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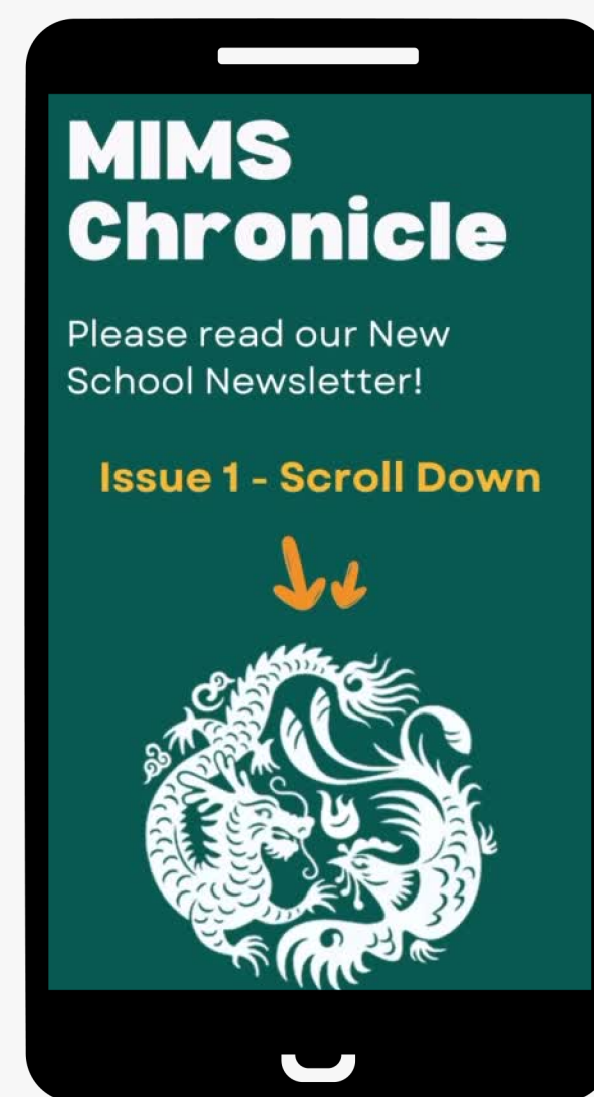
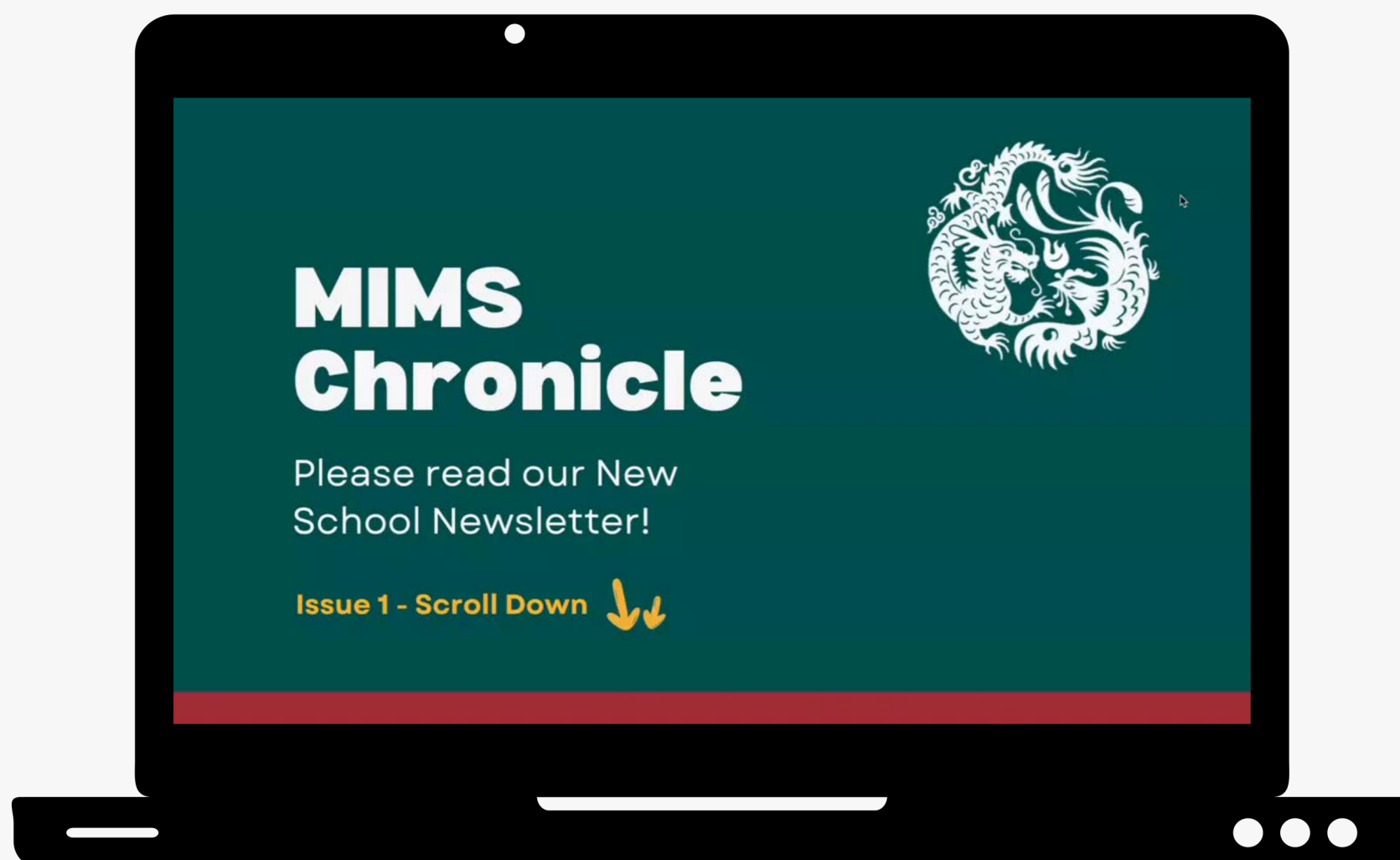
