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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

We have had a very different start to the 2020-21 school year but we are very proud of our students and our school community coming together to make remote learning successful at Highland Park High School!

I would like to remind you of some upcoming events:

<u>October 9:</u> Quarter 1 Progress Reports for the 2020-2021 school year will be available through the Parent Portal in Genesis at https://parents.genesisedu.com/hpschools/parents?gohome=true

October 22 – 23: Senior Portraits, 1:30PM – 7:00PM October 26 -30: Spirit Week & Virtual Pep Rally!

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 13, 2020 with Quarter 1 Report Cards available on November 20, 2020 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 virtual conferences please go to the High School website at http://hs.hpschools.net/ and enter the Genesis Parent Portal beginning on October 19, 2020 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 conference scheduling online or need any assistance please email our main office or guidance office at lstevenson@hpschools.net, cbroderick@hpschools.net, or jdewhirst@hpschools.net. The schedule for conferences is as follows:

October 26 - Evening Conferences, 5:00PM - 8:00PM October 27 - Evening Conferences, 5:00PM - 8:00PM October 28 - Afternoon Conferences, 1:45PM - 4:45PM

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, which also serves as the high school PTSO. 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 by October 16, 2020. 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 22, 2020 at 6:30PM in my Zoom room and an invite will be sent to those who join the committee.

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

Sincerely,

CC. Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent

Mr. Jason Richardson, Assistant Principal