

Hornets,

It has been another outstanding week at **Huntsville High School**, and I am excited to share several accomplishments that truly reflect the excellence of our students and staff.

Celebrating Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, a time to recognize the powerful impact CTE programs have on preparing students for high-demand, skilled careers. CTE provides hands-on learning opportunities, connects classroom instruction to real-world workforce needs, and celebrates student and educator success across a wide range of technical fields. We are incredibly proud of our CTE programs and the opportunities they provide our Hornets.

Athletics Spotlight

The Huntsville Lady Hornets Basketball Team delivered a dominant performance Tuesday night, cruising to an impressive 81-36 victory over the Splendora Lady Wildcats in the Bi-District round of the playoffs at Conroe High School.

The Lady Hornets set the tone early with relentless defensive pressure that overwhelmed Splendora throughout the contest. Their tenacious defense created turnovers and scoring opportunities, fueling a stellar all-around performance on both ends of the court.

With the commanding win, Huntsville advances to the area round of the playoffs, where they will face the Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill Lady Eagles this Friday, February 20, at College Park High School in The Woodlands.

[Athletics Website](#) to see upcoming games/events

Fine Arts Achievements

❖ Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition

Congratulations! The following students' artworks were selected to be part of the Texas Art Education Association's YAM Spring Exhibition: **Rhynebert Mallari—Break of Dawn**

This exhibition showcases pre-K through 12th-grade student works of art from across the state of Texas at the Bullock Texas State History Museum during the month of March. The exhibit will be featured on their website—see below.

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/exhibits/youth-art-month-2026>.

❖ Huntsville High School Grenadier Guard Drill Team brought home a HUGE haul of awards at the Daneline Lone Star State Contest on Feb. 21 at Montgomery HS.

Among many honors, the most notable were being named both Team Grand Champion and Officer Grand Champion, along with Ring of Champions recognition. Individual standouts included Caitlyn Curry and Sara Arthur, and Cheyenne Butler, who took home the MVP Award, plus multiple Platinum ratings and Best in Category wins.

We are so proud of this team's hard work, heart, and champion energy !!

We are so proud of our Huntsville High School Marching Band!

HMB Solo and Ensemble State Qualifiers

Dominic Crosby	Aidan Kalie	Josue Calderon
Adelaide Demson	Aiden McDonald	Kalel Farr
Sylar Farr	Miles Mitchell-Yellin	Gabriel Fowler
Andrew Heinemann	Ellazae Morris	Jackson Hendricks
Allie Hernandez	Valerie Okech	Diego Magana
Logan McMillian	Jordyn Russel	Eliza Ashton
Landon Birmingham	Kendle Burns	Lucy Farr
Andrew Garcia	David Guerrero	Brianna Johnson
Alfred Oladele	Josue Rivera	Allison Stoughton
Paxtyn West	Emily Atnip	Garrett Buchanan
Eduardo Castillo	Lucio Estrada	Kevin Garcia
Isaac Hammontre	Holdyn Hosea	Fredrick Oladele
Diana Pye	Bryson Thomas	Aaron John Wheeler

College & Career Readiness

- **Local Scholarship**—The [local scholarship website](#) is updated daily with the most current information. You can also stop by the College and Career Center to pick up paper copies.
- As seniors begin requesting letters of recommendation, we ask that they complete a [brag sheet](#) first. The form is also available in the College and Career Office with Mrs. Shaw.
- [Saturday@SAM](#)—March 7, 2026—Register Online

CTE Student Success

The following students qualified for the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit in Dallas on February 25th. They will compete amongst other Texas schools in hopes of qualifying for the National Educators Rising Competition in June of 2026 in Portland, Oregon. The projects range from trifold displays to public speaking and videos about our local community and schools.