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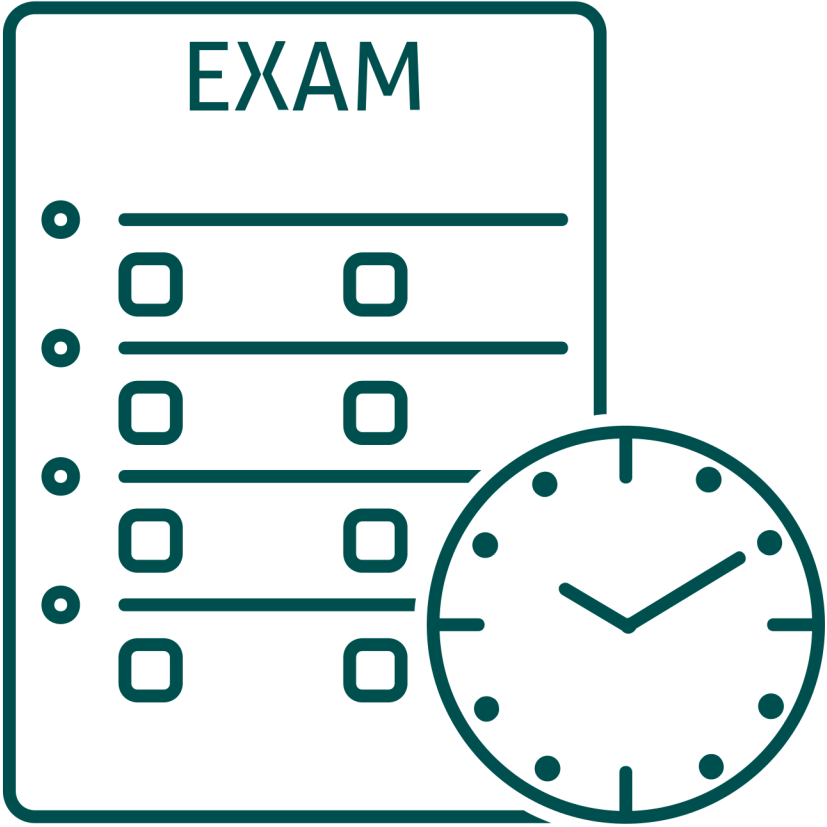
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Our Upcoming Events

