

# Welcome Razorbacks

## 7th & 8th Grade Welcome Back - Parent Meeting

August 24, 2023



# Agenda

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- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Things to Know
- Dress Code
- Schedules
- Athletics
- Technology
- Grades
- Attendance
- Important Dates
- Stay Informed

# Mrs. Saldaña: Head of School

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# 7th and 8th Grade Principals

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**7th Grade - Mrs. Creuzot**



**8th Grade - Ms. Mulready**



# 7th and 8th Grade Administrative Assistants

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7th Grade – Mrs. Villarreal



8th Grade – Mrs. Segovia

# Special Education, 504 & IAT Support

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**SPED Chair**  
Ms. Harrison



**504 Coordinator**  
Mrs. Roman



**Teacher Specialist**  
Ms. Breed

# SEL Support

- Campus Nurse: Sang Le
- Counselor: Mrs. Javillonar (Mr. J)
- Communities in School(CIS): Mrs. Cardenas
- Wraparound Specialist: Mrs. Moreno



# Hogg Mission Statement

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*Our mission is to **collaborate** as a **community of learners** to transform students into **educated, creative, innovative, global citizens**. We aim to ignite and **nurture the potential of each student and learner** to become the best expression of him or herself.*

**We are a neighborhood school with a global mindset.**



# One School, One Sound!

## CORE VALUE 01

All students can  
learn and reach  
his or her  
potential



## CORE VALUE 02

Effective teachers  
make the most  
difference in  
student academic  
performance

## CORE VALUE 03

For every child to  
succeed, we must  
hold students and  
ourselves to high  
expectations

# WE BELIEVE

## CORE VALUE 04

We value parent  
engagement and  
community  
support

## CORE VALUE 05

We rely on clearly  
defined outcomes to  
guide our work and  
to which we hold  
ourselves  
accountable

## CORE VALUE 06

We value equity  
and commit to  
reducing inequities  
inherent in the  
education system



# As an IB World School we are dedicated to educating the whole child.



Balanced



Caring



Communicator



Inquirer



Knowledgeable



Open Minded



Principled



Reflective



Risk Taker



Thinker

# 1:1 - What does that mean?

**A key component of HISD's PowerUp initiative is ensuring that our schools, students, and staff have equitable access to technology—including devices, software, and infrastructure—which support 21st century teaching and learning.**

1. 1:1 is shorthand for one-to-one. This means there will be one laptop for each student to use for learning at both school and home.
2. With greater access to technology also comes the need for educators and parents to work together to help students understand how the digital world works.
3. This year we will continue use Canvas and encourage parents to be Canvas Observers.
4. For more information about PowerUP requirements please visit Campus (Hogg's) website.



Ms. Aguilar Instructional Technologist

# Digital Safety



Digital Safety :

Keeping All  
Students Safe  
Online Everyday



# Bell Schedule

- Homeroom
  - Community Circles
  - Organization Skills
  - SEL Lessons
- Block Schedule
  - Monday & Wednesday - Red Days
  - Tuesday & Thursday - White Days
  - Fridays - Alternate Red & White Days
- Friday - Advocacy (Clubs!!)



## 2023-2024 Bell Schedule

### Monday-Thursday Schedule

**Red Days:** Monday & Wednesday  
**White Days:** Tuesday & Thursday

Homeroom	8:30 - 9:00am	
Period R1/W1	9:04 - 10:08am	
Period R2/W2	10:12 - 11:16am	
Period R3/W3	11:20am - 1:00pm	A Lunch 11:20am - 11:50am
		B Lunch 11:55am - 12:25pm
		C Lunch 12:30pm - 1:00pm
WIN	1:04 - 1:44pm	
Period R4/W4	1:48 - 2:52pm	
Period R5/W5	2:56 - 4:00pm	

