

From the Principal

Congratulations! We have all made it to the half way point of Semester I. I am so proud of how the Bulldog Community has navigated teaching and learning through a pandemic. I know it has not been perfect or easy. Thank you for your emails that bring issues to our attention so they can be addressed and thank you for doing it in such a gracious and respectful manner. I'm certain Heights has the best parents in all of HISD!

I hope to see some of you in your masks and socially distanced tonight as our Heights Bulldogs fight to remain undefeated in district play as they take on the Lamar Texans. We also send good luck to our Varsity volleyball players tonight and tomorrow! Go Bulldogs!

Social and Emotional Support

Communities In Schools of Houston has been a partner on the Heights High School Campus for 20 years. Ms. Cooper, the CIS Manager, is here to ensure that students (and their families) have needed supports so they may be successful in school despite the COVID-19 pandemic. CIS provides supportive guidance, counseling, and basic needs assistance. If you would like to reach Ms. Cooper to speak about the needs of your student, family, or to refer another Heights High School student, she can be reached at [jcooper-stanphill@cis-houston.org](mailto:jcooper-stanphill@cis-houston.org) or on campus at 713-856-4400.

CIS believes in the power of relationships, and whether we are on the school campus, or working together remotely, I am here for you! [www.cishouston.org](http://www.cishouston.org)

Upcoming Virtual Events: Wellness Workshop: Time Management, November 17th at 3PM. This event will be recorded, and a video will be posted later to the HUB.

Information, Updates, and Action Items for All families

**Progress Reports:** You should be able to review your student's progress report in the parent portal of HISD Connect. We have also sent them to be mailed so you should have a hard copy within the next couple of days. Please reach out to the teacher if you have concerns.

**Instructional Preference:** Please make your selection for face to face or virtual instruction for the third grading period which begins on December 7. We will continue to operate as we are now for the third six weeks.

**Virtual Substitute Link:** In the event that a teacher is absent and unable to teach virtually, we have a virtual substitute link on the main page of our website. There will be an announcement on the HUB page letting students know which teachers are absent. They should then log onto the virtual substitute link. Their attendance for that class period will be taken and they will receive information about assignments.

**Attendance Appeals:** If you have a student that has lost credit due to excessive absences (NG on report card or transcript), they can earn up to 12 hours on November 23 - 24 during Virtual Academic Boot Camp. Students must complete the google form posted on the Heights High School HUB Course by Tuesday, November 17th to participate.

**Home Coming Week:** November 16 - 20 is homecoming week. Any student interested in running for homecoming court fill out the application on the HUB. Dress up days for spirit week can also be found on the website.

**Tech Town:** Tech Town will be offline the week of November 23 - 27. Please take care of any tech needs by November 20th. See link at the bottom of the page to sign up for assistance.

#### Senior News:

Parents and Students: There is a FAFSA Workshop on Wednesday, November 18th and 6:30 p.m. This will include a financial aid overview and step by step, page by page breakdown of the application. Meeting will be on the College Center Team Channel. Code: wusuhka

Congratulations to Jennifer Hamad who is a National Merit Semi-Finalist. Davis Brooks, Elena Carlsson and Charles Holliman have been recognized as Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Congratulations to Angel Luna, Osvaldo Alvear-Reyna and Laila Carrizal. They have received the Hispanic Scholar Award.

Congratulations to Elena Carlsson and Laila Carrizal. They have received the Indigenous Scholar Award.

#### **More from the College Center:**

##### Virtual Open Advising Hours:

Monday, 11/16 -11:00 AM

Wednesday, 11/18– 6:00 PM

Friday, 11/20 – 11:00 AM

FAFSA Workshop: Financial Aid Overview and step by step, page by page breakdown.

Wednesday, 11/18- 6:30 PM

Application Workshop: For students either getting started on applications, don't know where to start, or just need help with your Apply Texas or Common Application.

Thursday, 11/19- 3:00 PM

All meetings will be on College Center Team Channel. Code: wusuhka

#### Junior News

Juniors should check their HISD email account to sign up for the PSAT on January 26th.

It's definitely not too early to start the college process. Students should be familiar with Naviance, our College and Career Planning Tool, which can be accessed from their resources on the HUB. They are encouraged to start adding colleges of interest, do virtual college tours, and even do a super match search. There is also an archive of videos called "Roadtrip Nation" that details a wide variety of career opportunities. Students can reach out to Ms. Agness for assistance in college and career planning.

#### Sophomore News:

Sophomore students are in the middle of their MYP Personal Project. Ask your child how their personal project journaling is going. Ask what their goal statement is. Ask what their project will be. We can't wait to see the completed projects and reports in the spring!

#### Freshman News:

High School is a big transition for many of our freshman students. Grades matter in a way that they never have before. In the recent freshman meeting, it was explained that students need 6 credits to be promoted to a sophomore. Students have the ability to earn 3.5 credits each semester. Review

your students report card and progress report. If they are in danger of failing one or more classes, please reach out to the teachers for tutorial opportunities. We know the transition can be stressful for students in a normal year. If your student has signs of anxiety or depression, please reach out to the freshman counselor, Ms. Hudson or Ms. Cooper in CIS.