

# MIMS Chronicle

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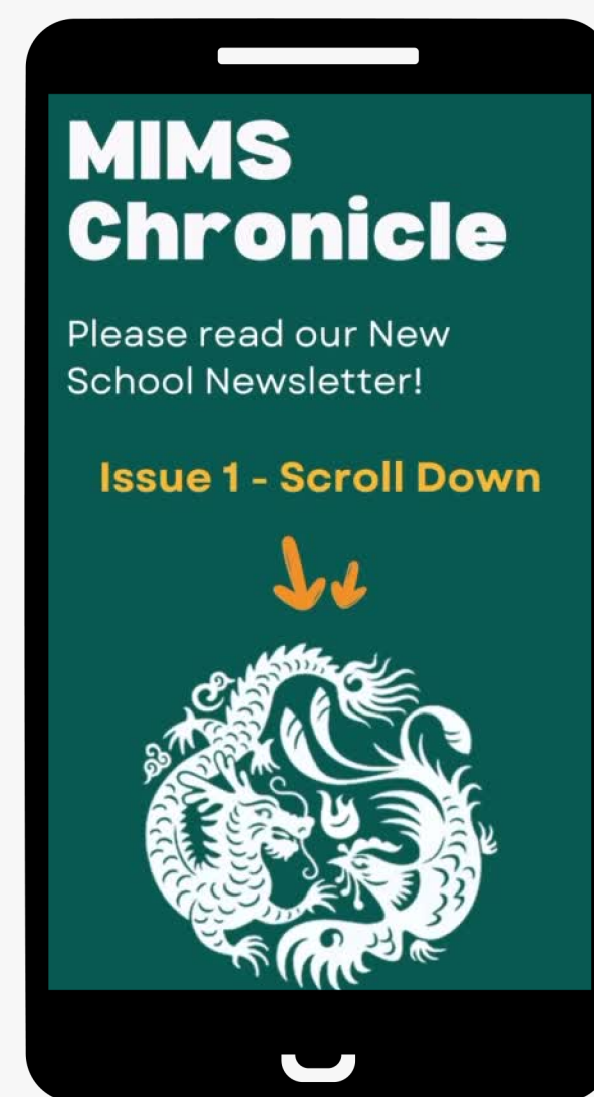
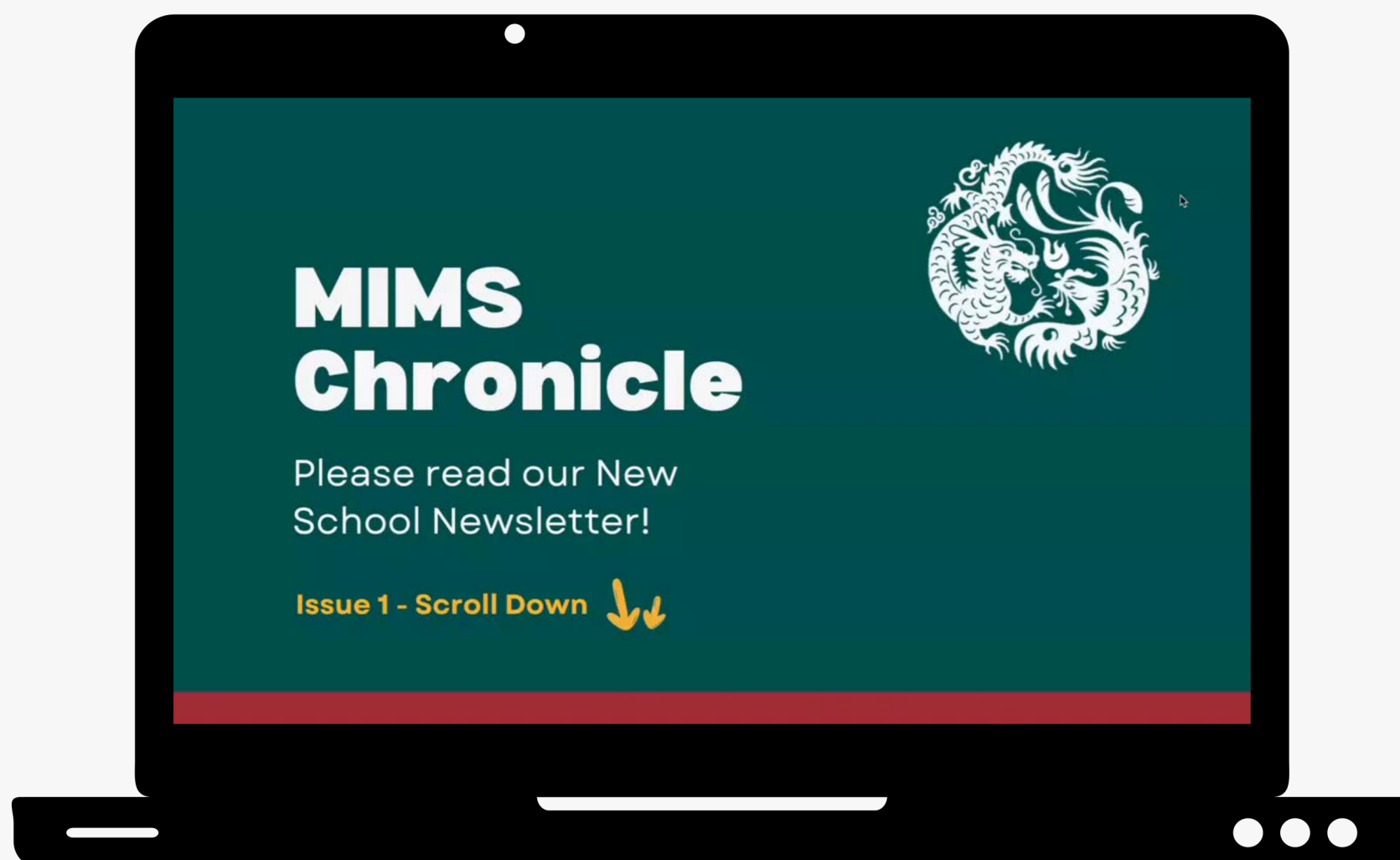
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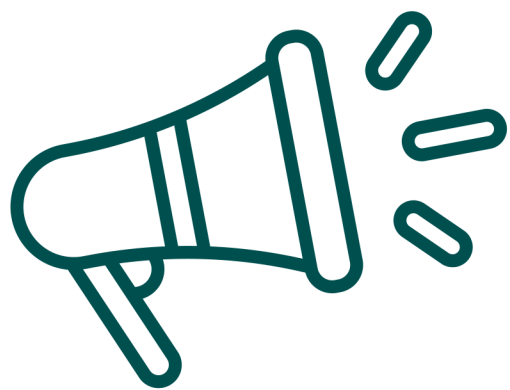