### Friday Schedule

**Rotating Red/White Days**

Homeroom	8:30 - 9:00am	
Period R1/W1	9:04 - 10:08am	
Period R2/W2	10:12 - 11:16am	
Period R3/W3	11:20am - 1:00pm	A Lunch 11:20am - 11:50am
		B Lunch 11:55am - 12:25pm
		C Lunch 12:30pm - 1:00pm
Advocacy	1:04 - 1:44pm	
Period R4/W4	1:48 - 2:52pm	
Period R5/W5	2:56 - 4:00pm	

A typical student schedule is eight classes over ten periods, with reading and math everyday and all other classes every other day

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### **Red Day**

Monday & Wednesday

- Homeroom
- R1 – Math
- R2 – Science
- R3 – ELA-R
- R4 – Squash
- R5 – World Cultures

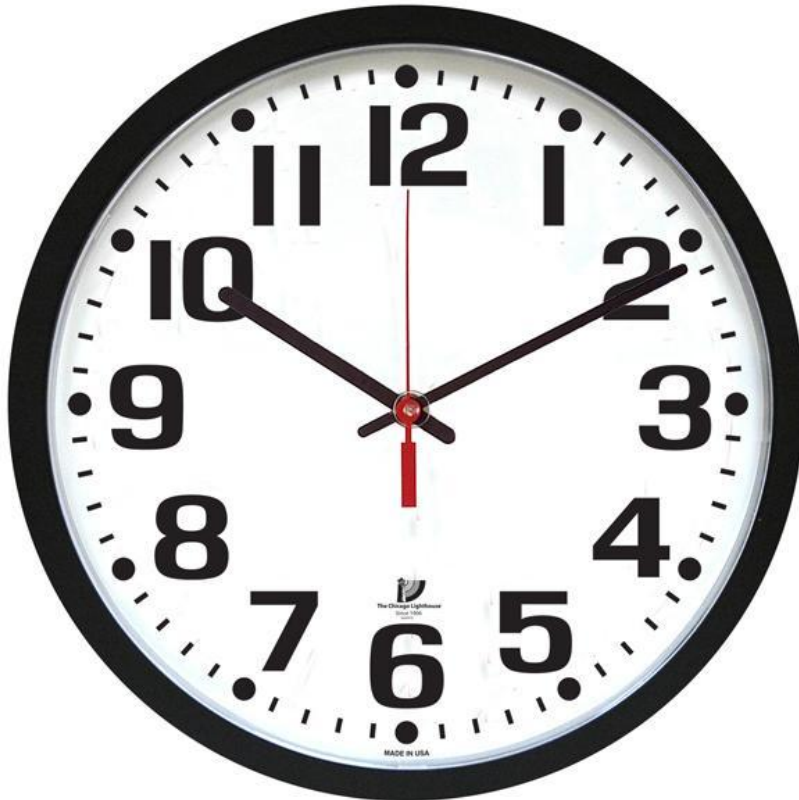
### **White Day**

Tuesday & Thursday

- Homeroom
- W1 – ELA-R
- W2 – Math
- W3 – Graphic Design
- W4 – Beginning Spanish
- W5 – Orchestra

# What time does school start and end?

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- Earliest Drop-off @ 8:00 am
- First Bell @ 8:25 am
- **Tardy @ 8:30 am**
- School Ends @ 4:00 pm
- For safety reasons ALL students who are not in after school activities must be off campus by **4:15 pm**

