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Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Quarter 1 Report Cards** for the 2020-2021 school year are now available through the Parent Portal of Genesis at <https://parents.genesisedu.com/hpschools/parents?gohome=true>. Please log in to review grades and teacher comments for this marking period. If you need assistance logging in, please contact the High School Main Office at the phone number above.

I would like to remind you of some upcoming events:

**November 20 - 22 – Fall Drama – *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, 7PM Fri & Sat, 2PM Sun  
Streamed Live via Eventbrite – [tickets available here](#)**

**November 26 and 27 – School Closed for Thanksgiving**

**December 16 at 7PM – High School & Middle School Music Program Concert:  
Band, Choir, & Orchestra**

**December 18 – Second Quarter Progress Reports available.**

Additionally, on November 25, Student Congress is sponsoring our eighth annual Service Day which we will host virtually as a “Day of Thanks” so that our students can focus their attention on celebrating how many of our student organizations give back to our community including our food pantry, senior citizens’ center, Veterans, and other causes. We will be reporting on our food drive for our local pantry and showcasing all we are thankful for during these difficult times. The schedule for the day with an earlier start and end time will be as follows:

<b>Period A: 8:30AM – 8:55AM</b>	<b>Period 4: 10:22AM – 10:44AM</b>
<b>Period 1: 9:00AM – 9:22AM</b>	<b>Period 5: 10:47AM – 11:09AM</b>
<b>Period 2: 9:25AM – 9:47AM</b>	<b>Period 6: 11:12AM – 11:34AM</b>
<b>Period 3: 9:50AM – 10:12AM</b>	<b>Period 7: 11:37AM – 11:59AM</b>
<b>Break: 10:12AM – 10:22AM</b>	<b>Homeroom: 12:02PM – 12:30PM “Day of Thanks” Assembly A Webinar link will be shared via email on Wednesday morning</b>

After the Thanksgiving weekend during the week of November 30 – December 4, we will begin following a new schedule for Wednesdays. **On December 2, we will follow an “A Day” schedule and students will report to periods A – 3 according to the regular times. The following week, Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> will be a “B Day”** and our Wednesday schedules will alternate weekly from A to B schedules for the remainder of the year. This change was made to improve curriculum delivery and provide more time for instruction. We look forward to the positive impact this will have on our students and our faculty. A calendar showing the weekly schedule is included with this mailing.

**We continue to prepare for in person instruction beginning in the next few weeks.** We have completed our reentry survey and followed up with confirming calls to those families

who did not complete our form. 29% of student population has requested to receive instruction following the hybrid schedule in person. We will provide additional information on the daily screening process including the COVID-19 screening form that will need to be completed each day in Genesis prior to students entering the building. There will be several procedures in place including cloth face mask requirements, one-way hallways and stairwells, between class desk sanitation, and single occupancy restrooms that are designed to keep students and staff healthy and safe. **In the coming weeks, more detailed information on all procedures will be sent directly to the students' families who have requested in person instruction.** The schedule of classes and current teaching assignments will remain the same for students and staff regardless of whether they are in person or remotely attending classes via Zoom.

I am so proud of the work our students have done this first marking period of the 2020-21 school year, and I look forward to many more accomplishments as the year progresses. I recognize that learning remotely comes with tremendous challenges for many of our students. **Please continue to remember that we are the OWLS, and we will continue to keep our hopes alive and persevere no matter what!**

If you have any questions ever, please contact our office and we will assist you. I wish all of you a wonderful, happy, and healthy Thanksgiving weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "S".

CC. Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent  
Mr. Jason Richardson, Assistant Principal