



Monday, February 06, 2012

Dear HBMS Community,

I want to thank those of you who attended the parent meetings we held last week to discuss course selection for next year and plans for the new state assessment system to replace TAKS this year. If you weren't able to make it and/or want to review the information covered, the power point used during the presentation will be posted on our home page this week. More information is also available on the district website at www.ltidschools.org/staar and the state has resources available at www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/. Do not hesitate to contact the counselors if you have any questions. Please be reminded that course request forms must be returned by next Friday, February 17, 2012.

In accordance with requirements issued by the Texas Legislature, Lake Travis ISD is providing the community on-line access to the most current accountability information including the "School Report Card" prepared by the Texas Education Agency. It can be found at <http://www.ltidschools.org/accountability>. The "School Report Card" provides the most current school performance data available from the state. Paper copies are available in the school office. If you have any questions about the current performance data or accountability rating, please contact Kathy Burbank, Director of Accountability at 533-6091 or burbankk@ltidschools.org. Additional information about state accountability ratings can be found on the [Texas Education Agency](http://www.tea.state.tx.us) web site.

There will be a parent meeting for Spring sports – track, golf, and tennis – on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. If your child is participating in one of these sports, please plan to attend this important meeting.

Our annual Faculty vs. Student basketball game is this Thursday, February 9th, 2012, immediately after school from 4:00 – 5:30pm. The cost is \$1.00/student & \$2.00/adults. The game will be four 8 minute quarters with a 10 minute half-time with half court shooting contest. Entry for the shooting contest is \$1.00 and the prize is a \$20.00 gift certificate. Tickets will be sold Monday through Thursday during the three lunch periods. There will not be a late bus available for students who choose to stay so please make arrangements for your child to be picked up after the game has ended.

The 6th grade Campus Connections Valentine's Social is this Friday, February 10, 2012, from 4:00-5:30pm. All 6th grade students are invited to the cafeteria for music, games, activities, and rewards. Food and drink will be provided – no money is needed. The party will be in the cafeteria and students will be expected to remain in the cafeteria the entire time. If you need to pick your child up before 5:30, you will need to come to the cafeteria to check him/her out. When the party ends at 5:30, all students will be escorted to the front of HBMS to the car rider line for pickup. If you would like to support 6th grade with goodies and/or gift cards, please contact Paula Bird at 512.626.2008.

The Valentine dance will also be held here at Hudson Bend on Friday, February 10th, 2012. The dance is just for 7th and 8th grade HBMS students only. Cost is \$5.00 at the door. Pizza and water will be sold for \$1.00 each. Dress is semi-formal and dress code will be enforced. No strapless dresses will be allowed without some sort of cover up. Also - no large purses or bags are allowed inside the building. The dance will go from 6:30pm to 8:30pm so please make plans to pick up your child immediately following the dance. If you are interested in helping with decorations or chaperoning the dance, please contact goldmana@ltidschools.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson
Principal
Hudson Bend Middle School