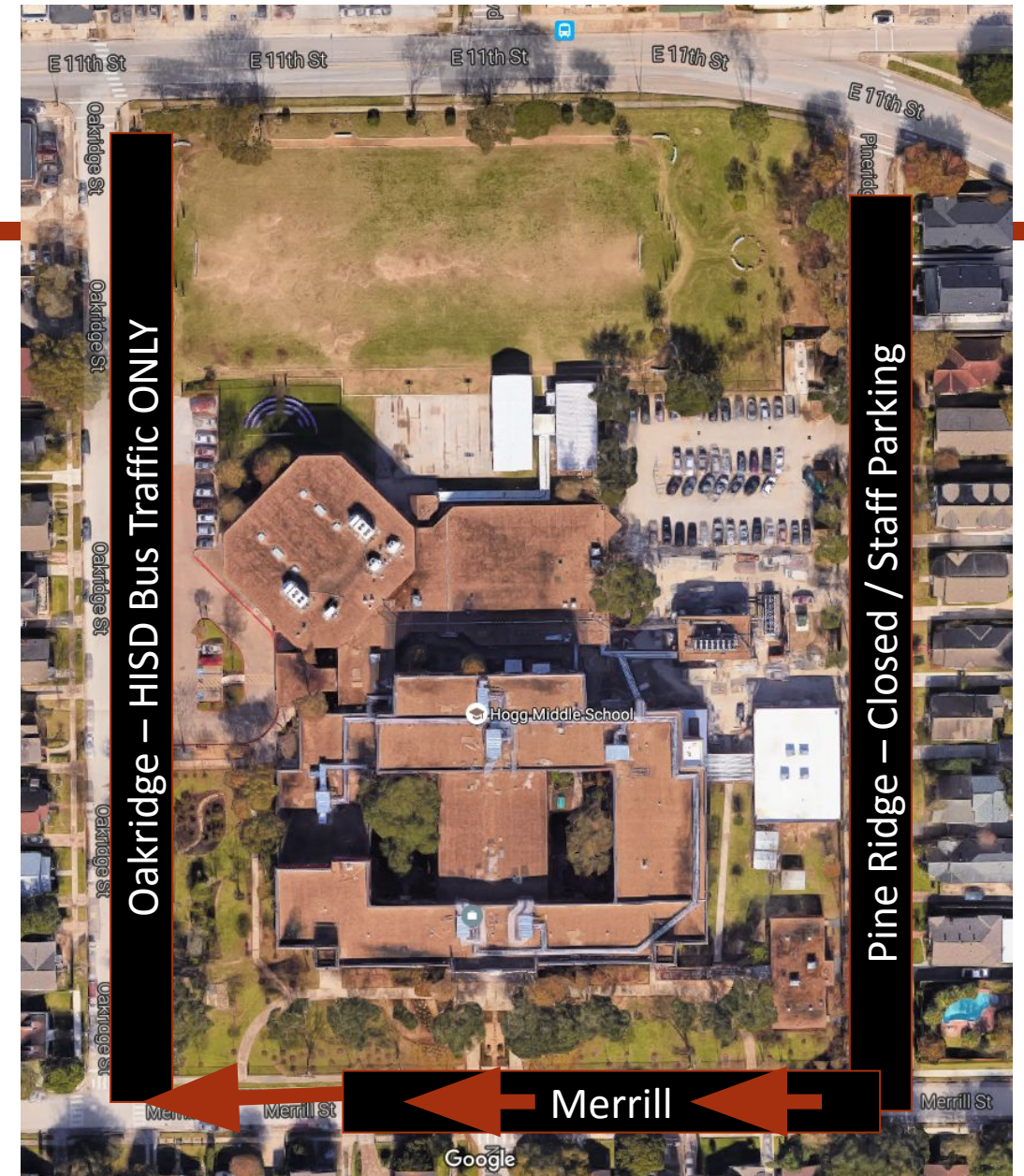


# Drop off & Pick up

**Merrill is one way with traffic flowing east to west.**

**This is the ONLY student drop off & pick up!**

**Please respect traffic signs, neighbors, and staff working together to get your students to and from campus safely**





# Drop off & Pick up

**Oakridge & Pine Ridge  
will be closed for...**

**Drop Off - 8:00-8:25am**

**Pick Up - 4:00-4:15 pm**

**(PLEASE refrain from using these streets they  
are for students with special needs & HISD  
buses to drop off and pick up)**



# Hogg Heaven

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Hogg Heaven provides a quality after-school program with expanded learning opportunities that support developmentally appropriate cognitive, social, physical, and emotional outcomes. In addition, Hogg Heaven will offer a balanced program of homework help, structured activities created by the staff, and outside social distance play time.

