

# HAIS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2003



## PEEK AT THE WEEK

**Monday, September 25:** No HISD Classes, HCC classes have online classwork

**Tuesday, Sept 26:** Texas A&M visit to HAIS (Lunch)

**Wednesday, Sept 27, 330-430:** Interact Club Information Meeting (Go Center)

**Thursday, Sept 28:** CIEE Study Abroad visit to HAIS (Lunch)

**Friday, Sept 29:** Modified A Day, Friday Club Fair (AVID), Sign UP for Friday Clubs Open

**Friday, Sept 29:** TSI Testing

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



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

# FALL HOLIDAY

NO HISD SCHOOL.  
ALL HCC CLASSES WILL BE  
HELD AS SCHEDULED.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 4: TSI Testing (seniors only)
- Oct 4: Faculty Meeting (no after school activities)
- Oct 11: PSAT Day; Seniors Only TSI Testing Day
- Oct 12: HAIS College Fair TACARO
- Oct 13: No HISD School for Students; Staff PD Day
- Oct 20: College & Career Day
- Oct 20, 1-3: Hispanic Heritage Festival

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **NWEA MAP Testing:** HISD has begun using the NWEA MAP assessment to measure student growth in Algebra I, English I, English II and Biology courses. Students will take this exam three times this year (beginning of the year, middle of the year, and end of the year). Students will take the exam for the first time between Sept. 18th and Sept. 29th. Please ensure your student comes to school during this window with a charged laptop to make their testing experience smooth. [Family Guide to MAP Growth \(nwea.org\)](#)

▷ **PSAT Testing:** HAIS will offer the PSAT 8/9, the PSAT 10, and the PSAT/NMSQT exams on October 11th for all 9th-11th grade students. The exams will be digital so students must bring their device to school that day. The PSAT exams are tests that align to the college admissions SAT exam. They follow a similar format, and they provide scores that help predict students' SAT scores and give insights into how students can improve. For 11th graders, the PSAT/NMSQT is a qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship competition. Students with excellent scores from around the country can become finalists as seniors and earn great merit scholarships, but must qualify with a high score on the PSAT. 10th and 11th graders can also use their scores for TSI completion if they meet the benchmarks. 10th and 11th grade students are practicing the test format in their AVID courses, and any student who wishes to do additional study can check out Khan Academy for personalized recommendations and practice based on their previous PSAT scores

▷ **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

		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	✓	



## **NURSE'S STATION**

### **SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH**

[Shining Light on Suicide Awareness Month: 40 Vital Resources to Get Help \(stopitsolutions.com\)](https://stopitsolutions.com)

## **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!**



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Every year, we award more than \$6 million based on academic merit and financial need.

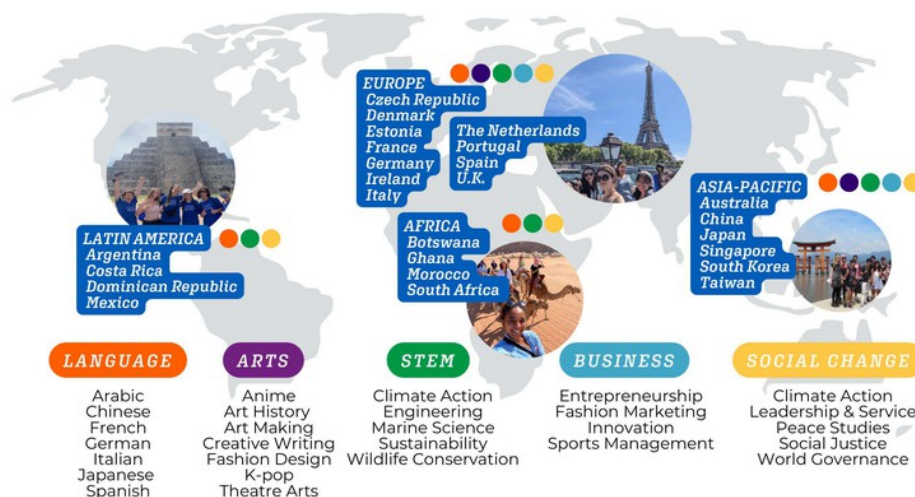
*"It was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned so many new things about language, culture and myself"*  
- Wynne H.  
CIEE Global Navigator Alum

*"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 Biliteracy\*\*\*\*.
- On select Social Change programs, earn up to 50 hours of service learning.
- Stand out on college applications.

Explore more at  
[ciee.org/summer2024](https://ciee.org/summer2024)

(866) 583 0332

[hsabroad@ciee.org](mailto:hsabroad@ciee.org)

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 Biliteracy 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!

