Welcome Razorbacks

7th & 8th Grade
Welcome Back - Parent Meeting

August 24, 2023
Agenda

- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Things to Know
- Dress Code
- Schedules
- Athletics
- Technology
- Grades
- Attendance
- Important Dates
- Stay Informed
Mrs. Saldaña: Head of School
7th and 8th Grade Principals

7th Grade - Mrs. Creuzot

8th Grade - Ms. Mulready
7th and 8th Grade Administrative Assistants

7th Grade - Mrs. Villarreal

8th Grade - Mrs. Segovia
Special Education, 504 & IAT Support

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

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.

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.

We Believe...
As an IB World School we are dedicated to educating the whole child.
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
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!!)
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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- Homeroom
- R1 – Math
- R2 – Science
- R3 – ELA-R
- R4 – Squash
- R5 – World Cultures

- Homeroom
- W1 – ELA-R
- W2 – Math
- W3 – Graphic Design
- W4 – Beginning Spanish
- W5 – Orchestra
What time does school start and end?

- 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

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)
Morning Arrival

- EVERY DAY students are expected to walk in school with their school uniform on and Id’s visible.
- 7th grade will enter through the mall area, pick up breakfast and report to the gym. Students will sit by homeroom teacher.
- 8th 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

- 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?

- 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.
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.

**Dress Code**

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
- 7th Grade - Mrs. Villarreal - avillar7@houstonisd.org
- 8th Grade - Mrs. Segovia – vsegovia@houstonisd.org
- All grades - Mrs. Moreno, our Wrap Around Specialist.
What can 7th Graders wear to class?

**Wednesdays**
- College Shirts

**Fridays**
- Hogg Spirit Shirt

Closed toed shoes

Pants MUST be properly fitted around the waist.
What can 8th graders wear to class?

**Fridays**

- College Shirts
- 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?

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?

No leggings, jeggings or joggers.
What CAN’T students wear to class?

No Slides, Flip-Flops, House Shoes or Sandals
What CAN’T students wear to class?

No Fishnets or patterned tights
What CAN’T students wear to class?

Jean and athletic shorts are not permitted.
What about student ID’s?

- 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

● **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

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

- 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 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

- 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

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<td>October 30, 2023</td>
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<td>September 25, 2023</td>
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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 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

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

**Head of School**
Vanessa Saldana
vsaldana@houstonisd.org

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**8th Grade Principal**
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