest Speaker:
Lindsay Hazard
Teen Athlete Dietitian and Nutritionist**

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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ORAL FACIAL SURGERY

Soccer Try-outs for 8th Grade



Soccer try-outs begin tomorrow for ALL not just students in Athletics!
Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Raider Cafeteria

2025-2026 VSP is LIVE!

We currently have 67 open positions so sign up quickly to get the shift you prefer!

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

Raider Shop Volunteers Needed

Volunteers still needed for reoccurring shifts and substitutes welcome! Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

**Volunteer in the
Raider Shop!**




Questions? Raider Shop Volunteer Chairs [Laura Price](#) or [Brooke Garner](#).

Fine Arts

Grease: School Version - THIS WEEK

Highland Park Middle School and
McCulloch Intermediate School Present



SCHOOL VERSION

Thursday, April 10th at 6 pm
Friday, April 11th at 4 pm
Saturday, April 12th at 5 pm
Sunday, April 13th at 2 pm

MIS/HPMS Auditorium - Admission \$8

GREASE is the word! Rock 'n' Roll over to MIS/HPMS to see Danny, Sandy, T-Birds and Pink Ladies of Rydell High! You will be grooving in your seats as your classmates perform iconic songs from this fun-loving, hit musical! The show is family friendly and suitable for all ages.

Performances are THIS Thursday, April 10 at 6pm, Friday, April 11 at 4pm, Saturday, April 12 at 5pm (understudies) and Sunday, April 13 at 2pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

Online pre-sale tickets are available for \$8, please click [HERE](#). General admission tickets will be sold at the door and in the cafeteria this week!

Destination Imagination Team takes 3rd at State

The MIS/HPMS Destination Imagination team Dragon Dreamers represented their school at the State tournament. They competed against 16 teams in the DI Extreme Challenge in the middle school category, and they won 3rd place! Congratulations on this great achievement to 6th graders: **Emily Kerr, Alina Manhas, Violet Rockow, and Olivia Stanwood.**



Sports

RAIDER TENNIS

Your Raider Tennis Team won their final match of the season 13-3! They closed out the regular season against Prosper Rushing without dropping a single match in doubles. The Raiders will be competing to win the District Tournament Monday April 7th and Tuesday April 8th in McKinney.

Singles:

Sebastian Santiago and Anna Doak stood out with 6-0 and 6-1 wins respectively.

Mixed Doubles:

The team of Taylor Stephens and Jaden Lin added another 6-0 to the score sheet. Sloane Stephens and Grayson Davis also dominated with a 6-1 win.

Girls Doubles:

Elliot Christian and Bea Haddock battled through an injury to put up a 6-4 win. Alex Marvin and Lauren King dominated with a 6-1 win. Briley Brown and Eliana Weinberg closed out a perfect season together with a 6-0 win.

Boys Doubles:

The teams of Emiliano De La Torre and William Bjorck, Nicholas Stokley and Barrett Benson, Hank Simons and Cooper Clifton won their matches against a team known for their doubles acumen. Benson and Stokley really showed out with a 6-0 win.



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



RAIDER TRACK & FIELD

Boys

Please congratulate the 7th and 8th grade boys track teams on their awesome wins at the Prosper Hays meet. Both teams had awesome individual performances even after poor weather delayed our start.

7th Grade
HPMS - 127 points
Melissa - 54
Ford - 31
Hays - 15

8th Grade
HPMS - 97.5 points
Melissa - 67.5
Hays - 49
Ford - 14

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

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

Raider Cheers

Thank you, ladies! We are so excited for MIS PTO President-Elect, **Margaret Kelley**, and HPMS PTO President-Elect, **Alexa Snelleman**, to lead the MIS/HPMS PTO next year. They have been busy planning, scheduling and attending every single chair and committee turnover meeting this spring!

Thank you District Appreciation Chair, **Sarah Taub**, for surprising our library staff with sweet treats this week to show how much we appreciate all they do.

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

Meet the Lady Scots Golf Team

COME MEET THE
**LADY SCOTS
GOLF TEAM**

MONDAY, APRIL 7TH
4:30-6:30
FOXTROT | SNIDER PLAZA



* TAKE PICTURES
WITH THE EASTER
BUNNY, GRAB AN
ARNOLD PALMER,
PLAY GOLF GAMES,
GET LADY SCOTS
MERCH AND
HAVE SOME FUN!!

Academy for Lifelong Learning



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

PCLDA Pool and Garden Party - April 10

The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a light gray background and blue and white striped borders at the top and bottom. At the top center is the logo for the Park Cities Learning Difference Association, which includes a circular emblem with green foliage and red berries, and the text 'PARK CITIES LEARNING DIFFERENCE ASSOCIATION' around it. Below this is the text 'Sowing THE Seeds' in a red, cursive font, with 'THE' in a blue circle. Underneath is 'Pool & Garden Party' in a blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom left is a logo that says 'get YOUR TICKETS' in a blue, cursive font, with 'YOUR' in a blue circle. To the right of this is a square QR code.

Click [HERE](#) to get your tickets.

HP Aquatics Camp

Highland Park High School Aquatic Sports Summer Camp



CAMP COST:
\$225 PER SESSION

REGISTER AT ...
Session 1: bit.ly/25hpaquatics1
Session 2: 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.



Thank you so much!
RRO Chairs, 2024-25



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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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