Hours of operation are 4:00pm to 6:00pm on regular school days.

Our general schedule is as follows:

- 4:00 - 5:00pm: Students meet in the cafeteria for homework time.
- 5:00 – 5:30pm: Structured Activity
- 5:30 - 6:00pm: Outside time

Flexible payment options for the program:

- Monthly Cost - \$300/6 weeks
- Semester Cost - \$700/semester



**For additional information you can look at the Hogg Middle School website or directly contact Ms. Johnson ([cjohns78@houstonisd.org](mailto:cjohns78@houstonisd.org))**

# Morning Arrival

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- EVERY DAY students are expected to walk in school with their school uniform on and Id's visible.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade will enter through the mall area, pick up breakfast and report to the gym. Students will sit by homeroom teacher.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade will enter through the mall area, pick up breakfast and report to the cafeteria. Students will sit by homeroom teacher.
- **Students arriving after 8:30am are tardy.** If a student arrives after 8:30 am, the student must sign the tardy log located in the foyer and will receive a pass to class.

# Lunch Time

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- Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria. No food allowed outside.
- Students are allowed to eat with friends!
- Weather permitting students will get to outside 15 min after lunch has started.

**We are a Title I campus: All students will be provided with a free breakfast and lunch.**

Please do not send a food delivery service or drop off food for students.



# Can my child have a cell phone?

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- Students are NOT permitted to use cell phones, smart watches, tablets, airpods, or any other non approved digital device while on campus.
- Failure to adhere to this policy will result in your child's phone being immediately confiscated and turned into the office. (Yes, even if as parents you call or text)
- A parent/guardian will have to pick up the cell phone and pay a \$15 fee.

# Dress Code

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School uniforms can improve learning by reducing distractions, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment, allowing students to perform better academically. In addition, uniforms give students a sense of belonging and a feeling of equality; they provide an opportunity for mutual growth and create an identity for the school in the community.

**We are committed to meeting the needs of our students and families. For assistance with uniforms please contact:**

- 6th Grade - Mrs.. Sevilla - [nadia.sevilla@houstonisd.org](mailto:nadia.sevilla@houstonisd.org)
- 7th Grade - Mrs. Villarreal - [avillar7@houstonisd.org](mailto:avillar7@houstonisd.org)
- 8th Grade - Mrs. Segovia – [vsegovia@houstonisd.org](mailto:vsegovia@houstonisd.org)
- All grades - Mrs. Moreno, our Wrap Around Specialist.

# What can 7<sup>th</sup> Graders wear to class?

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**Closed  
toed  
shoes**

**Wednesdays**  
**College Shirts**



**Pants MUST be properly fitted  
around the waist.**



**Fridays**  
**Hogg Spirit Shirt**

# What can 8<sup>th</sup> graders wear to class?

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**Closed  
toed  
shoes**



**Pants MUST be properly  
fitted around the waist.**



**Wednesdays**  
**College Shirts**

**Fridays**  
**Hogg Spirit Shirts**



# What CAN'T students wear to class?

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**No sweatshirt or jackets with hoods are permitted.**

# What CAN'T students wear to class?



**Bottoms, including jeans, must be free of designs, rips and holes.**

# What CAN'T students wear to class?

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**No leggings,  
jeggings or joggers.**

# What CAN'T students wear to class?

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**No Slides,  
Flip-Flops, House  
Shoes or Sandals**



# What CAN'T students wear to class?

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**No Fishnets or  
patterned tights**

# What CAN'T students wear to class?

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**Jean and athletic shorts are not permitted.**

# What about student ID's?

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- For **SAFETY** and security reasons, ID badges are issued to all students within the first two weeks of school.
- ID badges must be visible with a lanyard around students' neck at ALL times while on campus.
- IDs should NOT be altered in anyway.
- The first ID badge is on us. If it is lost or broken, a replacement will need to be purchased for \$5.

