



**HIGHLAND PARK
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HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

We are having a great start to the 2018-19 school year and are very proud of our students and our school community as we continue to develop our restorative culture in the high school. Our student support team with the help of Mrs. Keshia Golding-Cooper, our assistant principal, Ms. Luksa, our Dean of Restorative Practices, Mr. Shawn Harrison, our Youth Safety Specialist, and our guidance department are all collaborating to make a real difference in our high school as we implement our revised code of conduct. Please be sure to review this code of conduct in the student handbook if you have not done so already. It is located on our school website and copies were distributed to every student.

I would like to remind you of some upcoming events:

October 12th: Quarter 1 Progress Reports for the 2018-2019 school year will be available through the Parent Portal in Genesis at <https://parents.genesisedu.com/hpschools/parents?gohome=true>

October 21st: "DECA Dash" charity scavenger hunt in town to benefit Wounded Warriors

October 15th - 17th: Senior Portraits 2:00PM - 8:00PM

October 26th: DECA "Make A Wish" Walk, 1:40PM - 2:40PM

October 30th: Student Congress "Haunted House" at 7PM in the High School Gymnasium

When you log in to review the teachers' comments about student progress this marking period, please keep in mind which teachers to plan conferences with as well. Genesis will provide information on students' current averages and assignment grades. ***Please be aware that the marking period ends on November 14th with Quarter 1 Report Cards available on November 21st so there is still plenty of time remaining in the marking period for grades to change.*** We will be using Genesis to schedule Parent and Teacher conferences.

To sign up for Fall Parent-Teacher conferences please go to the High School website at <http://hs.hpschools.net/> and enter the Genesis Parent Portal **beginning on October 22, 2018 at 3PM.** Click on **Student Data** and then the **Conference** tab to locate the directions for requesting a conference. Additionally, see the directions attached.

If you are unable to access conferences online or need any assistance we will have request forms available in our main office and guidance office. The schedule for conferences is as follows:

November 5th: Evening conferences, 6:00PM - 9:00PM

November 6th: School closed for Election Day - Please get out to vote!
Evening Conferences, 6:00PM - 9:00PM

November 7th: Early Dismissal at 12:22PM, Afternoon Conferences 1:00PM - 4:00PM

In order to continue to meet the needs of our students and the community and maintain an open dialogue, I need parent volunteers for my **Parent Involvement Committee**. I encourage parent involvement in our school and look forward to additional volunteers. I hope for a committee of 8 - 10 parents of diverse backgrounds. I value hearing from the community regarding concerns and

sharing the vision for our high school's excellence. **Please send me an email of interest at mlassiter@hpschools.net or a letter if you prefer by October 22, 2018.** Please include a description of your background and why you would like to be part of such a committee, and I will try to include you. **Our first meeting will be October 23, 2018 at 6:30PM in the high school main office.**

If you have any questions on any of the above information, please contact our office and we will assist you.

Sincerely,
Michael Lassiter

CC. Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent
Mrs. Keshia Golding-Cooper, Assistant Principal