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McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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May 4, 2025

Message from the Principal

Dear Raider Families,

As we wrap up a busy and productive few weeks of STAAR testing, we want to take a moment to express how proud we are of our students. Their focus,

determination, and resilience have truly stood out, and we couldn't be more impressed with their efforts.

We're now looking forward to spending the next three weeks with your amazing kids as we close out the school year together. These final weeks are full of opportunities for learning, celebration, and connection, and we're excited to make the most of every moment with them.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Amanda Reyes

Amanda Reyes
Principal
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[@prinrey2019](#)



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

- **May 1-6**: 6th Grade House of Buchanan Socks for Salvation project
- **May 5-9**: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
- **May 15**: MIS/HPMS Spring Band Concert
- **May 16**: 8th Grade Spirit Day
- **May 20-23**: HPMS spring exams
- **May 21**: Last day to pick up student medications from Raider Clinic
- **May 22**: Early release (7-12)
- **May 23**: 5th-6th grade pizza parties, 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	<i>Early Release for Students</i>		<i>Early Release for Students</i>	
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.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation

WELCOME
To our
CAMPSITE
where
TEACHERS
↔ & ↔
 STAFF ARE
CELEBRATED

*Teacher & Staff
Appreciation Week*

**MONDAY, MAY 5TH -
FRIDAY, MAY 9TH**

ALL TREATS ARE
GENEROUSLY
PROVIDED BY THE
MIS/HPMS PTO

SCHEDULE

Monday, May 5th
HOT POTATO FOOD TRUCK
10:30 AM - 12:45 PM
OUTSIDE CAFETERIA

Tuesday, May 6th
TACO DELI BREAKFAST TACOS
7:00 - 8:45 AM
ROOM C114

GOURMET CHURRO BAR!
1:00 - 3:30 PM
ROOM C114

Wednesday, May 7th
CHELSEA'S CORNER LUNCH
10:30 - 12:45 PM
ROOM C114

Thursday, May 8th
MONSTER YOGURT TRUCK
10:30 - 1:00 PM
OUTSIDE CAFETERIA

Friday, May 9th
STAFF APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON
7/8 ASSEMBLY ROOM
10:30 - 1:00 PM

Thank you to our 2024 - 2025 Teacher and Staff Appreciation sponsor.



Raider Cafeteria

MIS and HPMS students will not be allowed to carry a negative lunch account balance after Friday, May 16.

Please check your students' lunch accounts to ensure their balance is current and they have appropriate funds to finish the year. **Students with a negative**

balance after May 16 will not be allowed to purchase items during lunchtime and will be directed to Brenda Vardell, Cafeteria Manager, for assistance.

Payments can be made [HERE](#) or by cash in the cafeteria from 7:30-9:00am every day. Students are NOT allowed to pay cash for their purchases at breakfast and lunch.

- All 5th - 7th grade student balances will carry over to the 2025-2026 school year.
- All 8th grade students who have siblings in 5th - 7th grades may request that their funds be transferred to the sibling. Please email [Brenda Vardell](#) to request a funds transfer. The funds will be transferred by the end of the year.
- Remaining balances of 8th grade students who do not have siblings at MIS/HPMS will be transferred to Highland Park High School.
- **All 8th grade students with a negative balance must clear their balance before transferring to the High School.**

Thank you,
Raider Café

8th Grade Spirit Day

HIGHLAND SCOTS PARK 2029

**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)

If you have questions, please email 8thgradespiritday@mishpmspto.org

6th Grade Sock Drive

The 6th Grade House of Buchanan is hosting a service project called Socks for Salvation from **May 1 - 16**. All 6th graders will find a donation box in their houses where brand new socks can be dropped off. There will also be a donation box in the front office. Thank you for supporting this important mission!

Raider Clinic: Medication Pick Up Reminder

Don't forget to pick up your student's medication by the end of the day on **Wednesday, May 21**. The Raider Clinic will not be keeping medication over the summer. Any medication not picked up by the last day of school will be discarded. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

[Stacy Eckeberger](#), LVN – MIS Nurse, (214) 780-3520



5th and 6th Grade End-of-Year Lunch



5th and 6th Grade

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Domino's Cheese Pizza and a cupcake will be provided by the PTO
and served during lunchtime.

(Raider Café closed on Friday, May 23)

Volunteers who signed up on advisory teacher's signup to bring an item for End-of-Year Lunch are permitted and encouraged to come help during lunchtime. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate parents in the cafeteria who are not volunteers.

Questions? Please reach out to your Advisory Room Parent(s) or click on your House link below to view End-of-Year Lunch volunteer opportunities for your advisory class.

5th GRADE:

[House of Agnew](#)
[House of Davidson](#)
[House of Douglas](#)
[House of Lockhart](#)
[House of Malcolm](#)

6th GRADE:
[House of Baxter](#)
[House of Brodie](#)
[House of Buchanan](#)
[House of Dunbar](#)

5th Grade Lunch at 10:35 am
Volunteers arrive promptly in Cafeteria at 10:10 am

6th Grade Lunch at 11:10 am
Volunteers arrive promptly in Cafeteria at 10:55 am

If volunteer is unable to attend, items may be dropped off at MIS Front Office by 9:30am on Friday, May 23. Please clearly label item(s) with grade level and advisory teacher. Please make sure student drops off to the front office in the morning. If your student has dietary restrictions please click [HERE](#) by Wednesday, May 14.

