



RAIDER WEEKLY

McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School

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Message from the Principal

Dear Raider Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying this long weekend!

We have two days of STAAR texting this week, Wednesday for 8th grade Social Studies and Thursday for 5th and 8th Science. Our students are well-prepared, but please remember to encourage a good night's sleep the night before and a healthy breakfast on the morning of exams.

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, 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

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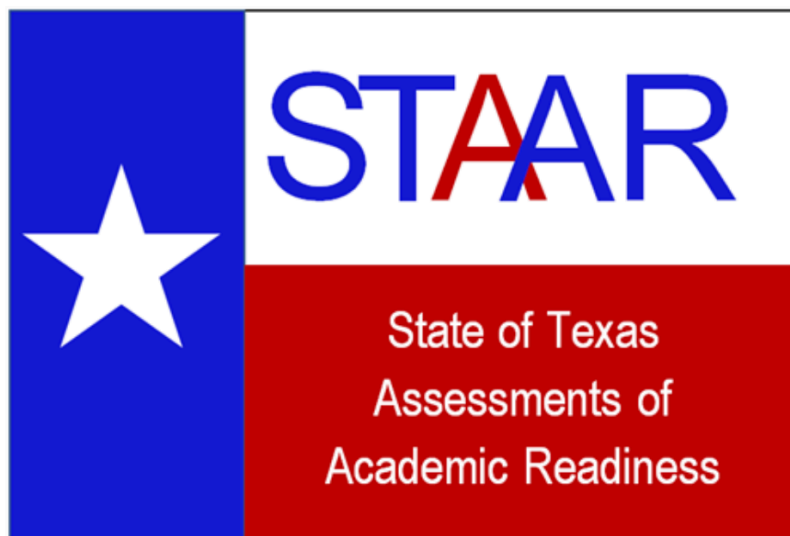
Parent Input Form: Please use this form to submit constructive questions, concerns, or suggestions that may benefit our two schools.

- **April 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

Thursday, April 24: Science
Wednesday, April 30: Math

6th Grade

Wednesday, April 30: Math

7th Grade

Wednesday, April 30: Math

8th Grade

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

- **Friday, May 2nd** - Students complete elective choice in Skyward during advisory, Skyward Parent Verification due

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.

The HPMS/MIS Math and Science Team

The HPMS/MIS Math and Science Team competed at the TMSCA State Championships Meet in San Antonio. Twenty of our mathletes from 6th-8th grade participated. Please congratulate all of our competitors! The Team ranked #6 in the Number Sense test, and #4 in the General Math test! The following students placed in the top 20 on the tests:

8th Grade

Madeline Xing No. 13 in Number
Sense, No. 4 in Math
Aiden Xia No. 18 in Math

7th Grade

Nalin Krishna No. 10 in Number
Sense

6th Grade

Stella Chen No. 8 in Number Sense,
No. 4 in Math and No. 7 in Science
Hanson Lou No. 6 in Number Sense
and No. 17 in Math
Lucy Hua No. 15 in Math
Iris Zhang No. 19 in Math



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Raider Drama *Grease Musical: School Version*

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Raider Drama & MIS/HPMS *Grease Musical: School Version* on a fantastic show run! Sandy (Arabella Frizell), Danny (Brooks Buis), the T-Birds and Pink Ladies of Rydell High kept audiences groovin' in their seats as they performed iconic songs from this fun-loving musical. Thank you to everyone who attended the shows. We sold a record-breaking number of tickets!

Bravo to the Drama Cloak Winners! CAST: Isabel Ghillione, Callum Sinclair, Andrew Blanchard, Luke Conlon and CREW: Rosalyn Colangelo and James Schedler.

A HUGE thank you to Directors Genevieve Croft and Shannon Howerton, Musical Directors Julia Durbin-Nyoka and Alex Reichert, Choreographer Caitlin Hullett, Show Chairs Carrie Fabris and Whitney Zapffe, our creative team and parent volunteers who worked tirelessly on this amazing show.

Special thanks to HP Arts and Raider Drama Booster Club for their generous donations that made this show possible. Grease is the WORD!



Sports

RAIDER TRACK & FIELD

Boys

Please congratulate the 7th and 8th grade boys track team on a great final meet and great season. They finished the season with 2 Area meet championships with many great individual performances. These boys have worked so hard all year, and were able to finish the season strong, setting TWO school records in our final meet. Our 8th grade boys were able to beat the 4x200m record that was set just last year, and the 4x400m record that had stood since 2012.

7th Grade

8th Grade

HPMS 155.5
Reynolds 103
Willow Springs 101
Melissa 101
Rogers MS 91
Rushing 47.5
Jones 15
Hays 6

HPMS 133
Reynolds 117.33
Willow Springs 88
Jones 75.67
Melissa 69
Rushing 50
Rogers 44
Hays 43

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

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



Raider Cheers

A big thank you to our **Cafeteria Day Captains**, **Cathy Amos, Regan Pace, Brook Armstrong, Danielle Mullen, Alexa Snelleman, Barbie Kohl, Jill Morrison** and **Lyndal Greth, Kelli Mueller** and **Whitney Donaldson**, for making sure our cafeteria is filled with our fabulous Raider parent volunteers next year. Along with **Cafeteria Volunteer Chairs**, **Katherine Issel** and **Tracy Port Melect** and **VSP Chair Kara Smith**, these ladies have been tirelessly committed to making sure our kids are fed, happy and ready for the day. Thank you, ladies! Grab a cafeteria shift for next year if you haven't already! These spots will fill up fast! It's a ton of fun and an easy way to support our schools.

The 4th to 5th Grade Transition t-shirts look great! Thanks to **Raider Shop Apparel Chair-Elects, Jennifer Vaughn** and **Julie Mearns** for designing and ordering the t-shirts. Our incoming Raiders will love them!

Thank you to our amazing **finance team, Kelley Curtin, Nicole Vanderstorm, Rebecca Bell, Megan Anderson, Maury Nierling, Allison Lockard, Marisa Stockwood, Julie Meliherchik, Emily Abubakar, GeeGee Hammel, Mary Margaret Neff, Divia Dayalji, Rochelle Mayfield, Kitsy Smith, Amy Barker, Alexa Snelleman, Margaret Kelley, Jacky Pincoffs** and **Brooke Garner**. The work you do to wrap up one year and prepare for the next is amazing! We are so fortunate to have all of you working to make everything run smoothly. Thank you for your dedicated service to our schools!

GO RAIDERS!

Kitsy Smith
MIS PTO President

Amy Barker
HPMS PTO President

News to Share

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.

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

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!

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