Date	Time/Location	Event
March 21	-	Interim Testing Social Studies (8th)
March 22	-	Interim Testing Science (5th/8th)
March 23	Cafeteria	Tea with Tiet
March 28		Interim Testing Math (4th/5th)
March 29	-	Interim Testing Math (3rd/6th - 8th)
March 31		Chavez Huerta Day (No School)
April 4-17		EOY Chinese HFW (PreK -2nd)
April 14	Cafeteria	Knowledge Fest K-2nd



STAAR Testing Dates

STAAR testing begins April 17 and will run through May 12th. Please ensure that your students(s) are here on campus on time for testing days. Please avoid any discretionary doctor or dentist appointments during this time.

Middle School parents, please ensure that student devices are charged overnight.



Welcome to the MIMS Family!

Baby Levi Xia Rutanhira was born today, 3/21/23, at 2:09 pm!

Ms. Xia and Baby Levi are doing well!

Congratulations to the Rutanhira family on their
newest bundle of joy!





Tea with Tiet

Thursday, Mar. 23 2023

Please join us for this week's Tea with Tiet. We will meet in the cafeteria at 9:00 am.

Some of the topics we plan to cover are:

TEA Announcement

HISD Connect

Test Anxiety

STAAR Redesign

TEA's Letter to HISD Community

Dear parents, families, teachers, and staff of Houston ISD:

I'm writing to share information about my recent decision to appoint a Board of Managers of Houstonians to temporarily replace the district's elected Board of Trustees.

As a parent myself, I know that most families will immediately wonder how this decision will impact their own children. Educators will be asking: what does this mean for my school, for all our schools, for our students? Many students in Houston ISD are truly flourishing, and the district operates several of the highest performing schools in the state. But there are a large number of students in Houston who have not been given the support necessary to succeed. The decision I have made is neither a reflection of the incredible students in Houston ISD nor of the hard-working teachers and staff of HISD. It is a decision about necessary changes to the structure of support provided from the district's governing team. My goal is to ensure that what is great about Houston ISD continues to be great. And where there have been more significant shortcomings, more support is provided.

This week's decision does not create any immediate changes in the district. Instead, the [letter](#) I sent to the Houston ISD Board this week marks the beginning of a process. Over the next few months, my [focus will be to recruit a group of Houstonians](#) to serve on a Board of Managers. They will then take responsibility for governing the district for a [period of time](#). I am committed to appointing a Board of Managers of Houstonians who have a firm belief that all children can learn and achieve at high levels when properly supported, and who will work together to ensure that support is provided.

This decision is required by state laws meant to ensure school boards take steps necessary to support all students. In addition to a Board of Managers, state law also requires that I appoint a superintendent. Until the announcement of a Board and superintendent is made later this year, current district leadership will remain in place. I am thankful the district's current superintendent, Millard House II, will continue serving the students, teachers, staff, and families of Houston ISD with my full support during this transition.

I know that parents and teachers have high expectations for their children. My role as Commissioner of Education is to maintain high expectations for school boards. In Houston ISD, despite good intentions from many, gaps in learning were allowed for some students for far too long, and some teachers were left without adequate support from the district. As we move forward, this will change as we work together to serve students and families better.

