

HCMS HIGHLIGHTS

Principal's Message:

TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL is SATURDAY!

TTBF is fast approaching! There's nothing like meeting an author to get a student excited about reading!

Mark your calendars and be sure to send your students. They don't have to stay the whole time, and you are welcome to drop them off.

Saturday, October 18

St. Edward's University

8:30 am - 5:30 pm

We are also looking for [VOLUNTEERS!](#) Please consider signing up to volunteer while your student attends the festival.

Visit the our [WEBSITE.](#) www.texasteenbookfestival.org

HCMS Scoreboard

On Friday, October 10th, the Cougar Cross Country team competed in the Westlake Chaparral Invite, considered one of the most competitive and elite middle school races in the state.

The boys' team lead by Jackson Arnette and Max Pastor's top 15 finish of 7th and 11th respectively came in 5th place.

Despite missing several key team members, the girls' team placed 6th. Maddie Dawson was the top Cougar, finishing in 1st place (for her fourth 1st place finish this year).

Football vs. Lake Travis

7th Grade

8th Grade

7A 35-0
7B 6-8
7C 13-0

8A 22-0
8B 16-0

Volleyball Girls vs. Dripping Springs

7th Grade

7A 25-22, 24-26, 25-10

7B 20-25, 16-25

8th Grade

8A 25-17, 25-20

8B 13-25, 23-25

Go, Cougars!

Kathleen Sullivan

Cougar Club Updates:

What a beautiful week we have had - the cooler temperatures seem to be making everyone smile at Hill Country. Congratulations to the 7th grade for having the most families donate to the Friends of Hill Country Cougar Dash - our one-time, no-hassle fundraiser. All three grades were VERY close! The percentage of participating families are as follows:

6th grade 23.125%

7th grade 24.855%

8th grade 24.332%

Thank you to all our participating families - the Cougar Club does so much for ALL our children and staff and thanks to these generous families, we can continue providing the extras. It's never too late to donate! The online store is still open - please consider a donation. I am always available to answer any questions you may have regarding our fundraiser and budget.

Have you paid your required student fees? Please take care of that on the online store now. We will be contacting each parent who has not paid - remember this fee covers field trips, transportation, consumables, and the carnival.

Upcoming events and opportunities:

Join the HCMS Mascot at the EEF Westlake Homecoming tailgate and celebrate having fun with family and friends while enjoying food and games. And, of course, remember to have a picture made with the Cougar. When: 5:15-7:15 in the Westlake stadium parking lot.

Step Right Up, Parents!

HCMS Carnival (Friday, November 7) is fast approaching and we need volunteers to pull it off!

6th grade parents - This is a great chance to see your kids in Middle School action!

7th grade parents - Visit your elusive middle schooler in their natural environment!

8th grade parents - One last time to experience carnival before they head to high school!

We have shifts early, mid-day, and afternoon! Can't volunteer? Bake something for the Cake Walk!

ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE FOR A FEW FABULOUSLY FUN PRIZES!

Just click here or here (<http://vols.pt/JeZ1p5>) to go to Volunteer Spot and pick your job.

Thanks for helping make Carnival fun!

The football season will be over soon - don't miss an opportunity to see your student at lunch. Come sell Pit Tickets! Please consider helping sell tickets during a lunch period. The volunteer spot is <http://vols.pt/o7txjv>.

From the library: Texas Teen Book Festival (TTBF) - TTBF is fast approaching! We're featuring 29 authors who write for teens, and there's nothing like meeting an author to get a student excited about reading!

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Calendar:

EEF Donation Day - Friday, October 17 - Let's beat West Ridge this year!! All donations count!!

WHS/EEF Homecoming Tailgate - Friday, October 17 - 5:15-7:15pm

Cougar Club Board Mtg. - Wednesday, October 29 - 8:45-10:30am

Report Card Treats - Tuesday, October 28 - All lunches

Eanes Late Start - Friday, October 31

Renee Ernst, HCMS Cougar Club President, Ernst.Renee@yahoo.com

EEF News

It's time for the SMACKDOWN! Join us at the EEF Tailgate before the WHS Homecoming game from 5:15-7:15pm at Chap stadium!

The middle school with the highest participation will win the coveted Pride of the Hills trophy, and the principal of the losing school will have to wear the winning school's jersey at the WRMS v. HCMS football game! Donations received on October 17 will be matched up to \$25,000!

Click here <http://tinyurl.com/qjzp95k> or see attached flyer for all the SMACKDOWN details.