



PTSA Newsletter



Holly Springs High School

Home of the Golden Hawks

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JANUARY, 2010

Mark Your Calendars!

Jan. 25

Teacher Workday

Jan. 26

2nd Semester begins

Jan. 28

PTSA General Mtg.

Jan. 29

Report Cards

Feb. 5

Mural Contest deadline

Feb. 5

Winter Dance

Feb. 6

Emerging Leaders Conference see pg 4 for details

Feb. 11

2nd Semester Open House

6:30—8:30

Feb. 15

Teacher Workday

HSHS PTSA General Meeting

Thursday, January 28th 6:45 pm

Brief PTSA Meeting

Business will include amendments to the budget and an update on PTSA activities.

Immediately following the PTSA meeting,

Administrators at Holly Springs H.S. will discuss the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) Accreditation process the high school will be going through next fall. All high school parents and interested community members are invited to attend.

Mural Contest Expanded—Think Outside the box

Theme: Hawk Pride

Deadline:

February 5, 2010

Time to enter the Mural Contest! The theme this year is “Hawk Pride”. We are looking for any type of art that can be displayed on a large canvas. Think outside the box! Some ideas include: painting, drawing, digital photography or collage.

Your work must be submitted on an 18 x 20 sheet of paper by Friday, February 5th. All entries will be judged by the teachers and staff of the school and the winner will be notified by the PTSA. The winning entry will need to be enlarged to a canvas provided by the PTSA and will be unveiled at the school in September 2010.

Please drop off finished artwork in the front office of the school.

For more information please contact Sherri Powell at:

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Principal's Letter

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Dear Golden Hawk Parents,

It is hard to believe we have completed the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year. I hope all of your students have had a successful first semester and are well on their way to having a great school year!

The beginning of the second semester gives our staff the opportunity to celebrate what has gone right and to adjust our course in order to continuously improve. Our teachers will continue to meet in professional learning teams collaborating on best teaching practices and using student performance to help drive instruction and interventions. We also encourage our students to take advantage of this new beginning as an opportunity to recommit themselves to their future goals and to do their very best this semester. Please continue to monitor your student's progress via SPAN and contact your student's teachers or counselor if you have questions or concerns.

The Holly Springs High School PTSA has graciously agreed to host an overview of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation process for our school at their general meeting on January 28, 2010 beginning at 6:45 PM. Accreditation is required for all high schools and our renewal process will take place during the 2010 Fall Semester. We look forward to sharing with you about this process and about the opportunities for you to become involved.

Thank you for your support of the Golden Hawks. Without your support our students would not "fly high"! Good luck on a great second semester.

Sincerely,

Tim Locklair

Principal



Scholarship Opportunity

Attention Seniors!

Here is a possible scholarship opportunity for YOU!

The HSHS PTSA is committed to the educational process by helping parents, teachers and students to obtain quality education for all children. During the 2009-2010 school year, the HSHS PTSA plans to award up to two scholarships. All applications will be reviewed on the basis of personal achievement, character, leadership and service. To be eligible for the HSHS PTSA scholarship, the applicant must meet the scholarship requirements listed below.

- Be a senior.
- Be a member of the HSHS PTSA by October 29, 2009.
- Be admitted to a four-year or two-year college or university, or a technical school for the fall of 2010.
- Submit a recommendation letter from a HSHS staff or faculty member.
- Complete an application in full (with all attachments) and submit to Ms. Burch in the Guidance office no later than March 25, 2010 at 2:10pm.

To obtain an application and detailed information regarding the scholarships, please see the PTSA website <http://www.hshsptsa.com>. Applications are available at this website and in the Guidance office in the "pink box".