Sincerely,



Mike Morath
Commissioner of
Education

COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL
JASMINNE MENDEZ
BROUGHT TO YOU BY BRAZOS BOOKSTORE



Jasminne Mendez is a bestselling Dominican-American poet, educator, translator, playwright, and award winning author of several books for children and adults. Her debut picture book *Josefina's Habichuelas* (Arte Público Press, 2021) was the Writer's League of Texas Children's Book Discovery Prize Winner. She is a University of Houston alumni and is the Program Director for the literary arts non-profit Tintero Projects. She lives and works in Houston.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

A powerful and expertly told novel-in-verse about a 12-year-old Dominican American swimmer who is diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis.

Aniana del Mar belongs in the water, that is until the day Ani's stiffness and swollen joints mean she can no longer get out of bed. Mami forbids her from returning to the water but Ani and her doctor believe that swimming along with medication will help manage her condition. What follows is the journey of a girl who must grieve who she once was in order to rise like the tide and become the young woman she is meant to be.



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WWW.BRAZOSBOOKSTORE.COM/SCHOOL-VISITS

Author Visit for 6th and 7th Grades on Friday, March 24th

We are excited to welcome Jasminne Mendez to MIMS this Friday to share her new book, Aniana Del Mar Jumps In, with us. She will provide an overview of the book, discuss the inspiration for the use of specific poetic forms, and engage the students with an interactive collaborative poem. If you would like to purchase an autographed copy of the book, please order on the website listed at the bottom of the flyer. At check out, check "pick up at store" which means that they will bring it to the school on Friday.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Gaona at lgaona1@houstonisd.org

Intent to Return 23-24



A **HUGE** thank you to the **177** parents who completed the form last week! If you have not, please complete the form on the link to tell us if you plan to return to MIMS for the upcoming school year (23-24) so we can plan accordingly. If you have multiple scholars at MIMS, please make sure to go through to the next section(s) to ensure we account for all of our students!

You can view and submit this form [here](#).



Mandarin Immersion Magnet School
休士頓中文沉浸學校



Intent to Return Form: Academic Year 2023-2024

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

TO: Parents
FROM: Cindy Tiet, Principal
RE: Enrollment for 2023-24 of Students Currently Attending
Mandarin Immersion Magnet School

To plan for next school year, we need to know if your child(ren) will be returning to MIMS next school year.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Students who have accumulated more than 10% unexcused or excused absences in their courses during the school year will have asterisks printed on their report cards next to the courses in which the excessive absences occurred. Per the Texas Education Code (25.092) and FEC (LOCAL), a minimum attendance requirement of 90% of class meetings must be met in order to receive course credit.

What is the 90% Rule?

The 90% rule is a provision in the Texas Education Code (TEC) that applies to a student in any grade level from kindergarten through Grade 12. TEC Section 25.092 provides that a student may NOT be given credit or a final grade for a class unless the student is in 90% of the class is offered. Students who lose credit due to excessive absences may appeal if the student achieves an average of 70 or above at the end of the semester in which the no-credit (NG) status appears.

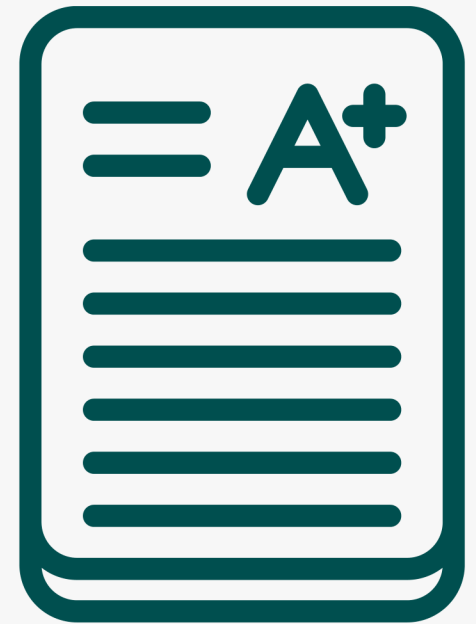
What absences count under the 90% rule?