- **Inside our Schools:** Trinity McMichael and Alina Mincey
- **Inside our Schools—Spanish:** Valery Mendez and Daisy Salvador-Coss
- **Children's Literature—Spanish:** Yuliana Meza-Morales

- **Public Service Announcement:** Shaun Johnson and Kamryn Case
- **Public Speaking:** Alijah May - Leadership Skills Award
- **Project Visualize Service:**
 - 1. Brandon Potter and Andre'a Regulus
 - 2. Chilation McKibbins and Tamia Forney
- **Interactive Bulletin Board-Elementary:**
 - 1. Amya Lewis and Le'Asia Lee
- **Interactive Bulletin Board-Secondary**
 - 1. Charli Anderson and Zoey Merrill
- **Teacher Created Materials-Elementary**
 - 1. Kaliyah Scott and Taylor Cream
 - 2. Odette Torres and Lesly Reyes
- **Project Visualize-Appreciation**
 - 1. Eavan Wallace and Teairra Agu

FCCLA Region IV Results and State Qualifiers

Region IV Vice President of Programs: **David Diaz**

Region IV Vice President of Achievement: **Taylor Cream**

Chapter In Review Display Level 3: **Emery Blanton and Sanaya Bobhate**

Connection Team: **Kadun Taylor and Mason Douglas**

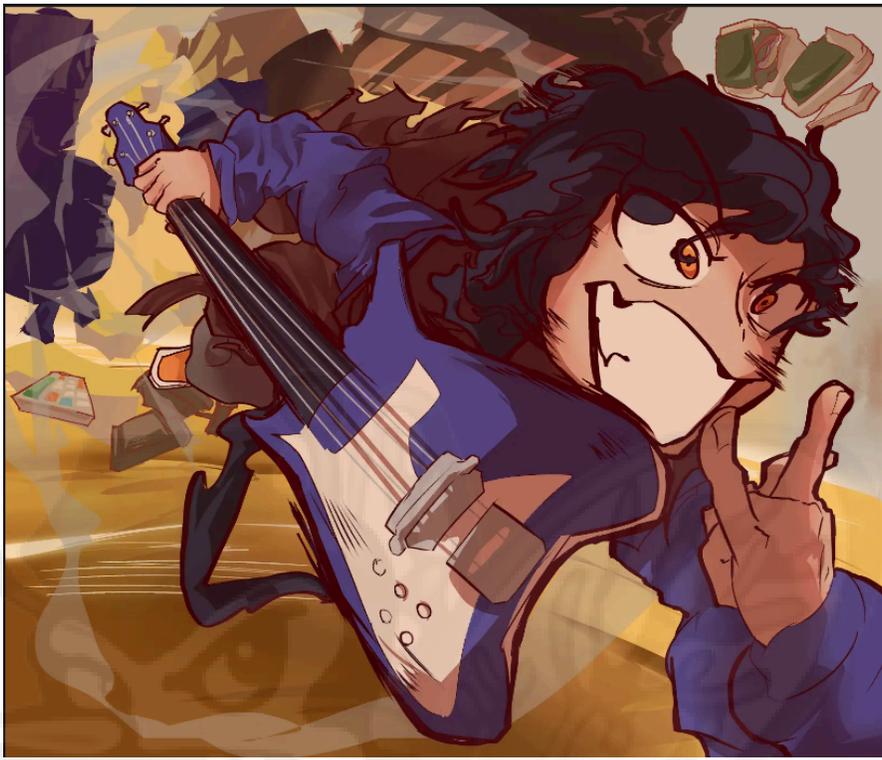
[Please complete the form here](#) to Thank a Teacher.

Students of the Week

9th Grade	J'Kai Mouton
10th Grade	Isabella Bearden
11th Grade	Haley Irwin
12th Grade	Cesia Amaya

This Weeks Highlights





Rhynebert Mallari
Break of Dawn



Jose Martinez
1st Place
3D Nail Art





Upcoming Events & Information

Impact Week

- Every year, the Student Council sponsors a week of service challenges to make a positive impact on the students and staff at Huntsville High School. Please join us the week of Monday, February 23 to Friday, February 27, to be a force for change at HHS and in our community.

