

The High School For The Performing And Visual Arts!

July 15, 2014

Dear HSPVA Students and Families:

I hope you are having an outstanding summer and staying cool! The faculty and staff at HSPVA are looking forward to having you with us for an excellent 2014-2015. This fall we move into our 43rd year of The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and I am looking forward to all that the year holds for our students, teachers, families, and the City of Houston! The architects are finalizing the designs for our downtown, state of the art facility and ground could be broken as soon as October!

This letter is to let you know important dates and information in order for us to be ready to begin our instructional and artistic programs immediately when school begins on August 25th.

During our Pre-Registration at HSPVA, students will:

- Clear any records as needed
- Pick up class schedules
- Receive locker assignments
- Check out textbooks
- Pay for parking permits (\$25)
- Purchase school supplies through the School Store
- Attend orientation (All **new** students)

Please note the times and dates for pre-registration below. **You will be pre-registered only during your assigned time.** Please note that *all* new students to HSPVA will attend our Artist Academy on Friday, August 15th (Flier enclosed). Parents may pre-register for students who are out of town during the designated time. Students not pre-registered will register and receive schedules on the first day of school. Students who owe money for textbooks or who need to submit proof of immunizations will not be able to check out books until all records are cleared and immunization records are updated.

Registration Schedule

Thursday, August 14	8:00-8:45 AM	Senior Breakfast Meeting (Recital Hall) Mr. Perez will discuss Prom and Senior Activities Doughnuts and Coffee/Juice will be served
	8:45-10:30 AM	12 th Graders (Commons Area)
	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	11 th Graders (Commons Area)
	1:30-3:30 PM	10 th Graders (Commons Area)
Friday, August 15	8:00 AM-3:30 PM	Artist Academy Orientation for ALL NEW (9 th -12 th) students (Commons Area)
Monday, August 25	7:45 AM	First Day of Class

*****Please note: Tardy Time is 7:50 AM and Dismissal is 3:35 PM*****

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Summer Reading

Don't forget to get your book for summer reading completed before school starts. We will meet in our book groups during the first week of school to discuss the different books that were chosen and read by students. If you have questions, e-mail Ms. Elmore at RELMORE@houstonisd.org.

Artist Academy

Our Artist Academy is on Friday, August 15th from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. **All new students** to HSPVA should gather in the Commons Area for a full day of information, introductions, and orientation. New parents are invited to attend a range of activities. You will be getting more information by e-mail from our magnet coordinator, Mrs. Mabry. We look forward to your arrival!

Visiting HSPVA

Please remember that when visiting school, all visitors will be asked to check in with the receptionist to get an ID badge. It is important that we know who is in the building at all times and this will help us do that. You will need a driver's license or identification to check in. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

HSPVA Schedule

Classes **begin at 7:50 AM** (tardy time) and dismissal time is 3:35 PM. Because HSPVA is "Bell Free" (no bells are rung during the school day), it is each individual's responsibility to be on time to all classes and events. It is recommended that students wear watches. **A tardy policy is in effect and three tardies for a class during a grading period will result in a lunchtime D-Hall assignment.** Students will check in at the front desk in the main office for attendance and tardy issues.

New Faculty and Staff

We have a number of new staff members and I am excited about what they bring to the HSPVA team.

Molly Blanchette, Chemistry, Jennifer Chase, History, Brad Smith, Orchestra Director, Shannon Carter, Vocal Director

Music students: Meet and Greet Reception for new orchestra and vocal teachers will be Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30 pm.

Online Gradebook, Report Cards and Progress Reports

All official report cards will be mailed home. GradeSpeed, our online gradebook, will continue to be available to parents and students. It is my hope that this program is helpful for parents to monitor the progress of students throughout the year.

Parking

HSPVA campus parking is by permit only. The Faculty/Staff parking lot on West Main (south lot) is reserved for faculty, staff and visitors during school hours. For pedestrian safety and school security, we kindly ask that **student pick up and drop off before or after school (7:15 AM to 4:00 PM) not occur in the Faculty/Staff lot.** Student pick up and drop off areas are at the curb on West Main or in the student parking lot (north lot rear entrance). Signs mark these areas. Please cooperate with this plan to help ensure safety and security on our campus. The north lots are for student cars. Student spaces are limited and parking permits are required to park in these lots. Permits will be sold to seniors during registration for \$25 on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits remaining after senior-registration will be sold to junior students. **Cars parked in school parking lots without parking permits will be towed.**

Lockers

Bring a combination lock to put on your assigned locker. Lockers will be issued at registration. Your locker number and lock combination will be kept on file in the office. The School Store will have locks for sale during registration and Artist Academy.

Buses

Information on your bus route (pick-up time, and location) will be mailed to your home by the HISD Transportation Department prior to the first day of school. The bus zone is on Stanford Street. **Please do not drop off or pick up students or park in the bus zone at any time during the day.** Ms. Alonso-Rodriguez can answer transportation questions after August 18th.

Open House/Underclassmen and Senior Parent Meetings

Fall Open House will be held Tuesday night, September 16th, at 6:30 p.m. at HSPVA. In order to keep parents from attending multiple nights of meetings, the Counselors will present the Underclassmen Parent Meeting at 6:00 pm that night. The Senior Parent Meeting will be at 6:30 pm on September 9th. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

HSPVA Calendar

The school events for the coming year and other information will be available on the school website (www.hspva.org) throughout the year. You will want to make note of activities and events that are important to your student.

Please note that HSPVA will be closed July 28- August 1 and also Wednesday, August 20. Enjoy the remaining days of your summer! See you at pre-registration and/or Artist Academy!

Sincerely,

Dr. R. Scott Allen, Principal

cc: Administration/Faculty

Enclosures