



COLLEGE CORNER

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Global Competency & College Readiness: Welcome to our Sharpstown International School Magnet.

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Special points of interest:

- August 29, College Event
 - September 3, AP/GT Parent meeting @ 6pm.
 - September 8, Afterschool Program begins.
 - September 9, Open House
 - October 12, Combined College Fair at 5:30PM HCC campus
 - October 14, PSAT
- 8th Grade-11th Grade
- International Eagle Festival scheduled December 11th.

Welcome new students and returning students to Sharpstown International School. We are proud of our students, teachers and our families commitment last year to earn us three Texas Education Agency distinctions. We look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence this 2015-2016 school year.

It takes all of us : students, parents, faculty, and community working together for the synergy of an excellent school year.

Many exciting opportunities are available at Sharpstown International School (SIS). Students may partake in a plethora of activi-



Our school community has a tradition of celebrating together.

ties which include: UIL Academic competitions at the Middle School and High School levels, Model United Nations , Odyssey of the Mind, Music, Service, Leadership, Student Council Association, National Honor Society, International Festival , After School program and much more.

An exciting component of our school is having a six through twelfth grade cam-

pus which affords the vision of college readiness in the sixth grade student. Join Principal Le-Thai and the faculty in making this a phenomenal year for our students academic and social growth. Thank you for being a part of the team.

Follow your student's academic progress through creating a grade speed account , monitoring homework, reviewing progress reports and report cards.

Dean of Students :

6th grade = Ms. Platt

7th grade = Ms. Lopez- Garcia

8th grade= Dr. Hubbert

9th grade = Ms. Cayton

10th grade = Ms. Adams

11th grade = Ms. Reuter

12th grade = Ms. Brown-Robinson

Partner with your dean and teacher

What's New?

College Success Advisors will be deployed by HISD to help support students through the college process. Sharpstown International School is the top school in HISD for students using Texas Apply .

Up to 100 high performing (top 15%) seniors will be recruited in the fall to participate in a special teacher preparation partnership with the University of Houston. The students will receive full scholarships to participate in an innovative

teacher prep program at the University of Houston.

Visit the Student Center for College & Scholarship Information . We have a new member to our College Readiness team. Visit with Ms. Brown-Robinson in the Student Center.

Recognizing Perspectives: College Bound Opportunities

We prepare our students to be college ready. Research states there are several key elements of college success:

- 1) Cognitive strategies which may also be called Higher Order Thinking Skills such as analysis, interpretation, accuracy, problem solving, and reasoning.
- 2) Content Knowledge, especially writing skills to get across big ideas.
- 3) Attitudes and behavioral attributes: such as study skills, time management

persistence, and studying.

- 4) Contextual knowledge about how to apply to college, coordinating finances and adjusting to college life.

Sharpstown International School (SIS) provides students the opportunity to take challenging Advanced Placement and Pre-Advanced Placement coursework. Both coursework along with the rigor of instruction in the traditional class work help develop cognitive strategies and content knowledge.

All SIS students have a Naviance College Readiness Program.

New students will need to register for a Naviance account in September. It is important that your student has an e-mail account in order to use the school resources available for each of our students. The Naviance user name is the student I.D. #

The Naviance password is the student's birthday: two digits for month, two digits for day and four digits for year.

Communicating Ideas: New Redesigned College Testing

This year our 8th grade and 9th grade students will be taking the new 8th/9th grade PSAT on October 14, 2015.

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to our 10th and 11th grade students.

Our 11th grade students will also take the newly designed

SAT on April 12th, 2016.

Naviance is one tool in which our 8th-11th grade students may prepare for College testing by doing the Test Prep.

All of the 11th grade students will complete the Khan Academy SAT course prior to taking the SAT. Khan

Academy partnered with College Board to offer the college test prep course.

Naviance is the online program which all students in grades 6-12 are required to use, to develop their College Readiness skills and knowledge.



Ask how you may join the fun educational activities of the International Festival (I-FEST) which is scheduled for December 11, 2015.

Support : After School Tutorials

Tutorials are a tool to help students to study. If a student is lagging behind in school progress, attending tutorials may help him/her to get back on track. Principal Le-Thai ensures that all students are provided with the opportunity to attend tutorials to help them become academically successful. Principal Le-Thai supports teachers in provid-

ing opportunities for students to attend tutorials during the week and also on specified Saturday mornings.

Students who are not on track to graduate due to lost credits may request to take Apex Grad Lab On-line Coursework. This credit recovery



Keep up with your school work so you can join the activities.

program requires students and their parent's to commit to working consistently to complete the program.

Students in the 8th – 11th grade need to study now for the October 14th PSAT exam.