# Schedules

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- **Schedule changes will occur if...**
  - Students are missing one of the eight required classes.
  - Students are in the wrong level class.
- To request a schedule change, **the student must complete the request form found in their AP's office and submit it to their AP with a parent's signature.** We ask you to model open-mindedness regarding class schedules. We do our best to accommodate everyone's elective choices, but core classes always take precedence.
- Direct requests from parents will not be accepted. A schedule change request **MUST** be submitted by the deadline (TBD).



# Schedules

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Remember: Changes are discretionary because we want our students to learn to be open minded and balanced.

# Razorback Athletics

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- All paperwork must be turned in before students are able to practice with the team. Paperwork includes: sports physical, insurance, and athletics packet. Please check the Razorback Express for additional details and upcoming due dates.
- Students must register on [RegisterMyAthlete.com](https://RegisterMyAthlete.com) in order to participate.
- Fall Sports - Football, volleyball, and cross country will start ASAP so get your paperwork done!
- Students and parents will be held to a Student-Athlete Code of Conduct this year. It outlines expectations such as practice attendance, grade requirements, pick up times after practice, and general student-athlete requirements. All athletes and parents will be required to sign and adhere to this at the start of each season.

# Grades

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- Grades will be taken during each grading cycle of the 2023-2024 school year.
- All cycle grades will be used in the calculation of the final average for any class.
- Final exams will be administered for all high school credit courses.
- Teachers must update grades weekly.
  - 2 grades per week for double block classes
  - 1 grade per week for single block classes
  - Please email the teacher of record to discuss grades and **allow for 48 hours to respond**. Next, email the grade level principal if needed.

# Important upcoming dates



Save  
the  
Date

Event	Date
First Day of School	August 28, 2023
Labor Day – No School	September 4, 2023
**Open House	TBD
End of Cycle 1	October 30, 2023
Fall Holiday – No School	September 25, 2023
End of Cycle 2	November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving Break	November 20-24, 2023





**Get Connected. Make Your Voice Heard.**  
**Memberships \$10**  
**Join Now!**



# Make it Shine Fundraising Campaign

This initiative gives families & businesses the opportunity to invest in our public school in the long term and help Make It Shine. How can you help?

- **Fall Auction - A Night in Paris 11/11/23**
- **Spring Community Fundraiser - La Loteria & Picnic 3/2/24**
- **Annual Parent Donations**
- **Spirit Nights**



# Hogg PTA Gives Back

**PTA Raised over \$100,000 in 22/23 School Year**

- Teacher Grants Awarded for Mathematics, Science, Art, Engineering, Language, Sports, Technology, Band, Advocacy, and Library
- Teacher Classroom Funds (\$200 Gift Cards to Each Teacher)
- Hogg Murals and Campus Beautification Projects
- Field Maintenance
- Teacher Appreciation Events
- Field Trips
- End of Year Activities
- And more!

# Save the Date

## PTA Sponsored Events

- First Day of School & Parent Coffee (Vineyard Church): August 28
- Hogg Campout (all grades at Stephen F Austin State Park): September 23-24
- Hispanic Heritage Night: Late-September 2023
- A Night in Paris **PTA Auction: November 11, 2023**
- STEAM Night: January 2024
- Black History Night: February 2024
- La Loteria PTA Spring Fundraiser: March 2, 2024
- Literacy Night: April 2024



# Stay Informed

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Following us on Social Media

- Facebook: @HoggMS
- Instagram: @hoggrazorbacks
- Twitter: @Hogg\_Razorbacks



Sign up for the Razorback Express.

- [www.houstonisd.org/hogg](http://www.houstonisd.org/hogg)
- Sent every Friday



# Additional Questions or Concerns

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**Vanessa Saldana**

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**8th Grade Principal**

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