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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Have You Invested Yet?

A huge thank you to all of the families who have already made generous Invest donations. We are currently at about \$17,000, or a little over one-third of the way to our goal of \$45,000, with 84 families donating. If you didn't make a donation with your child's First Day Packet, you can still mail in your check or drop it off in the office, or if you prefer to make a donation online via PayPal, [HERE](#) is the link to do so, and thank you very much!

Open House Tuesday

Hillsboro's Open House is **Tuesday, August 28**. Schedules will be distributed starting at 5:30 in the cafeteria (you can skip the line if you have your child's schedule already). The PTSO will be selling spiritwear in the lobby from 5:00-6:00, so stop by if you need some new Burro wear. At 6:00 we will convene in the auditorium for a few remarks from Dr. Pelham and a brief PTSO meeting, and then parents will walk through their student's schedule, spending 8 minutes in each classroom. Wear your walking shoes!

Junior IBDP/CP Parent Meeting Before Open House

Prior to the Open House, there will be an informational meeting for parents of 11th grade DP and CP students. This meeting will cover what to expect during junior year and beyond and will begin at 5:00 PM in the auditorium.

Extended Essay/Reflective Project Symposium

All are invited to stop in and see IBDP and IBCP seniors' Extended Essay and Reflective Project presentations on **Aug. 27, 2018, at 11:00AM** in the library.

College Fair at Overton

Admission representatives from the University of Notre Dame, the University of Virginia, Washington University in St. Louis, Johns Hopkins University, and Emory University will be at Overton High School **Thursday, Aug. 30, from 7 to 9 PM**. Students should preregister [HERE](#). Click on the "Nashville" link and complete the online form.

No School Friday and Monday

Just a friendly reminder that students do not report to school on **Friday, Aug. 31, 2018**. This is a teacher professional development day. And there is no school on **Monday, Sept. 3** for Labor Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Selective College Admissions Session Hosted by Vanderbilt University

On **Sept. 6th** Vanderbilt University Admissions Counselor Mary Comfort Stevens will host a meeting to provide information and tips on what it takes for students to be accepted to a top-tier university. There will be a parent meeting first, from 8:00-8:30am, and a student meeting will follow, from 8:30-9:00am. Both sessions will be held in the library. The parent session will also focus on the benefits of taking IB and AP courses in terms of college admissions and acceptance. Parents and students in any grade level and academy may attend. Please register [HERE](#).

College Visits Start Soon!

Representatives from Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, Vassar, Yale, and the University of Chicago are among those already scheduled for on-campus visits to Hillsboro next month. The [calendar on the counseling website](#) is a good place to find out about upcoming visits; they are also listed on the library Instagram account (@burrolibrary), and there is a College Visits link on burrolibrary.com. All visits will take place in the library; students and parents are welcome. Only students who have registered for a visit (registration opens soon) may attend.

On-Campus Football Tailgates and More

Although we don't have a football stadium this year, we will be hosting tailgates at the school before the games on September 7 and 21. Be on the lookout for more details about start times, food and activities, and how to get a ticket for the spirit bus that will take students to the games! Also, a reminder that the Homecoming game will be held at Vanderbilt Stadium on Saturday, October 6, at 2:00PM. There will be a tailgate at Vandy, complete with all kinds of fun activities for all ages, followed by a parade to the stadium led by the band and cheerleaders. Mark your calendar—you won't want to miss it!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Retailer Rebates

Have you linked your Kroger card to Hillsboro? What about Publix? Both give FREE MONEY back to Hillsboro just because you shop there. You can also shop at Amazon through the Amazon Smile portal and earn money for Hillsboro. Please be sure you are making use of these easy ways to make money for our school!

- Link your Kroger card to Hillsboro by going [HERE](#).
- You can pick up a keychain card for Publix in the main office or at PTSO meeting (we have a limited number still available) or go [HERE](#) to create an online account and link your phone number to Hillsboro (this seems to be their new preferred method).
- Link your personal Amazon account to Hillsboro by going to [smile.amazon.com](#) and designating Hillsboro as your charity. Then, whenever you shop at Amazon, enter the site via [smile.amazon.com](#) and Hillsboro will receive a portion of your order price.

Parents Needed

The Hillsboro PTSO is off to a great start working with the school on increased communication between the school and the Hillsboro community. And we are looking for a few more folks to help. Would you be available to help us make this the best year yet at Hillsboro? We are looking for the following positions:

- **Business and Communications Academy Parent Representative** – work with the academy administration to share information on events, activities, and accolades for PTSO communications and support
- **Choral Music Parent Representative** – work with Ms. Ganske to share information on events, activities, and accolades for PTSO communications and support
- **Visual Arts Parent Representative** – work with Ms. Harmening and Ms. Ginsberg to share information on events, activities, and accolades for PTSO communications and support

Please contact the PTSO at ptso@wearehillsboro.com if you are interested in helping with any of the open positions. We would be happy for you to join us!

ACT and SAT Prep

Here are some good opportunities for improving SAT and ACT scores:

- **Mindworks SAT Boot Camp:** This program is offered through [Mindworksprep.com](#) and takes place on **September 8 from 9 AM to 4 PM** at Vanderbilt University. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.
- **MY TEST TIPS ACT & SAT Prep:** Nashville-based *My Test Tips* will offer two-hour, one-on-one, private session workshops this fall. In these workshops, students will identify & correct test-taking mistakes using their own ACT practice test book, learn more effective strategies to improve their chances to increase scores, and more. Parents & students interested in further information should email mytesttips@gmail.com.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 27
 EE/RP Symposium
 11 AM in the Library
August 28
 Junior IBDP/IBCP Parent Meeting
 5:00 PM
 Open House/PTSO Meeting
 6:00-8:00 PM
August 31 and September 3
 NO SCHOOL
 ATHLETICS

Volleyball
 August 28
 Hillsboro v Dickson County
 @ Hillsboro
 5:00 JV and 6:00 V
August 30
 Hillsboro v Overton
 @ Overton
 3:30/4:30
Football
 August 31
 @ Gallatin
 7:00PM
Soccer
 August 28
 Hillsboro v Cane Ridge
 @ Ted Rhodes
 4:30PM
August 30
 Hillsboro v Cheatham County
 @ Cheatham County
 6:00PM
 View full calendars [HERE](#).
SENIOR NEWS

Class of 2019: [HERE](#) is your senior website! And [HERE](#) is your latest senior news!

QUICK LINKS

[PTSO Website](#)
[MNPS Website](#)
[HHS Counseling Website](#)
[IBDP Website](#)
[Class of 2019 Website](#)
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[School Store](#)
[Student/Family Directory](#)
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