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# Weekly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 12-16, 2024

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## Peek at the Week

### Lunar New Year Spirit Week

**Monday, Feb 12: 3:30-4:30:** Debate Practice (206), Robotics Practice (133), Dance Practice (Cafeteria)

**Monday, Feb 12, 345-500:** BHM Rehearsal (Cafeteria)

**Tuesday, Feb 13, 345-515:** Cheer Practice, Dance Practice, Girls Soccer Practice (Baldwin Park)

**Tuesday, Feb 13, 345-515:** Emerge Meeting

**Wednesday, Feb 14, 3:30-4:30:** Debate (113), Interact (Go Center), Robotics (119A)

**Wednesday, Feb 14, 345-500:** BHM Rehearsal (Cafeteria)

**Wednesday, Feb 14, 430-700:** HAIS Soccer vs NECHS

**Thursday, Feb 15:** Senior Cap/Gown Picture Day

**Thursday, Feb 15, 11am-1pm:** DiscoverU Campus Visit

**Thursday, Feb 15, 345-515:** Cheer Practice (Gym)

**Thursday, Feb 15, 3:30-4:30:** Dance Practice (Cafeteria)

**Thursday, Feb 15, 345-515:** Boys Soccer Practice (Baldwin Park)

**Thursday, Feb 15, 4:30-6:00:** Boys and Girls BB Practice (BCM Ryan)

**Friday, Feb 16, 1-3:** Lunar New Year Celebration @ HCC

**Saturday, Feb 17:** USTEM Robotics Under Cooked Tournament



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



**2024**  
**Lunar New Year**  
**Spirit Week**

**2/12 Monday** NEW YEAR! Wear anything new!

**2/13 Tuesday** 100th Day of School/ Long Life - Dress like you're 100 yrs old

**2/14 Wednesday** Pair Up for Good Luck - Twin Day

**2/15 Thursday** Represent 1 of the 12 Chinese Zodiac Animals

**2/16 Friday** Wear red for luck

*HAIS dress code applies to all spirit days*



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

**STAFF PD DAY**

NO HISD OR HCC  
CLASSES



## Upcoming Events

Feb 20: HAIS FAFSA Roadshow

Feb 21: Belize Departure Meeting

Feb 22: Black History Month Campus Waiver Day; Fly Away Fest

Feb 22: PTO Meeting

Feb 23: Go Texan Day

Feb 23: HAIS vs Challenge Soccer

Feb 24: USTEM Robotics ROBOFEST

Mar 1: Black History Month Performance

## Announcements



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

▷ **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.

▷ **Campus Closes:** Campus closes at 4:30 Monday through Thursday and 4:00pm on Friday. Students may wait at the Spark Park or at HCC - Central after campus closes.

▷ **Reminder:** There is no off campus lunch and students should remain on campus all day on Fridays.

▷ **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.

▷ **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

## February Counseling Newsletter.pdf

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

Reasons to Submit a SAF		
	Yes	No
 My mom lost her job	✓	
 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!**



#### 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!

[amigosinternational.org](https://amigosinternational.org)

## AFS Study Abroad Scholarships Still Available for Travel!

### AFS is Recruiting our Class of 2024-2025

Exciting news from AFS-USA's Study Abroad programs! Thanks to a new scholarship process, AFS-USA **is able to meet the demonstrated financial need of all of our accepted applicants!** We're actively seeking curious, adaptable, and open-minded students to join AFS-USA's class of 2024-25, regardless of their ability to afford a Study Abroad program. Our new Global Citizenship Scholarship applies to our Summer (2-8 week), Semester, and Academic Year experiences and these programs typically fill by April. Now's the time to encourage every student...especially those with financial need to [start their applications today](#).

### Calling all Young Women Interested in STEM!!

The **AFS Global STEM Accelerators** is an extraordinary, full-scholarship program for **young women** who are active global citizens and passionate about solving some of today's biggest global challenges. The 2024 Accelerators program consists of virtual, interactive workshops for girls around the world between the ages of 15 and 17.5, with a focus on critical STEM skills, global competence education, and social impact – empowering them to become changemakers in their communities. Applications for the 12-week, all-virtual Accelerators exchange program will open on **February 1, 2024 and close on March 15, 2024**. Programming will take place between May and August, and will connect participants from all around the world. [Share the website](#) with your students so they can learn more and apply!