If you have any questions regarding the PTSA Scholarship Program, please contact Sarah Cobb, jcobb14@nc.rr.com

No Frills Fundraising

Beginning February 1, 2010, the HSHS PTSA will begin collecting Tyson Chicken Products "A+" product labels. When you purchase Tyson products at your local grocery store, simply clip out the "A+" rewards label and have your child bring it to school. There will be a collection box in the Student Services lobby for your convenience. We can submit these labels for funds (a program similar to Boxtops for Education that is available for K-8 schools.) If you have any questions, contact Patty Dressen at 557-5171.

Also, please keep the material about linking VIC cards!!!

Thanks

Patty Dressen

Students Of The Month

The following students were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating strong character at Holly Springs High School and received awards.

Keep up the good work!!

Students of The Month: November

Jerrel Herndon
Angela Hanson
Tremayne Dennis
Olivia Gunter

NCPTA News

Please make plans today to attend our 3rd Annual Emerging Leaders Conference on February 6 at Wake Technical Community College, 9101 Fayetteville Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. Chuck Saylor, National PTA President, will be our featured speaker and will be presenting workshops on Male Involvement and on how PTAs and Title One programs can work together. Other workshop topics include Exceptional Children, Parent Involvement Best Practices, Importance of Diversity and Inclusion to name a few.

There will also be a general session for all attendees where you will learn about National Core Standards and NC Legislative news.

The Emerging Leaders Conference is a great opportunity to learn, share and have fun.

Register today at www.ncpta.org.

We look forward to seeing you on February 6th.

Thank you.

Kyle Robertson, President

Reflections

Beauty Is..."

Congratulations to all the Holly Springs High School participants and winners of the 2009-2010 PTA Reflections Program for your school!

This year's theme, "Beauty is...". inspired many original entries. All participants will be honored in the Spring. Their works will be returned to the students at that time (except first place winners from the Wake Council PTA Level, which will be forwarded to the District for the next level of competition).

Participants:

Mitch Brady (10th grade), Akinyele Cameron (12th grade), Wilson Carter (11th grade), Paola Lopez-Collazo (12th grade), Sydney Elmore (9th grade), Tyler Lee-Farrell (12th grade), Emily Lanier (10th grade), Elijah Leo Wittman (grade 9), Amber Love (), Elizabeth Vlk (11th grade).

Winners in each category:

Musical Composition: - Elijah's entry has won at the Wake Council PTA Level!! This is a great achievement!! We applaud Elijah for his Win and we will keep you posted & let you know if his Music entry goes to the District competition! Way to go Elijah!!

1st Place: Elijah Leo Wittman – 9th grade – Blue Ridge Dream

Visual Arts:

1st Place: Akinyele Cameron – 12th grade – He's got the whole world in his hand

Literature:

1st Place: Emily Lanier – 10th grade – The Stream

2nd Place: Tyler-Lee Farrell – 12th grade – Rose

3rd Place: Sydney Elmore – 9th grade – Beauty is to Accept & Overcome

4th Place: Amber Love – Beauty is

Photography:

1st Place: Emily Lanier – 12th grade – Universe in Motion

2nd Place: Paola Lopez-Collazo – 12th grade – The Flight of the Innocent

3rd Place: Mitch Brady – 10th grade – Untitled

4th Place: Wilson Carter – 11th grade – Elizabeth

5th Place: Elizabeth Vlk – 11th grade - Beauty

Film/Video Production:

No entries this year.

Dance Choreography:

No entries this year.

We offer our sincere appreciation to our awesome volunteer judges who graciously offered their time and talent to review each entry.

Thank you to all the talented Holly Springs High School students who entered! We hope each of you will continue to participate in cultural arts programs! Those of you who did not enter this year...prepare your entry for the 2010 Reflections Program! The 2010 theme will be: "Together We Can". Now that you know the Theme you can think about submitting an entry between now and December! Our goal is to get everyone at the school participating!!

Please encourage your parents to join the PTA at school if they aren't a member already. It's 5.75 per parent. <http://www.hshspts.com/> It all adds up. The money goes to support great programs like this each year. We strongly encourage parent involvement at school & the PTA can ALWAYS use volunteers. Parents, you do make a difference. Thank you.

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