IMPACT WEEK

FEB 23 TRASH PICK UP
PICK UP A PIECE OF TRASH YOU SEE AROUND THE SCHOOL

FEB 24 POSITIVE STICKY NOTES
WRITE A POSITIVE AFFIRMATION ON A STICKY NOTE THEN POST IT SOMEWHERE

FEB 25 GIVE A COMPLIMENT
GIVE SOMEONE A GENUINE COMPLIMENT

FEB 26 FACULTY/STAFF LETTER
WRITE A POSITIVE LETTER TO A FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER

FEB 27 CANNED FOOD DRIVE
DONATE CANNED FOOD TO BE GIVEN TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION.

Sponsored by HHS Student Council
#HHSImpactWeek

This week in CIS (Communities in Schools)

- Please see the document linked [here for Communities In Schools](#). They work constantly supporting our school and community.

HHS Student Council Presents: The 2026 Talent Show

- HHS Students: Can you act, sing, do magic, or perform any other unique talent? Student Council is hosting a Spring Talent Show fundraiser and competition **Friday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m.** in the HISD Performing Arts Center. HHS students are encouraged to audition to be a part of the show.



Senior Information & School Attendance Requirement for Prom

Class of 2026, please see the document [linked here](#) (updated 2/14) for the questions that have been received so far. We will periodically update this document throughout the semester. If you have any further questions, please submit them using the [form here](#)

Winter Senior Meeting Information: See [presentation here](#)

The goal of this requirement is simple: **to encourage strong attendance, support your success in the classroom, and ensure compliance with Texas attendance law.** We want every senior possible to enjoy Prom, and being present at school plays a big role in that.



Attendance Window for Prom

For Prom purposes only, we will review attendance from: **Tuesday, January 27 – Monday, May 4**



How Attendance Is Calculated

Attendance is reviewed **by individual class period**, not by the school day. This means you must stay below the absence threshold **in every class period**. If *any* class period exceeds the limit, additional requirements may apply. Only Unexcused absences will count against a student for Prom Requirements.



Prom Attendance Tiers

- **90% Attendance (7 or fewer absences)**
 *Good to go for Prom*
- **80–89% Attendance (8–14 absences)**
 *Additional requirements required*
- **70–79% Attendance (15–21 absences)**
 *Additional requirements from this tier and the tier above*
- **Below 70% Attendance (22+ absences)**
 *Not eligible to attend Prom*
(No refunds will be issued)



Possible Additional Requirements

Additional requirements are determined by administrators and may include (but are not limited to):

- Passing all classes
- Before-school tutorials
- After-school tutorials
- After-school detention
- Saturday detention



Absences That Count (and Don't)

Only **unexcused absences** count toward Prom attendance:

- DUA
- TUA
- U

Medical absences do NOT count, as long as a medical note is turned in **within 5 business days**.

School Attendance Requirement for ALL Students



Important Reminder for ALL STUDENTS: Attendance for Credit (Texas Law)

Separate from Prom, Texas law requires students to be present **at least 90% of the time** to earn credit.

- This means **9 or fewer absences per class period** for the semester beginning **January 7**.
- Attendance for credit is also tracked **by individual class period**.
- Exceeding the limit may result in an **attendance plan or meeting** to help you regain credit.

Absence codes that count toward attendance for credit include:

- DUA, DEA, PN, TUA, and U
 (Medical absences do not count with proper documentation submitted within 5 business days.)