Fine Arts

Raider Band to perform Special Spring Concert

Please join us for a very special musical event on **Thursday, May 15!** The HPMS Raider Band will be performing their Spring Concert, featuring a performance of music composed by Sing Me A Story.

Sing Me a Story is a nonprofit group that writes music in honor of children in need and partners with local bands to perform the music in that child's honor. Our middle school students will be playing original music in honor of William Woleben, a young man with a neurodegenerative condition called Leigh syndrome, and his family will be present at the concert.

It is sure to be a special night, and we hope to see you there. It will be **Thursday, May 15, at 6:30pm in the HPMS Competition Gym**, with a cookie reception following.

Sports

HPMS Sports For Incoming 7th and 8th Graders

Sign up to receive athletic information for next year! Even if your son or daughter is signed up for Athletics at HPMS, you **MUST** also join the

SportsYou group listed below to receive important information over the summer and next year! You can join through SportsYou.com or by downloading the app and then entering the access code listed below.

- Incoming 7th Grade Boys (Class of 2031) - PW7M-EP9R
- Incoming 8th Grade Boys (Class of 2030) - D2A3-WEPU
- Incoming 7th Grade Girls (Class of 2031) - S42D-MW7Y
- Incoming 8th Grade Girls (Class of 2030) - 9QY4-RESQ

Questions? Please reach out to:

[7th Grade Girls](#)
[8th Grade Girls](#)

[7th Grade Boys](#)
[8th Grade Boys](#)

Raider Cheers

Thank you so much! Thank you for the leadership of **Margaret Kelley, MIS President-Elect**, for welcoming parents to all the PTO has to offer at the two in-person transition meetings for parents of incoming 5th graders. Thanks to **Jill Morrison, Brooke Garner, Alexa Snelleman** and **Allison Small** for speaking at the meetings and rallying volunteers for the cafeteria, 5th grade volunteer opportunities and speaking about Raider Challenge. Next year will be a fun year for everyone!

Thank you to our Cafeteria Finance Team, **Julie Melihercik, Brenda Vardell, Kelley Curtin, Nicole Vanderstorm, Margaret Kelley, Alexa Snelleman, Katherine Issel, Tracy Port Melech, Rochelle Mayfield** and Amanda Reyes. Thank you for your reports from the District, managing the financials, and providing the most delicious food for our students and staff. MIS/ HPMS is so proud of our amazing cafeteria!

Thanks to our Apparel Chairs-Elect, **Julie Mearns** and **Jennifer Vaughn** for designing and distributing transition t-shirts at the transition meetings. Special shout out to and **2025-2026 Apparel Chair-Elect, Nina Touns**, who helped out that day as well! Our incoming Raiders are so excited to wear their t-shirts as they gear up for 5th grade!

We are so grateful to the **Finance Committee** for the reports that are thoughtfully provided by each member: **Kelley Curtin, Nicole Vanderstorm, Allison Lockard, GeeGee Hammel, Divia Dayalji, Marisa Stockwood, Mary Margaret Neff, Julie Melihercik** and **Rochelle Mayfield**. Thank you ladies, for all the work you have done this school year!

Thank you to our Room Parent Chairs, **Brynn Tremper, Katie Webb, Whitney Zapffe** and **Meredith Sarracino**, for coordinating and communicating with our Room Parents all year! We couldn't ask for a better Room Parent Team!

Many thanks to our **Sports Finance Officer, Divia Dayalji** for all your hard work this year. We truly appreciate your expertise in keeping our sports budgets and jot forms in order!

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

Freshman Fish Camp



HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE STUDENTS 2025-2026

AVOID SWIMMING UPSTREAM

FRESHMAN FISH CAMP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

All 9th graders will attend a 45 minute freshman orientation at an assigned time between 8 am -12 pm on Tuesday, August 12th, the day before school starts for the 2025-2026 school year!

*****Specific time assignments will be sent out the first week of August and it is very important that your student attends at their assigned time.*****

We are excited that our freshmen will get to hear from HPHS Principal, Dr. Hunt. The 10th-12th grade Fish Camp Counselors will guide the students through the orientation process, answer questions, and serve as a mentor for freshmen throughout the school year!

FISH Camp activities will include:

- 9th Grade schedule pick up
- ID and Yearbook Photograph - HP tradition is that boys wear a suit or sport coat and a tie (typically with shorts and tennis shoes). Girls will want to look their best (no spaghetti straps, halter tops or strapless tops)
- Tour of Highland Park High School which includes many important locations and the student's classrooms according to their 9th grade schedule

Students will need to have paid their fee for a student ID during Back to School Sign Up (Online Registration) or bring the \$20.00 fee to FISH CAMP.

If a student is unable to attend Fish Camp, their schedule can be picked up in the cafeteria at 7:45 am on the first day of school, August 13th, 2025.

If you have questions, please contact Wendy Harmon at harmonw@hpsd.org.

Sports Physicals



Sports Physical Fundraiser

Benefiting HP Sports Medicine

Complete your UIL sports physical for the 2025-2026 school year

Saturday, May 10th 2025

@ HPHS Indoor Facility

7th and 8th Grade 8:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

9th - 12th Grade: 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

\$25 Cash or Check made out to HP Sports Medicine



Complete UIL Physical - medical
history portion prior to arrival



Complete RankOne Forms after May 1st

[HP UIL Physical Form](#)

[Rank One Form](#)

Highland Park Lacrosse

Congratulations to the Highland Park Lacrosse 5th/6th Grade Girls Blue team and 5th/6th Boys Blue team for winning the championship!



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

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

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

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

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!

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