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# Our Upcoming Events

Date	Time/Location	Event
March 29	-	Interim Testing Math (3rd/6th - 8th)
March 31		Chavez Huerta Day (No School)
April 7		Good Friday (No School)
April 4-17		EOY Chinese HFW (PreK -2nd)
April 14	Cafeteria	Knowledge Fest K-2nd



## Charge Devices for Middle School STAAR Interim!

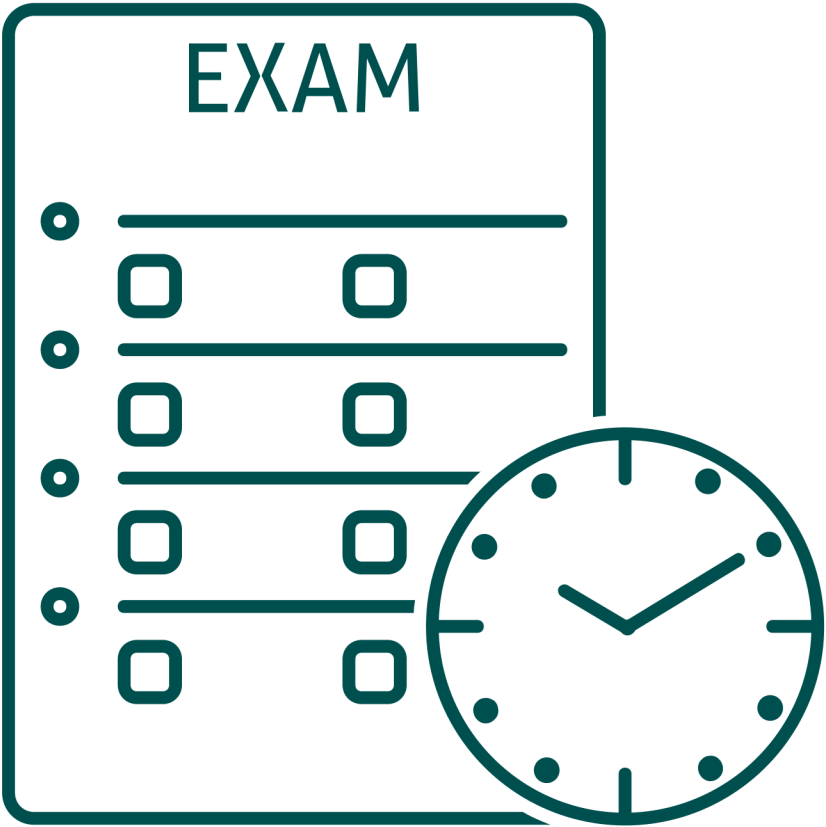
STAAR Interim for 3rd, 6th-8th Math is Tomorrow, Wednesday 29th!

Please ensure that your middle school students are charging their device overnight and bringing it to school daily. It is a campus expectation every day, but especially on testing days.

# STAAR Testing Dates

STAAR testing begins April 18 and will run through May 12th. Please ensure that your students 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.