### Student Intern Opportunity



February is a great time to start looking for summer jobs and programs to join. If you are looking for a seasonal summer position, consider working for the City of Houston in their community center programs! Pay is \$13.66/hour. Apply at the link below:

[STUDENT INTERN \(Seasonal\)](#) | [Job Details tab](#) | [Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

## Writers in the School Internship Opportunity

*Writers in the Schools is seeking high school and college students to assist with the organization and facilitation of our annual summer Creative Writing Camps in June and July 2024.*

*Each summer, Writers in the Schools and the School Literacy and Culture Project at Rice University sponsor Creative Writing Camp (CWC). More than 1,300 children in grades K-12 participate in CWC where they write stories, poetry, essays, and plays in a fun and supportive environment.*

*Working alongside professional writers and poets, the student interns will have the opportunity to work in a variety of areas and gain experience in creative writing instruction, early childhood education, nonprofit administration, and arts education.*

*To apply, please submit an application [HERE](#). For more information, email Kat Bacani at [kbacani@witshouston.org](mailto:kbacani@witshouston.org)*



**WITS Summer Internships**

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**INTERNSHIP DUTIES INCLUDE:**

- Attend full camp orientation (date TBA)
- Attend campus-specific orientation the Saturday before the week of camp
- Arrive at camp 30 minutes before camp begins and remain 15 minutes after camp ends
- Help students during morning drop off and afternoon pick up
- Assist younger children with dictation and art projects

**BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Interns will gain work, classroom, and nonprofit organization administration experience
- Internship will serve as a networking opportunity for interns to meet colleagues in creative writing, education, literary arts, and nonprofit fields
- Interns will build their resumes
- Upon successful completion of an internship with CWC, WITS will serve as a reference and will provide letters of recommendation.

**Apply To Intern Today!**

For more info, email Kat Bacani [kbacani@witshouston.org](mailto:kbacani@witshouston.org) or scan the QR code to apply

VISIT [WITSHOUSTON.ORG/JOBS](http://WITSHOUSTON.ORG/JOBS)

## CELEBRATING ALL THINGS H AIS



### #PhoenixRising

SHOUT OUT GOES TO...

**HCC Dual-Credit Team:** For conducting grade level dual-credit orientations to optimize student success.

- Ms. Alderete

**Ms. Lopez and Ms. Shepard:** For overseeing another successful 11th grade capstone season.

- 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.](#)

## GET INVOLVED!



## INNERVIEW -HOW TO

Families and Students can still register to volunteer with us!

### 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.

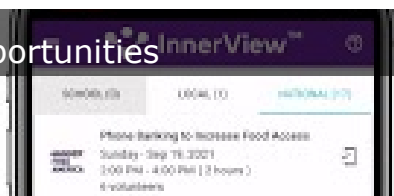
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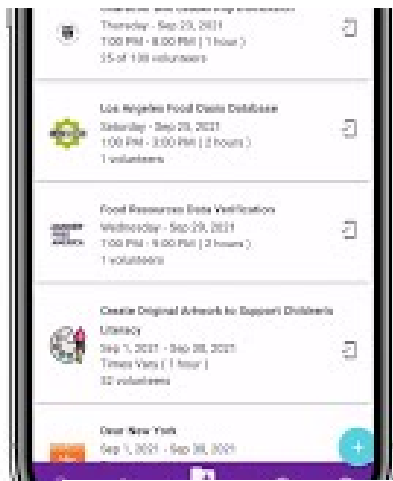
### Finding Volunteer Opportunities

Service Opportunities



SERVICE  
OPPORTUNITIES





**HERMANN/PARK  
CONSERVANCY**

**We need YOU!**

**Make Your  
Mark on  
the Park**

- Habitat Restoration
- Garden Care
- Park Maintenance
- Special Events



**GET  
OUTSIDE !**

**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**MCGOVERN CENTENNIAL GARDENS  
JAPANESE GARDEN  
THE COMMONS  
KITE FESTIVAL**

Need Service Hours?  
Share your talents and time  
with the Conservancy!



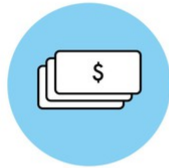
[Volunteer@hermannpark.org](mailto:Volunteer@hermannpark.org)

[www.hermannpark.org](http://www.hermannpark.org)

**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](https://haispto.org)

[haispto@gmail.com](mailto: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.](#)







## Shop Online, Donate to HAIS

**Online shopping?** Shop Amazon through <https://smile.amazon.com/>, and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to your favorite charitable organization. Please consider selecting "HAIS PTO" as your AmazonSmile charitable organization!



## HAIS

Through **international studies**, a **personalized environment** and a **college preparatory curriculum**, HAIS will prepare students for active roles as **global citizens**.

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