Greetings SHSU Charter School Parents and Guardians,

I want to personally welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. It is so exciting to see our families back on campus. We have added some very talented new staff members to our wonderful SHSU Charter School team, and I know they will help your student reach their educational goals this year. Mrs. Hernandez, our SHSU Charter School Principal, has set many great goals for both our staff and students that you will see implemented and achieved this year.

I know school safety is foremost in everyone’s minds after the recent events that have happened at schools in our state. This summer our staff has gone through safety and mental health trainings to be ready to address the physical and emotional needs of our students that may arise. It is important to understand that our training will not be a “one-time” event, but rather we will engage in continual dialogue and drills to ensure each of our campuses are operating as safely as possible. Over the summer our owner partners have added additional safety measures to each of our facilities. Many of these you will notice and many you will not. I do want to remind everyone that you should always have your picture identification with you as you are on campus. One statement that has impacted me in all the safety training I have done since May is “Safety is not convenient”. We want you to know that we appreciate your cooperation with all the safety procedures we have in place.

We want and need you to be part of the educational process for your child. I encourage you to join your campus PTO. You may not be able to participate daily but any amount of time you give plays huge dividends for not only your student but all the students on the campus. Our staff does an excellent job of giving all they have to make sure our students have the best possible learning experience; with your support we can become an even greater place for your student to learn.

Best regards,

Dr. Knox
Meet our Staff

Cypress Trails campus
Dawn Hill, Kindergarten
Crystal Pflughaupt, 1st Grade
Mallori Franck, 2nd Grade
Kathy Francis, 3rd Grade
Temeka Peters, 4th Grade
Nacol Hicks, 5th Grade
Paraprofessionals: Allyson Cobb, Melissa Moon, and Charrie Sanders

Brighton campus
Michelle Jordan & Elizabeth Smith, Kindergarten
Mary E Mueller & Kendle Samuel, 1st Grade
Chelsey Harmon & Miranda Cloud, 2nd Grade
Danielle Trahan & Stacy Guthrie, 3rd Grade
Amanda Hickman & Maribel Martinez, 4th Grade
Vicki Armacost & Zaina Alkayyali, 5th Grade
Amy Stewart & Chris Krafck, 6th Grade
Paraprofessionals: TBD, Megan Emery, and Ilyssa Gonzalez

Greengate campus
Tammy Sanders, Kindergarten
Carolyn Thompson, 1st Grade
Sarah Kissel, 2nd Grade
Katie Statlander, 3rd Grade
Emily Batelaan, 4th Grade
Jayci Ray, 5th Grade
Paraprofessionals: Gesselle Alvarado, Dezora Paul, and TBD

NEW Spring Woods campus
Kendra O’Neal, Kindergarten
Elia Vasquez, 1st Grade
TBD, 2nd Grade
Paraprofessional: Jazzmin Coffer (not pictured)

DISTRICT SUPPORT STAFF
Jill Martin, District Testing and ESL Coordinator
Ryan Jordan, Special Education Support and PE
Karla O’Keffe, Educational Technology Specialist
Robin Miller, Remote Interventionist

Administration
Dr. Ronny Knox, Superintendent
Alicia Hernandez, Principal
Rebecca Carruthers, Registrar & PEIMS Coordinator
Lisa Box, Administrative Assistant
Erika Ancrum, Business Manager
Meet Our New Talent!

**Emily Batelaan**
3rd/4th Grade ELA/SS Teacher
Greengate campus

**Zaina Alkayyali**
5th Grade ELA/SS Teacher
Brighton campus

**Ely Vasquez**
1st Grade Teacher
Spring Woods campus

**Emmanuel Galarza**
3rd Grade Teacher
Brighton campus

**Jill Martin**
District Testing & ESL Coordinator

**Karla O’Keeffe**
Educational Technology Specialist
Brighton campus

**Amanda Hickman**
4th Grade Teacher
Brighton campus

**Temeka Peters**
4th Grade Teacher
Cypress Trails campus

**Ilyssa Gonzalez**
Para professional
Brighton campus

**Dezora Paul**
Para professional
Greengate campus

**Charrie Sanders**
Paraprofessional
Cypress Trails campus

**Lisa Box**
Administrative Assistant
Central Office

**MEET OUR 2022-2023 SCHOOL BOARD:**
Dr. Kristina Vargo, Chair
Dr. Casey Creghan, Vice-Chair
Dr. Baburhan Uzum, Member (not pictured)
Dr. Emma Bullock, Member
Dr. Macie Kerbs, Member
Ashlee Marshall, Parent Member
Susie Kamman, Community Member

**Familiar Faces, NEW Opportunities**
These ladies were paraprofessionals during the 2021-2022 school year but have taken on classroom teacher positions this year!
Chelsey Harmon, 2nd Grade Brighton
Jayci Ray, 5th Grade Greengate
Mallori Franck, 2nd Grade Cypress Trails
Pledge to #EndtheStreak

The SHSU Charter School participates in #EndtheStreak awareness. Please consider signing the attached pledge and turn it in to your child’s classroom teacher. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our roads and students safe.

Upcoming District Events

Aug 15
School Ratings available at TXSchools.gov

August 16
Monthly Board Meeting at SHSU Huntsville

August 29
Ms. Harmon’s Birthday

August 30
Ms. O’Neal’s Birthday

September 2
NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day

DID YOU KNOW?
The SHSU Charter School was recently ranked:

#2 Best Public Elementary School Teachers in Houston area

#4 Best Charter Elementary School in Houston area

#10 Best Public Elementary School Teachers in TEXAS

Find out more at www.niche.com

WE’RE HIRING!
Seeking a Paraprofessional and a Diagnostician for the 2022-2023 school year.
APPLY TODAY!

https://shsu.peopleadmin.com

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Scan the QR code to view our District Facebook page!