**Reminder: All campuses are required to be CLOSED to visitors/parents on STAAR Testing Dates.**





# Tea with Tiet

**Review (3/23/23)**

Thank you for joining us in last week's Tea with Tiet. If you missed it, you can find the [presentation linked here](#). The topics we covered were: *TEA Announcement, HISD Connect, Test Anxiety, STAAR Redesign*



Some of the questions and concerns that were discussed included:

## **Middle School Absences for School Competitions**

Provided that the student is on a school trip (i.e. Name that Book, New York Trip, Academic UIL ceremony, etc.), the student may be coded absent in the moment by teacher (because the student is not actually physically present), but will have it recoded as present by our registrar; meaning that you may get an alert that your students are not in class, but ultimately they will be coded correctly in the system, and the day will not count against their attendance record.

## **Parent Training over HISD Connect, Power School, and Canvas**

We are going to find time to provide training over these resources to parents. Additionally, we aim to partner with a parent-teacher who has access so we can provide a more immediate solution in the form of pdf guide/video.

## **Study Hall / Typing Course**

While we currently do not have the ability to provide a typing specific course to students, we do have a plan in place to provide additional structure in study hall for students, as well as activating additional typing modules that students can access to practice. At this time, there are several modules in Learning.com (linked in Clever) where students can access these activities. Our goal is to ensure that they get practice throughout the remainder of this year, where able, and then put a plan in place for next year during one of their enrichment courses—more information to come on that once a plan is finalized. As a reminder, our students also have access to typing courses from home.





# MIMS Dress Code

Please help us make sure your students are dressed in accordance with our dress code. The dress code can be found in the Student/Parent handbook as well as [here online](#).

We want to make all parents aware that the dress code will be enforced next school year.

# MIMS CNY 2023

## Youtube Video

Thanks to our awesome videographer from CNY you can see a PHENOMENAL video that captured the performances, speeches, and memories! Please scan the QR to view.

**MIMS CNY**  
2023



**DAN'S LIVE MUSIC RECORDING**

713-449-4561  
dhfu624@gmail.com

# Intent to Return 23-24



A **HUGE** thank you to the **270** parents who completed the form last week! We have 732 students enrolled. 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.

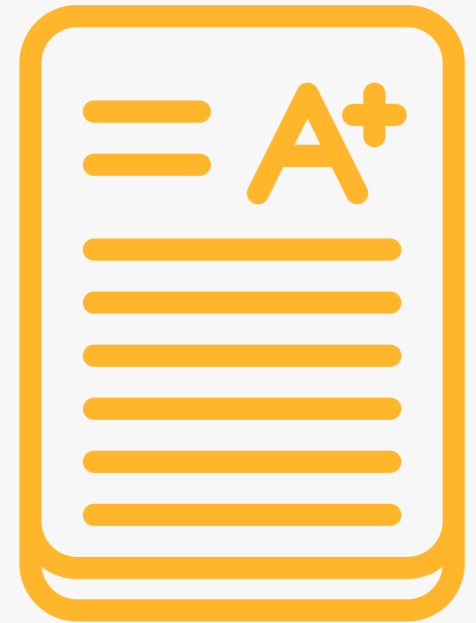
## What absences count under the 90% rule?

**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 **TODAY** along with an Attendance Appeal Application.

# Cycle V Progress Reports Monday, April 3rd




Progress reports will go home Next 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 (Volunteers in Public Schools). 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](mailto: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

### 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.

MANDARIN IMMERSION MAGNET SCHOOL'S  
5TH ANNUAL

## International Festival

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023 • 5-8 PM

SPRING FAMILY NIGHT  
KIDS' MARKETPLACE • OUTSIDE  
DINNER & COUNTRIES • CAFETERIA  
MIMS GOT TALENT @ 6:30 PM • GYM

Come travel the world and  
celebrate the beautiful diversity  
within our school and MIMS community.  
Support our young entrepreneurs  
by visiting the Kids' Marketplace!  
Questions? Email [festivals@mimspto.org](mailto:festivals@mimspto.org)



Join PTO in welcoming  
our new families to  
the MIMS community!  
Enjoy an array of foods from  
around the world. Plates are \$7  
and can be pre-purchased  
with the QR code or  
online at the MIMS Spirit Store:  
[www.mimspto.org](http://www.mimspto.org)







**OPEN  
CALL**

# MIMS GOT TALENT AUDITION!



**OPEN  
TO ALL**

MUSICIANS, SINGERS,  
DANCERS, ACTORS,  
COMEDIANS, MAGICIANS,  
PERFORMERS, ETC.

**WHERE**

MANDARIN IMMERSION  
MAGNET SCHOOL

**WHEN**

APPLICATIONS DUE 4/12  
AUDITIONS ON 4/14

QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
[FESTIVALS@MIMSPTO.ORG](mailto:FESTIVALS@MIMSPTO.ORG)



PERFORMANCES WILL BE  
SHOWCASED DURING THE  
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL  
ON 5/5/23 FROM 5-8 PM





# 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](mailto: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

The Internet Hit 5.1 Billion Users in 2023.



# 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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