



Kinder High School for the
Performing and Visual Arts

August 2, 2019

Dear Kinder HSPVA Students and Families:

I hope you are having an outstanding summer! The faculty and staff of HSPVA are looking forward to having you with us for an amazing 2019-2020 school year as enter our first full year at the downtown campus...with no moving! This fall we enter our 48th year at Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and I am looking forward to all that is in store for our students, teachers, families, and the City of Houston. We have *many* new faces at PVA and I know they bring great passion for education and the arts to an already outstanding faculty. You will find their bios enclosed.

This letter is to let you know important dates and information for us to be ready to begin our instructional and artistic programs immediately when school begins on August 26th. **With this being our first start of school in the new facility, there are several changes, so please take time to read about those.**

Returning students should have received an email from Mrs. Hines containing this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uoUUfMVIUoQOpRbfmQKIYxvSd-bdDJ30IH80qNKAUpE/edit>

The form must be completed before 5:00 pm on Sunday August 11 in order to facilitate your registration.

During our registration, students will:

- Clear any fees/records as needed
- Turn in all required beginning of the year forms (to be sent via email the first week of August and posted on the school website)
- Pick up class schedules
- Select lockers and fill out locker information
- Pay laptop fee (\$25 – cash, check or credit card on SchoolPay/Submit Acceptable Use Form)
- Pick up laptop
- Complete information for senior parking permits
- Pick up preordered school supplies through the School Store and/or make new School Store purchases
- Parents may join or renew their membership in the Kinder HSPVA PTO

Please note the times and dates for registration below. **You will be registered only during your assigned time.** Please note that *all* new students to HSPVA will attend our Artist Academy on Friday, August 16th, not the registration listed on August 14th. Parents may register on behalf of students who are out of town during the designated time. Students not registered on August 14th or 16th will register and receive schedules on the first day of school. **Any student who does not bring the first day packet forms, owes money for department fees/laptop damage or who need to submit proof of immunizations will not be able to pick up parking permits or get schedules until all forms are returned, fees are cleared, and immunization records are updated.**

Registration Schedule and Important Dates

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO ON SITE PARKING AVAILABLE DURING REGISTRATION.

Wednesday, August 14

8:00-8:45 am

Senior Breakfast Meeting
(Studio Theatre) for **students** only
Senior Activities to be Discussed

Doughnuts, Fruit, and Coffee/Juice will be served

8:45 am – 10:30 am

Returning Senior Registration

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Returning Junior Registration

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Returning Sophomore Registration

Friday, August 16

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Artist Academy
Orientation for ALL NEW (9th-11th) students

9:00 am -12:00 pm

Parent Artist Academy Orientation

Monday, August 26

7:45 am

First Day of Class

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

First Day Packet Forms

After August 6th, please watch your email for directions regarding Registration and Artist Academy. This email will include an attachment with all the forms that must be completed prior to your registration date (August 14th for returning students and August 16th for new students). The forms will also be posted on the HSPVA website after August 6th. (www.hspva.org). **Students will not be able to complete registration without returning ALL their required completed forms.** If you are unable to print the attachment, you may pick up a registration packet at the HSPVA front office beginning August 6th.

Proof of Residency Required

Recent proof of HISD residency with parent or guardian's name on it must be turned in at registration. Please print the student's name in the upper right-hand corner. This should be a hard copy of a rent receipt, lease agreement, utility bill (electric, water or gas), or property tax receipt. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact Kim Hines (KIM.HINES@houstonisd.org). This must be on file by August 22nd for first day enrollment. Again, registration cannot be completed on August 14th or 16th without the required registration forms, including this documentation.

Summer Reading

Don't forget to read your book for summer reading before school starts. We will meet in book groups during the first week of school to discuss the different books that were chosen and read by students and faculty members. If you have questions, email Mrs. Salazar (CSALAZAR@houstonisd.org).

Artist Academy

Our Artist Academy is on Friday, August 16th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **All new students** to HSPVA should gather in the Commons Area for a full day of information, introductions, and orientation. New parents are also invited to attend a range of activities from 9:00am to 12:00 pm. You will be getting more information by email from our Magnet Coordinator, Mr. Klein. We look forward to your arrival!

Parking Permits

Parking permits were distributed by lottery this past spring. Seniors who have paid for and secured a parking spot may pick up their parking tag and key card in advance of registration beginning August 6th in the 4th floor main office. A copy of proof of insurance, along with completing a vehicle information card, is required in order to pick up your tag. **Copies will not be made on site.**

If your student did not get a parking permit, the garage directly across the street from school offers a monthly reduced rate for our students. If interested, contact Elena Kim at SP+ Parking (elkim@spplus.com). The monthly rate is \$175.00, and tax is included.

Parking

We have just under 100 student parking spaces in the underground garage. Those are distributed each spring by lottery. There are surface lots and the garage across the street from school are available for parking. The garage across from school offers \$5 parking for school events starting at 6:00 pm on nights when there is **NOT** an Astros game. Street parking is also available after 6:00 pm. **Cars in the school parking garage without parking permits will be towed.**

Visiting HSPVA

Please remember that when visiting school, all visitors will be asked to check in with the front office 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.

Kinder HSPVA Schedule

The first bell rings at 7:45 am and classes **begin at 7:50 am** (tardy time) and dismissal time is 3:30 pm. It is everyone's responsibility to be on time to all classes and events. **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 or at the entrance to Stairwell D for tardy issues. Mrs. Norman can assist with attendance issues at the first-floor office window.

Online Gradebook, Report Cards and Progress Reports

No report cards will be mailed home as they are available online after an email notification is sent. 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.

Lockers

Bring a combination lock to put on your selected locker. Lockers will be selected 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

Parents and students can call 713-556-9400 to find out their specific stop location/time and share any additional transportation concerns. It is important for parents to know that bus routes are based on the address info in Chancery. If their current info needs to be updated, they will need to provide the necessary documents (utility bill/lease) to Ms. Hines so she can change the address in Chancery. This update will also update the transportation routing system with the correct stop location.

Please do not drop off or pick up students or park in the bus zone at any time during the day. Mrs. Williams, Assistant Principal, can answer transportation questions after August 22nd.

Open House/Underclassmen and Senior Parent Meetings

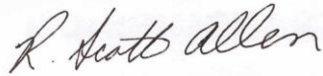
Fall Open House will be held Monday night, September 16th at 7:00 pm at HSPVA. To prevent parents from attending multiple nights of meetings, the counselors will present the Underclassmen Parent Meeting at 6:15 pm that night. The Senior Parent Meeting will be at 6:15 pm on September 11th. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend these events to meet teachers and get important updates and information.

Kinder 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.

The school office hours are 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. Enjoy the remaining days of your summer! See you at registration and/or Artist Academy!

Sincerely,



R. Scott Allen, Ed.D.
Principal

cc: Administration/Faculty
Enclosures