

HAIS Weekly Newsletter

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 3, 2023



PEEK AT THE WEEK

Trick or Treat to End Hunger Food Drive

Monday, Oct 30: Campus Pink Out

Monday, Oct 30, 3:30-4:30: Debate Practice (206), Robotics Practice (133), Dance Practice (Cafeteria)

Tuesday, Oct 31, 345-515: Cheer Practice, Dance Practice

Tuesday, Oct 24, 4:30-6:00: Boys and Girls BB Practice (BCM Ryan)

Wednesday, Nov 1, 1230-130: Parent are invited to the HISD FACE Walkthrough @ HAIS

Wednesday, Nov 1 , 3:30-4:30: Faculty Meeting

Thursday, Nov 2, 345-515: Cheer Practice (Gym)

Thursday, Nov 2, 3:30-4:30: Dance Practice (Cafeteria)

Thursday, Nov 2, 4:30-6:00: Boys and Girls BB Practice (BCM Ryan)

Friday, Nov 3, 730-11am: EY Meeting (Cafeteria)

Friday, Nov 3, 1130-115: DiscoverU Study Abroad Presentations

There are **no after school** activities on Fridays

 **Together**
we're stronger 

This Monday October 30th
let's all wear pink to fight
breast cancer!



HISD
Family and Community
Engagement
EMPOWERING FAMILIES. ADVANCING LEARNING.

**2023-2024
ANNUAL HISD F.A.C.E.
CAMPUS WALKTHROUGH**

**HAI S FAMILIES
ARE INVITED**

**WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER | TIME
1 | 2023 | 12:30PM**

Join HISD F.A.C.E. and us for the 2023 HAI S FACE Walk-through . We value
your feedback.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 9: Model UN w/World Affairs Council Meeting

Nov 11: Phoenix Festival

Nov 14, 6-730: Study Abroad Night

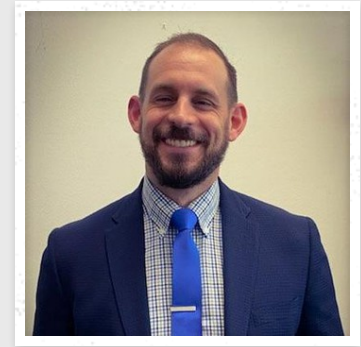
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**

THE CUT-OFF TIME TO PICK STUDENTS UP EARLY IS 2:45PM

WELCOME, MR. KASPARI!

Charles Kaspari is a dedicated education professional with a strong background in educational leadership. He holds a Master of Education Administration from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota, with minors in psychology and political science.



With seven years of experience in the education field, Mr. Kaspari spent five years as a social studies and CTE teacher at the High School for Law and Justice, leaving a significant impact in the classroom. He now joins HAIS from his recent role as the 8th-grade assistant principal at Lanier Middle School, bringing his wealth of knowledge and expertise to the students, parents, teachers, and staff at HAIS.

▮ **Student Drop Off & Pick Up:** Please utilize the left-side of Stuart as a drop off/pick up lane between the hours of (730-745; 300-345). The right side is reserved for our HISD busses. Student cannot be picked up early past 245; they must remain in class until dismissal at 330pm.

▮ **Volunteer for the HISD School Choice Fairs:** Join Ms. Alderete at the different HISD School Choice Fairs and share why potential families should choose HAIS. Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

▮ **Fri-Yay Treat Donations Needed:** Help show support of HAIS faculty and staff with our Fri-YAY Treat program. Sign up [here](#) to show your appreciation.

▮ **Nurse Alert:** Attention HAIS High School students, please speak to Nurse Ambrosia today if you have a medical diagnosis such as asthma, severe allergies with use of Epi pen, seizures, diabetes, mental health diagnosis, or you are pregnant. To ensure optimal safety we must have an emergency plan in place for you during the school year and especially if you go off campus or school field trip.

▮ **Transportation Announcement from Superintendent Miles:** "This is just a reminder to keep an eye out for updates to your child's bus route. HISD is enrolling more students every day, and as a result, our bus routes will continue to change to meet those needs. If your route is updated or changed, you will be notified directly, but you should also periodically check [Find My Route](#) for updated information. If you have problems or questions regarding your child's bus route, you can call 713.556.9400; press 2."

▮ **Transportation Concerns/Requests:** If you have transportation needs (new request, change of address, stop change request due to concerns) click here to [complete our campus transportation tracking form*](#). *Note that there is a minimum 2-week district processing time. Please be sure to arrange for alternative transportation until you received your transportation update from the district and/or me.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS?

Review the [Homework and Assignment Tracker](#) to check in with your students' academic progress, see their weekly learning objective, and note any important class announcements. Navigate through the tabs at the bottom of the page to view different subject areas. If you have questions about a particular assignment, please contact the teacher.

