New Student Support Center!

Welcome to our quarterly Wraparound Notes!

This year we started our new Student Support Center in room 101. Our vision is to integrate student services for incoming and current students as a “one stop shop” of services, by doing a comprehensive intake process of students that will help eliminate barriers and improve their ability to be successful at Patrick Henry. New students and families will meet initially with our Student Case Worker/Registrar. Our Counselor will then meet with new students for school orientation and to explain school expectations and culture. If further needs are detected, the student will meet with our Wraparound Resource Specialist for further support. Services include but are not limited to: Health and social services, counseling services, youth and community development, legal services, financial coaching for the family, etc.

Throughout the school year, the team at the Student Support Center will work together to ensure our students receive the extra-curricular support needed to excel.

Teachers, you are our other set of eyes! If you know a student who needs additional support (uniforms, school supplies, counseling, health, social or legal services, financial coaching for the family, etc.) please submit a SAF (Student Assistance Form). You can find the link on our school’s website, under Wraparound Resources, Useful Links.

Our Attendance Corner

We have been working very hard in improving our attendance rate. Our goal is to go from a 92% to a 96% rate.

These are some of the actions we are taking to achieve this goal:
- Daily monitoring of attendance
- Daily phone calls home of students who are absent
- Individual meetings with students and attendance contracts for students chronically absent
- Referrals to TRIAD (Truancy Program) for chronic absentees
- Weekly meeting with SSC Team to discuss the absentee caseload

Our Counselor’s Corner

Giving Tree-It’s that time of year again! Last year’s Giving Tree was a success! The Student Support Center will be sending out information regarding a student in need of a gift this holiday season. If you would like to donate a gift, please sign up and bring the wrapped gift by December 17th. More details to follow. Thank you for your generosity!

GT Recommendations deadline is December 7th. Teachers if you would like to recommend a student be tested for GT, please submit your recommendations in Chancery and send me the student name via e-mail.

Magnet High School application deadline is December 7th. Please let me know if you know of any students who are still interested and need help applying.

SAF (Student Assistance Form)

Teachers: please save and use this link if you need to refer students for external issues that are preventing them from reaching their academic potential:
https://houstonisd.force.com/purple/s/saf

Wraparound Highlights

- 207 students are receiving the Life Skills Training Drug and Violence Prevention Program
- 48 students are benefiting from the All – Stars Character Education Program
- 2 students receiving individual mentoring services by the Mayor’s Anti-Gang Office (MAGO)
- 6 students have been matched with mentors, with the Ascending to Men Mentoring Program (ATM)
- Thanks to donations received, as of November 27th, students have received free 35 uniform shirts, 11 pants, 1 jacket, 19 backpacks with school supplies.
- High turnout of parent participation during our “Coffee with the Principal” meetings (see pic above)
- 30+ parents are participating in the Avance Parenting Workshop Program.
- Sharing baskets” with snacks are being placed every day at the front desk and the Student Support Center, for our families and students.
- HFB Teacher’s Aid Program for our teachers.