

HCM'S HIGHLIGHTS

February 27, 2015

Principal's Message:

We are excited to announce that on March 5th, Hill Country Middle School, and on March 6th, West Ridge Middle School, will be having an assembly for 7th and 8th grade students around 9am for a new initiative coming to Eanes ISD called S.O.S., Students Opposing Substances. S.O.S. is a student-driven program, created by Stormey Barton who is a Hyde Park Junior and former Hill Country Middle School student. This program is intended to help students have a reason to remain substance free.

Each student will have the option of signing a contract with their parent for the student to remain abstinent from drugs. When this contract is returned to campus, a bracelet will be given to the student. A drug testing kit will be mailed to the student's home address. The drug testing kit is to be the child's way out when asked to use drugs or alcohol. It is their excuse to say no. If they are asked to use substances, they can say that they cannot because they signed a contract with their parents and at any time they can be drug tested by their folks.

After the students attend the assembly, each child will receive a contact information sheet in their 2nd period class. The contact information sheet is to be filled out with both you and the student (the parent must sign it). Once the student returns the contact information, the contract (for you to keep), a S.O.S. bracelet, and a drug testing kit will be mailed to you from Stormey.

If you would like additional information, please visit

<http://www.studentsopposingsubstances.com/>

Please feel free to contact Casey Davids, one of our counselors, with any questions about this program.

Girls Soccer Info

Parents of 7th/8th grade girls wanting to try out for the soccer team should attend an informational meeting on March 5 from 6:00-7:00pm in the HCMS cafeteria. Tryouts will take place after spring break. The participation fee for soccer is \$275.00.

Lost and Found...

Our Lost & Found is overflowing with coats, lunchboxes, gym bags, and water bottles. Items are now out on tables in the cafeteria. Please encourage your child(ren) to claim any articles they are missing. Items remaining in our lost and found will be donated on March 13.

7th Grade Evening of Fun

Dear 7th Grade Parents:

Your son or daughter is invited to join their 7th grade peers for a fun evening in the HCMS cafeteria from 7:00-9:00pm next Friday, March 6th. Mark your calendars and encourage your child to attend! A flier with information is attached.....please note the following:

WHEN: March 6th.....FRIDAY.....from 7:00-9:00pm

WHERE: HCMS cafeteria (Please make arrangements to drop off and pick up your child from the front entry.)

WHO: 7th graders ONLY!

WHAT: TWISTER themed fun and games.....and of course, dancing!

HOSTED BY: Parent Volunteers (It's not too late to join the fun if you would like to come!)

We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online sign-up and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming sign-ups.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/mxTTKw>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

ENTRY COST: \$5 at the door...no tickets sold in advance.....cash only

OTHER COSTS: Your child can opt to purchase drinks and snacks and party favors (\$15 suggested amount).

BENEFITS: All profits raised will benefit the HCMS band program.

SUGGESTED ATTIRE: Students are encouraged to wear white, as there will be black lights on the dance floor; dress comfortably and be ready for TWISTER games! **School dress code will be enforced.**

We hope to see your kiddo out on the glowing dance floor and at the game tables!

Please email Julia Webber if you have any questions: julia@rarejules.com

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Go, Cougars!
Kathleen Sullivan, Principal

EEF News

Thank you for your support of the 2015 EEF Gala! We hope you'll make plans to join us at the 2016 EEF Gala! Flyer attached with gala photos.

Cougar Club News

Good afternoon, Cougar parents! Brrrrr - it's cold outside, but warmer weather is coming. And with that warm weather, the Cougar Club brings some spring activities to HCMS and our students.

7th grade dance: The dance is coming! The dance is coming! Please mark your calendars for your 7th grade student to attend the "Twister" themed event on March 6th from 7-9pm. Check out the flyer attached.

Spirit Night: Put down the pots and pans and have dinner out!! We are excited to see you at Noodles & Co (in the Randall's shopping center) on March 12 from 4-8pm for a spirit night that supports HCMS. See the attached flyer for the details.

I am thrilled to announce the nomination of Co-Presidents for the 2015-2016 school year. I tip my hat to Zelda Minors and Laura Clark for stepping up to the plate. HCMS is lucky to have TWO strong leaders for the upcoming year. Now it's time for us to stand with them to bring amazing events and support to HCMS! Several positions need to be filled as soon as possible, such as Spirit Wear Chairs, Hello Chairs, Friends of Hill Country Fundraiser Chairs, and Carnival Chairs. Please consider stepping up and volunteering for one of the following open positions. Grab your best buddy and volunteer together - what a great way to get involved and make a difference in the lives of our students. Questions?

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HCMS Cougar Club Open Board Positions 2015-2016

Board Position

Co-President Elects

VP of Parent Programs

VP of Student Programs

Treasurer-Elect

Friends of Hill Country Fundraising

Community Partners

Box Tops/labels for Education

School Store

Spirit Wear

6th Grade Allocations Representative

7th Grade Allocations Representative

8th Grade Allocations Representative
EEF Representative
Bulletin Boards
Copy Room Coordinator
Cougar Club Speakers
Field Trip Liaisons
Special Displays
New Family Liaison
Booster Club meeting hospitality
Back to School night hospitality
WHS Football Pit ticket sales
Teacher Luncheon Appreciation
Teacher Appreciation Week coordinator
Teacher Holiday party
Teacher birthdays
Thanksgiving Staff Pie Swap
Veterans Day Liaison
Cougar Club Volunteer Appreciation Event
Hello
Back to School Snow Cone Social
Carnival
Picture Day
Academic Recognition
UIL Chair/Breakfast Kick-off
6th grade Back to School Swim party
6th Dance Chair - spring
6th grade field trips
6th Sock Hop Chairs
6th grade team leader
6th Pi Day liaison
6th End of year party chair
7th Fall Dance Chair
7th grade team leader
7th Spring Dance Chair
7th grade field trips
7th End of school party
8th Fall Dance Chair
8th Spring Dance Chair
8th Team Leader
8th Career Fair Liaison
8th End-of-Year Celebrations

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MARCH

[CLT meeting](#)

[7th grade dance](#)

[Teacher Appreciation Luncheon](#)

[Spirit Night - Noodles & Co](#)

[Spring Break](#)

[Booster Club Board Mtg](#)

[Principal's brown bag lunch](#)

[Wednesday, March 4](#)

[Friday, March 6](#)

[Tuesday, March 10](#)

[Thursday, March 12](#)

[March 16 -20](#)

[Wednesday, March 25](#)

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[4:00 - 5:00](#)

[7:00 - 9:00](#)

[A, B, C lunches](#)

[4-9 pm](#)

[8:45 -11:00](#)

[11:30 - 12:30](#)

[library](#)

[café/gym](#)

[staff lounge](#)

[Noodles &](#)

[Co](#)

[conference](#)

[room](#)

[library](#)