STUDENT SERVICES

Please scan for assistance with the campus counselor or campus Wraparound Specialist.

Reasons to Submit a SAF



My mom lost her job

Yes



No



Life is wonderful!



I broke up with my partner



Classes are tough and I am struggling with keeping my grades up.



I am fine!



I don't have the resources to feel successful in school



I don't know



I feel sad all the time



I have concerns about issues going on with my family



My best friend told me that his dad passed away





HCC INFORMATION

HELPFUL HCC RESOURCES

Want to know how to log into your Canvas? What do you do if you have trouble accessing your HCC Email? How do you register for academic services?

Check out our HCC Resources page [here](#).

STUDENT TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Follow @HAISstudyabroad on Twitter and Instagram and check out our updated [website](#) for more information on upcoming deadlines. **Don't miss out on your chance to see the world!**

2024-2025 Applications are now open!



**Study abroad this summer,
experience the world!**



Choose from 35+ amazing global destinations and study abroad for 3 to 4 weeks.

Immerse yourself in a new language and culture or focus on your passion, whether it's theater, creative writing, wildlife conservation, engineering, social justice or entrepreneurship, and more.

Meet like-minded teens from all over the U.S. to explore and learn together in the real world.

Come home with new skills, new friends, and memories to last a lifetime.

Ask about our scholarships!
Every year, we award more than \$6 million based on academic merit and financial need.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned so many new things about language, culture and myself"

- Wynne H.
CIEE Global Navigator Alum

"It was a positive and transformative experience for both of my children"

-Peter B.
Parent of CIEE Global Navigator Alum

**Apply by December 1
for a chance to win
a free flight!**



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All our programs combine

- ☑ **Interactive classes** you won't want to miss, all taught by local teachers and experts.
- ☑ **Daily cultural activities** and excursions to top landmarks and attractions.
- ☑ **24/7 support** from our local and U.S.-based teams.

*9 out of 10 alumni say they improved communication skills and became more independent & globally-aware.**

WHY CHOOSE CIEE?

We've been around for over 75 years and are the largest study abroad nonprofit organization in the country. Each year, we support over 40,000 students!

Good to know

- **Dates:**
 - Language programs last 4 weeks.
 - All other programs last 3 weeks.
 - Session 1 starts June 2**, 9 or 16.
 - Session 2 starts June 30** or July 7.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Complete grade 9 - graduating seniors.
- **Housing:**
 - Host families on language programs and select program locations.
 - Shared accommodations on other programs.
- **Tuition**
 - Starts at \$4,750 and includes housing, all meals, classes, activities, ground transportation abroad, and student travel insurance.
 - Tuition does not include airfare, passport or visa costs.
 - Scholarships can cover up to 100% of tuition costs.

WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- See the world and broaden your horizons.
- Meet high school students from all over the U.S. who share your interests!
- On Language & Culture programs, earn 4 college credits*** and the Global Seal of Biliiteracy****.
- On select Social Change programs, earn up to 50 hours of service learning.
- Stand out on college applications.

Explore more at
ciee.org/summer2024

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All dates and details subject to change. Check our website for latest information.
*CIEE post-program satisfaction survey 2017-2022 **Only Paris Language & Culture program due to 2024 Olympics ***Optional and requires payment of an additional \$150 transcription fee to our school of record ****Earning the Global Seal of Biliiteracy requires a final score of 5 (Intermediate-Mid) or higher in all 4 testing categories.



Join us in Costa Rica, Panama, or Ecuador this summer!

What is AMIGOS?

AMIGOS offers summer immersion and service learning programs in Latin America for students aged 15-19. You'll volunteer with local organizations, practice your Spanish, live with a host family, and experience life in a new country!



Summer 2024 Program Offerings

2 weeks

Group Travel Only

2-3 weeks

Group Travel with Homestay

4-9 weeks

Community Immersion with Extended Homestay



Earn Service Hours and College Credit



Get 12 service hours per week volunteering with organizations like the National Park Service, a women-led agricultural cooperative, or a sea turtle protection agency. Register to receive up to 3 college credits.



Live Like a Local

Practice your Spanish, live with a host family, and become part of the community! Explore areas most tourists don't get to see.



Choose the Project for You

Whether you're looking for a six-week homestay or a two-week group trip, we have a variety of two, three, four, and six-week projects to fit your schedule and interests.



Attend a virtual information session or chat with a program counselor!

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CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE (CBYX)

A program of the U.S. Department of State, [the CBYX program](#) provides scholarships for eligible American high school students and recent graduates to spend an academic year of study and cultural immersion in Germany! Scholarship recipients will gain a new perspective on global current affairs and German social, economic, and political life, all while learning the German language through day-to-day life in the culture, attending a local high school, and living with a host family. The CBYX program is accepting applications for the 2024-25 program through **November 1, 2023**. Encourage students to start their application [TODAY](#).