- The purpose of this is to provide information to parents/guardians regarding attendance laws that govern student attendance at school.
- To gain credit for a course, a student must also be present 90% of the time in addition to passing the course with a 70 or better. There are specific attendance codes that count against this requirement, as shown below.
 - U = Unexcused Absence
 - TUA = Teacher Unexcused Absence
 - PN = Parent Note
 - DUA = DAEP Unexcused Absence
 - DEA = DAEP Excused Absence
- 90% roughly translates to a student not being able to have 10+ absences in a course to receive credit for the above-listed absent codes. Medical absences, school-related events, and other campus/state-approved absences do not count against a student's 90% requirement.
- **Why this matters:** When a student's attendance drops below the required 90% the campus implements a plan for the student to regain the credit. The parent/guardian will be contacted by the campus to attend an Attendance Meeting to discuss the student's attendance and the plan for the student to regain the credit.
- This meeting only occurs if the student fell below the 90% attendance requirement **AND** passed the course.
- Frequently Asked Questions
 - Are there any action steps needed from the parent/guardian regarding a student who fell below the 90% rule?
 - No, a campus representative will be in contact with you if this applies to your student.
 - How long do I have to submit a parent note and or medical note when my student is absent?
 - 5 School Days, and please have your student bring the note to the attendance office on campus.
 - If a Parent Note still counts against the 90% rule, what is the purpose of submitting it?
 - There are two laws governing attendance: Attendance for Course Credit and Compulsory Attendance
 - Attendance for Credit = the 90% rule, and the one most students fall under
 - Compulsory Attendance = Truancy and is determined by unexcused absences. This is the one that is mostly associated with truancy court and possible legal ramifications.
 - More information regarding both of these laws can be found in the [Student Handbook](#) (pg. 30) and on the [TEA Link here](#).

****Please note that attendance requirements regarding semester exam exemptions are a campus-based decision and may not align with the same requirements listed above.****

Testing Information

Upcoming SAT, ACT, and PSAT Information (Please contact Campus Testing Coordinator Cindy Gallen for Campus Testing questions clgallen@huntsville-isd.org)

ACT Saturday Test Dates - Go to myact.org

Registration Date	Test Dates
March 6th	April 11th
May 8th	June 13th
June 5th	July 11th

SAT Saturday Test Dates - Go to mysat.collegeboard.org

Registration Date	Test Dates
February 27th	March 14th
April 17th	May 2nd
May 22nd	June 6th

Waivers - Stop by Mrs. Shaw to see if there are any waivers available before signing up for Saturday testing. If need help with signing up, please stop by your counselor, Mrs. Shaw (room 2112), or Mrs. Gallen (room 1104).

Recurring Information:

- **Lunch Deliveries:** No deliveries will be accepted by food delivery services or individuals not on the students skyward. All food deliveries MUST be in a lunch kit. Please check in at the front kiosk.
- **Forgotten Items Delivery:** Please check in at the front kiosk and we will deliver the item as needed.
- **Student Drivers**
 - Being able to drive and park on campus is an honor and privilege that comes with great responsibility.
 - Students are not allowed to park on campus without a parking permit for that vehicle. All vehicles on campus without a permit are subject to being towed.
 - See Mrs. Gonzalez in 1019 for parking permit and information
- **[HISD Dress Code](#):** HHS Dress Code Graphic pictured below
- **Personal Communication Devices:** [Student Code of Conduct Pg 12](#)
 - We have had a great year regarding students complying with the personal communication devices policy. As we start 2026, we would like to remind everyone of the expectations.
 - Cell Phones, headphones, and any personal communication device must be put away from the start of the day (when students enter the building) to the end of the day (final bell at 3:25 pm).
 - Students who do not comply with this expectation will be subject to campus disciplinary action. Persistent non-compliance may result in the parent/guardian being asked to come to campus to receive the device rather than it being given back to the student at the end of the day.

Blankets

- We understand that it is winter and many students remain on campus after hours for many extracurricular activities. However, blankets are not permitted to be utilized during the school day. Students need to place these in their bags, backpacks, or locker rooms during the school day. We encourage students to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and temperature outside.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. Huntsville High School is filled with amazing Hornets who are working hard, achieving great things, and representing our community with pride

Thank you,

Robert Gilbert
Principal
Huntsville High School