ALL absences count, whether excused or non-excused, in determining whether the student has attended the requisite number of days to receive class credit or a final grade. According to the Texas Education Agency, the 90% attendance requirement in Section 25.092 applies regardless of whether the student is exempt from compulsory attendance or whether the absence is excused.

What do I do if my student has been absent for more than 10% of class meetings?

Students who have not met the 90% attendance requirement will receive a notification letter **next TUESDAY** along with an Attendance Appeal Application.

Cycle V Progress Reports Upcoming




Progress reports will go home on **Monday, April 3, 2023**! Please make sure to keep an eye out and sign up for grade alerts in PowerSchool.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Counseling and Student Services Department invites you to join our Coffee & Conversations meetings where we share valuable information and resources to help your child and family navigate this school year as well as increase emotional wellness and academic success.



Join us Wednesday, April 5th from 9:00 - 10:00am virtually on Microsoft Teams.

“Social Media and Mental Health” is the topic for April.

The link to the meeting is [here](#).



Become a VIP at MIMS with HISD's VIPs

In order to volunteer in HISD, all volunteers should be VIPS-approved (**V**olunteers in **P**ublic **S**chools). Please be sure to register at least two weeks prior to the scheduled volunteer event. The background check process takes 3-5 business days. You will receive an automated response from donoreply@raptortech.com.

To be VIPS-approved, you must submit an application via this link:

<https://www.houstonisdpsd.org/dmol/VIPS/index.html#/>

All volunteers will need to renew their VIPS status each academic year! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



Weekly PTO Updates for the Community

Fu-FriYay!

Join us for a special Fu FriYay on March 24 (this Friday!). Coffee-Q will be at MIMS on Friday morning for a Teacher Appreciation event. Parents are welcome to purchase coffee and tacos from Coffee-Q and gather on the outdoor tables by the cafeteria for Fu FriYay.

Nominees for the 2023-2024 PTO Board

Meet the nominees for the 2023-2024 PTO Board at our next meeting on April 6th at 12 noon (via Zoom). Check the MIMS PTO website (MIMSPTO.org) for a list of nominees. Elections will be held online the week of April 10-14.

MIMS International Festival

MIMS International Festival is coming up May 5, 2023. The event will include International Festival, MIMS Got Talent, and Kids' Marketplace. We'll invite incoming students and their families to get to know MIMS. If you are interested in [hosting a table for a country](#), or [signing up for auditions for MIMS Got Talent](#), please sign up! We'll have information on Kids' Marketplace and volunteer opportunities soon.

MIMS *Birthday* Marquee



\$30



Wish your child a happy birthday on
the outdoor marquee for a week!
Email their birthday, first name & last
initial to marquee@mimspto.org

<https://bit.ly/mimsptobday>

Birthday Marquee Message!

Are you interested in
having your child's name
mentioned on our
Marquee? If so, please use
the QR code to pay and
sign up for a birthday
message!

***For more weekly reminders and upcoming events, please view the
Wednesday Bloomz Post Titled, "Upcoming Activities Reminder) from the
PTO Communications Director, Ms. Tres!***

Tech Fact of the Week

Did you know that the world's first phone with a selfie cam was released all the way back in 1999? The Kyocera VP-210's front camera only had a resolution of 0.11 megapixels, but it was ahead of its time. Selfie cams wouldn't become popular on smartphones until the 2010s!



Student Assistance Form



This form serves to support students and families in need. If there is a service or support you or your family needs, please submit this form to district for additional resource support.

You can see this form [here](#).



Important Links

[22-23 MIMS Student Handbook](#)

Please click the link to access the student handbook.

[22-23 Dismissal Tips](#)

Please click the link to access the 22-23 Dismissal Tips.

[22-23 Student Dress Code Policy](#)

Please click the link to access the 22-23 Student Dress Code.

[22-23 HISD Academic Calendar](#)

Please click the link to access the 22-23 HISD Academic Calendar.

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