KENNEDY LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY (YES) ABROAD

A program of the U.S. Department of State, [the YES Abroad program](#) provides scholarships for eligible American high school students and recent graduates to live with host families and attend a local high school for an academic year in countries like Egypt, Ghana, India, Senegal, Thailand, Turkey and more. YES Abroad students promote mutual understanding between the U.S. and the host country by building relationships with the local community. We expect the 2024-25 program application to open in September 2023 –click [HERE](#) to be notified when the application opens!

NATIONAL SECURITY LANGUAGE INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH (NSLI-Y)

A program of the U.S. Department of State, [the NSLI-Y program](#) provides scholarships for eligible American high school students and recent graduates to learn one of eight critical languages: Persian, Indonesian, Hindi, Turkish, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian, Korean, and Arabic! Summer and academic year programs are available, with all programs including language instruction, cultural lessons and activities, conversation practice with local peers, and a host family component. We expect the 2024-25 program application to open in September 2023 –click [HERE](#) to be notified when the application opens.

CELEBRATING ALL THINGS HAIS



#PHOENIXRISING

SHOUT OUT GOES TO...

Ms. Salinas: Thank you for spearheading our Red Ribbon Week!
-Ms. Alderete

Ms. Paredes, Ms. Lopez-Garcia, Mr. Kang: Thank you for your assistance making awesome stickers to share for recruitment so quickly!
- Ms. Alderete

HAIS Gardening Club and Ms. Rancifer: Congratulations on breaking ground for our campus garden and setting up your hydroponic tower!
- Ms. Alderete

HAIS Hotshots Robotics Team, Ms. Rancifer, & Ms. Nance:
Great job on the progress of your robot arm and wheels!

- Ms. Alderete

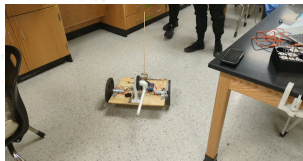
Have you caught a colleague, faculty/staff member, or student doing something above and beyond? Let's recognize it.

[Submit your Shout Out for next week's newsletter.](#)



New video by Janna Rancifer

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GET INVOLVED!

INNERVIEW – HOW TO

TRACK YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Did you know you can earn graduation regalia by completing 200 hours during your time at HAIS? Use our tracking system on Innerview. If you need assistance on how to get started, see below or Ms. Alderete.



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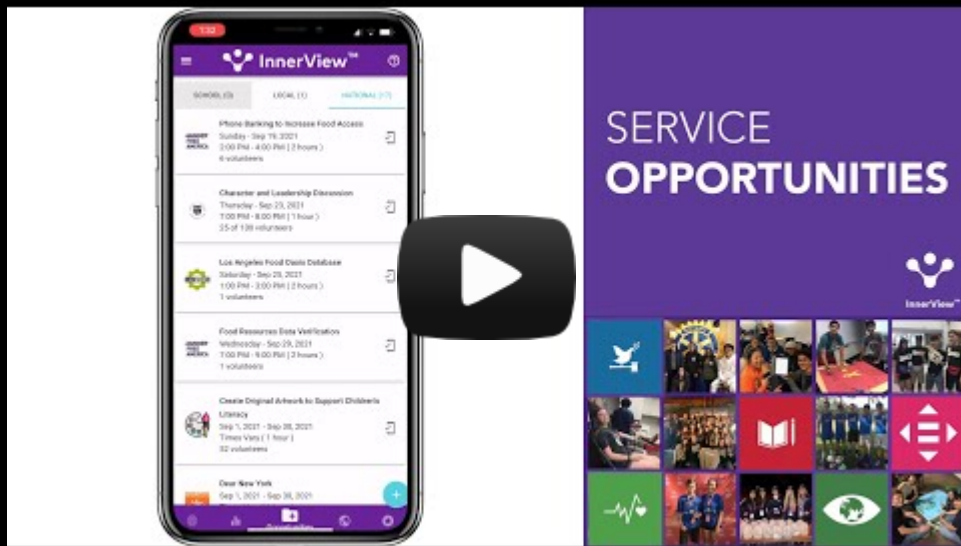


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FINDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Service Opportunities



PTO



**We need your help to make the
2022-2023 school year a success!**



Donate to the PTO!

If every HAIS family donates \$50, the PTO will be able to fund the Halloween Dance, gifts for teachers and staff, and so much more.



Volunteer your time!

We will have many opportunities throughout the year to help.



Sign Up Genius!

Watch for opportunities to donate food, supplies, and more throughout the year.

To donate and for more information:

haispto.org
haispto@gmail.com

PURCHASE HAIS GEAR AND SUPPORT YOUR HAIS PTO

Show off your HAIS pride and support the HAIS PTO. You are able to choose your color of choice for most items. Check out the site and order now!

[Click here to place your order and have it delivered directly to you.](#)



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