Welcome Back from Mrs. Hernandez

Greetings SHSU Charter School Parents and Guardians, and Happy New Year.

I hope each of you enjoyed a restful and memorable winter break. This season has been anything but boring, I hope your family fared well during the freeze we had. As you’ve probably heard, the Greater Houston area is experiencing high levels of illnesses and infection, in addition to the newest COVID variant. Please take a moment to review our 2022-2023 COVID protocols that are posted on our website. And be vigilant for any symptoms of illness within your family. If you believe your student has been in contact with COVID, please inform your child’s teacher immediately so we can reduce contagion within our classrooms and maintain normal campus operations.

Please join us in ringing in 2023 with an Attitude of Gratitude. I am so thankful you have entrusted your child to us as we support a whole-child educational partnership. I’m thankful for the staff we have that go above and beyond to provide exceptional opportunities for all students. Please help us welcome new Bearkats to our Charter School family, we have many new students transferring from other districts during this time. As always, please reach out if we can be of any service to your student or your family. Have a great third nine weeks!

Mrs. Hernandez

Congratulations to these “Kid Presidents” that were voted into campus leadership roles after their GT Campaigns in December! These students will work with Mrs. Hernandez to design creative solutions to school challenges:

Cora Kennedy, Brighton campus
Noah Marshall-Massey, Cypress Trails campus
Jesutomi Oginni, Greengate campus

Upcoming District Events

January 10
NW3 Begins
January 13
NW2 Report Cards Go Home
January 16
MLK Holiday, NO SCHOOL
January 16-20
District RTI Meetings
January 23
Board Meeting @ Cypress Trails campus, 6pm
January 28
Competition Robotics Qualifier
February 1
23-24 Open Enrollment Ends
February 10
Lottery Drawing for 23-24 Enrollment
February 15
Virtual STAAR Parent Meeting @ 5:30 (grades 3-6)
February 16
End of NW3
February 17
Student Holiday, NO SCHOOL
February 18
Inclement Weather Day, NO SCHOOL
February 21-24
TELPAS Testing, grades 2-6
February 22
Board Meeting in Huntsville @ 10am
February 27-March 8
NW3 Benchmark Testing
March 9
End of NW3
March 10-27
Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
March 28
Students Return, NW4 Begins
District Data Review: 2nd Nine Weeks

During the week of December 1-9, all students in grades 1-6 completed benchmark testing for NW2. Results are shown below:

*NOTE: First grade does not take an ELA benchmark during NW2.

Students in STAAR grades (3-6) complete benchmark tests online with STAAR practice items. These tests are scored using STAAR conversion charts, which follow “passing” cut points that are lower than 70%. (Sample shown on right)

**Passing scores for the NW2 practice STAAR are:**

- **3RD:** ELA 50%, Math 50%
- **4TH:** ELA 56%, Math 50%
- **5TH:** ELA 55%, Math 47%, Science 58%
- **6TH:** ELA 56%, Math 37%

The STAAR grade achievement data may look confusing, but we are very pleased with student results on NW2 benchmarks. All 3rd-6th grade students were well-prepared for the online testing platform. Lots of great teaching in the classroom has prepared students to “show what they know” on digital benchmarks. Students will continue to work towards content mastery until they take real STAAR tests in April and May.
NW2 Attendance Incentive

These classes had the highest class attendance average at each campus during the second nine weeks. FIRST place will receive a “Popcorn with the Principal” Party in January.

Way to go!!

Spring Woods
1st–Ms. Vasquez’s HR (95.06%)
2nd–Ms. O’Neal’s HR (93.52%)

Greengate
1st–Ms. Thompson’s HR (95.96%)
2nd–Mrs. Katie’s HR (93.39%)

Cypress Trails
1st–Ms. Peters’ HR (95.33%)
2nd–Ms. Franck’s HR (95.06%)

Brighton
1st–Mrs. Hickman’s HR (96.72%)
2nd–Mrs. Armacost’s HR (96.70%)

These students achieved perfect attendance during NW2 and will receive an award at the January Board Meeting at our Cypress Trails campus, January 23 @ 6pm:

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Meet Our New Talent!
Richard Ray
Budget Manager
Huntsville

Dr. Omobolaji 
David-Ojumu
Student Support
All campuses

Teachers earned Attendance Incentives too!
The Spring Woods campus had the highest staff attendance average for NW2, so they each earned 90 minutes of 
**bonus conference period time.** Thank you for your service to our students, ladies!
The campus with the highest staff attendance in NW3 will earn a JEANS PASS for the entire NW4! 😎

SPRIT SHIRT ORDERS
Order forms are due February 1, you can turn them in to your classroom teacher. Funds raised will pay for a 
Volunteer Recognition Banquet in April, thank you for your support!

WE’RE HIRING!
Seeking a Diagnostician and Superintendent for the 2023-2024 school year.
APPLY TODAY!
https://shsu.peopleadmin.com

Did You Know?
January is School Board Appreciation Month! We love our Board! Thank you for all you do to support SHSU Charter School students!

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