



**HIGHLAND PARK
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HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing a year anniversary from the last time we had all our students and our entire staff at Highland Park High School. It has been refreshing to have staff and students return to the building these past few weeks, although we have a fraction back in person for hybrid learning. I recognize that many are uncomfortable with the idea of being indoors in public spaces during the COVID pandemic, but I want to assure those who are considering the return that we are taking numerous precautions to keep everyone safe. The initial internet stability issues have been resolved thanks to the work of our technology department. The staff and students who have returned in person have brought life back to this big empty building and brightened my days and lifted my spirits! As spring begins to arrive, and more and more staff members receive their vaccinations, I believe strongly that we will be prepared for more of our OWLS to return to the HPHS nest!

The school year is passing very quickly and Quarter 3 Progress Reports for the 2020-2021 school year will be available on Friday, March 5, 2021 through the Genesis Parent Portal at <http://www.hpschools.net/>. Please log in to review the teachers' interim grade and comments about student progress this marking period. If you need assistance logging in, please contact the High School Main Office at the phone number above.

We have the following events planned for our students:

- **March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 1:30PM** – Fireside Chats with Mr. Lassiter on Zoom for each grade level
- **March 4, 2021 at 7PM** – Incoming Freshmen Parent Orientation
- **March 17, 2021, 9AM – 1PM**, Horizon PSAT sample test availability during the school day for 10th and 11th grade students who have not completed the assessment yet
- **March 21, 2021 at 7PM** – *“Carrying the Banner”*, the virtual spring musical
- **March 29 – April 5, 2021** – Spring Vacation

Additionally, we are planning for Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 16, 2021 from 5PM – 8PM. Spring Conferences are specifically geared to focus on meetings with parents or guardians for our students who are not doing well academically. Once we have arranged for conferences for these students and their parents or guardians, online scheduling will be opened for the rest of our parents and guardians to reserve conference times. **This will begin on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Please be aware that if you try to sign up before March 11th, your conference request will not be retained in Genesis.** Mrs. Stevenson will be arranging conferences for the parents or guardians who have been specifically invited first. To sign up for Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 11th or after, please go to the High School website at <http://hs.hpschools.net/> and enter the Genesis Parent Portal. Click on **Student Data** and then the **Conference** tab to locate the directions for requesting a conference. Additionally, see the directions attached. Please be aware that some conference times will already be reserved.

If you have any questions or need assistance setting up your conferences, please contact Mrs. Lori Stevenson at the phone number above or by email at l Stevenson@hpschools.net.

Take Care and Stay Healthy!

CC: Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent
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