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

## 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...

**Mr. Nance & Mr. Smith:** What an excellent job of organizing 80 seniors to attend the HCC Central College All Major Career Fair! The HAIS seniors were recognized by the President of HCC, Dr. Muddassir Siddiqi! (please see photo)

- Ms. Hopson

**Ms. Yockey:** Great job training yourself and everyone on proper procedure for the NWEA. Testing went smoothly because of the hard work and time you put forth.

- Ms. Alderete

**Iry'ana Hamilton & Noah Johnson:** Thank you for assisting in my office.

- Ms. Alderete

**Mr. Cervantes:** We are excited to have him part of the HAIS team.

- 10th Grade Team

**Ms. Boswell:** Thank you for all of your help with debate, especially this week. Thanks for everything.

- Mr. Morin

**Ms. Lopez-Garcia:** Making awesome posters for nurse and helping with parent communication. She's SO SUPER SWEET of her time and service. THANK YOU!!!

- Nurse Ambrosia

**Ms. Rancifer:** Thank you for going the extra mile to help students succeed.

- Iry'ana Hamilton

**Ms. Hoang:** She was a bold pioneer in MAP testing administration, kicking off day one with minimal issues and a calm presence! I appreciated her patience, flexibility, and the smoothness with which she administered the exam.

- Ms. Yockey

**Mr. Cervantes:** You have created a comfortable space for students to learn even though you are just acquainting yourself to HAIS.

- Iry'ana Hamilton

**Thandi Jackson:** For leading her team through a successful practice, and for being a great leader to her class!

- Ms. Nance

**Ms. Yockey:** for ensuring the new district NWEA testing went smoothly. She had everything ready and was happy to support teachers and students.

- Ms. Boswell

**Kateri Gutierrez:** For taking charge of the HHM and bringing our community closer together! <3

- Lynnette Morales

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





Seniors had an opportunity to participate in a career day at our partner campus, HCC Central.

## GET INVOLVED!

### HAIS FRIDAY CLUBS SELECTED

**Students** - Get ready for the annual HAIS Friday Club Fair on Friday September 29. Be ready to register for your preferred club.

#### Club Timeline

Sept 15-20: Proposal submission window

Sept 22: Club leaders will be notified whether their proposal has been approved

Sept 29: Club Fair

Sept 29-Oct 4: Selection of Clubs (students that do not register will be placed where space is available)

Oct 6: First day of Clubs

## INNERVIEW - HOW TO



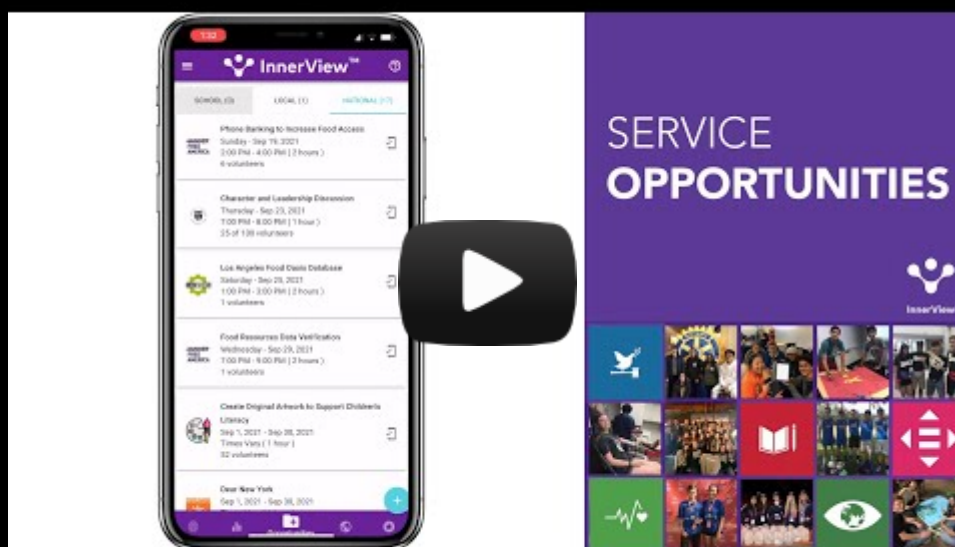
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## FINDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Service Opportunities



## PTO

If you have questions, please email the PTO at [haispto@gmail.com](mailto:haispto@gmail.com).

**HAIS PTO Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 6-7pm**

**[Join Zoom Meeting](#)**

**Meeting ID: 894 6221 2380**

**Passcode: 689445**

**[Click here to visit the HAIS PTO Site](#)**





**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.](#)



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**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!





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