



HARMONY SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

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Wednesday Mail
February 1st, 2012

Hello Parents and Students,

For this week's Wednesday Mail, we have the following news:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mock (Practice) STAAR Testing #2: The Mock STAAR testing will take place soon (February 27th - March 2nd) for students in grades 3rd through 8th. Please make sure that your child is well rested, has eaten breakfast and is at school on time on these days. Students need to come to school prepared, with #2 pencils and erasers. Please remind your child that it is important to do their personal best on these assessments, as we will use the results as guides for placing students into Saturday School and/or intervention pull-outs.

- Monday, February 27th: 4th & 7th Grade Writing Day 1 and 5th & 8th Grade Math
- Tuesday, February 28th: 4th & 7th Grade Writing Day 2 and 5th & 8th Grade Reading
- Wednesday, February 29th: 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th Grade Math
- Thursday, March 1st: 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th Grade Reading and 8th Grade Social Studies
- Friday, March 2nd: 5th & 8th Grade Science

FitnessGram 2012: February will be the start of the official FITNESSGRAM Testing. This test will go through the month of February and the first week of March. This is a physical assessment that will be given to students in grades 3-8, and a practice test given to grades K-2.

This assessment will test the following: flexibility, core strength, aerobic capacity, and arm strength. All students are required to wear tennis shoes to PE class during the duration of the official FITNESSGRAM Testing. It is recommended that students bring a bottle of water to PE.

HSart's Boys' Basketball Team - Division Champs!: The boys' basketball team was crowned division champs this basketball season. This past weekend the boys played in the regional tournament. They won their first two bouts in the tournament, but lost to a very athletic Harmony School of Excellence team. The boys brought home the runner-up trophy from the regional tournament. We are proud of the hard work and effort given by our boys' basketball team. Congratulations to them!

Chevron Deepwater Exploration & Projects Presentation by William Averill: You are cordially invited to attend our presentation with Chevron Deepwater Exploration & Projects on Friday, February 3, 2012 at 10:30 am.

Mr. William Averill, P.E. will talk to the students about careers in engineering in general and his own path from elementary school to where he is now as a mid career engineer who specializes in the research, design, and operation of food processing equipment, forklifts, and deep sea well control equipment.



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REMINDERS:

HSArt's Tardy Policy: The school's tardy policy has been developed to emphasize the importance of each student arriving on time to school every day. When a student is tardy to school, he or she is missing valuable instructional time.

Students should be inside the classroom by 8:00AM. A student arriving after this time must report to the front office and obtain a tardy slip. Tardiness to school will be unexcused, unless the student arrives to campus late for one of the following reasons:

- *Personal Illness
- *Doctor or Court Appointments

For a tardy to be excused, the student must present a note from the parent explaining the late arrival. The school may also require additional documentation such as a court order or a doctor's note.

Excessive tardiness may result in disciplinary actions such as morning detention or school suspensions. For additional information on the school's tardy policy, please see the Student/Parent Handbook.

Thank you for your support with this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Kindergarten, 5th and 8th Grade Graduation: We will be hosting graduation ceremonies for our Kindergartners, 5th, and 8th Grade students in May.

- Kindergarten Graduation Date: Friday, May 18th at 9AM
- 5th and 8th Grade Graduation Date is Friday, May 18th at 5PM