

A message from the school principal,

Good afternoon Hornet Families,

As we head into Thanksgiving Break, many of us will be reflecting on gratitude, and this is what I want to share today. I am grateful for every member of our Hornet community who is currently healthy. I am grateful for our incredibly dedicated teachers and staff, who have gone above and beyond to reimagine our academic program for both the virtual and in-person setting, and execute in-person schooling as safely as we are able. I am grateful for our students, who are learning new lessons in independence and self-motivation, and who have shown kindness and leadership online and in the building. Finally, I am most grateful to all our Hornet families for trusting us with the education and with the health and safety of your most precious people, your children.



As we continue to navigate this uncertain world, we do so together. We will continue to take care of each other and lean on each other as a HIVE does, and know we are here to support you and your student(s) where needed.

Have a great Thanksgiving Break!

Justin West, principal

Updates**Online Classes on Monday 11/30**

To allow us to assess staff and student readiness to return to the building after Thanksgiving Break, all staff and students will do synchronous, online learning on Monday, November 30th. This applies to students who are virtual AND students who selected in-person for this one day. **All students are expected to engage in every live class call for the full synchronous time and complete assignments on time.** If a student is not present, they should expect a message, and we will also call parents and guardians to check in. Our 6th grade staff and students will still not return to campus until Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Daily Health Check App on 11/29 and 11/30

All students should take the Daily Health Check in Skyward by **12 noon on Sunday, November 29th and 7:30 AM on Monday, November 30th**. This will allow us to have the information we need to plan to reopen the building safely for our campus community.

Communication During Thanksgiving Break

To allow our hard-working staff to truly rest and be present with their loved ones during Thanksgiving Break, I kindly request that all students and parents avoid communicating with staff by phone, email, and Teams. I have also made this request of our staff so that families may enjoy their break. **Here are the exceptions:**

If a student or a member of their household tests positive for COVID-19, they should email me directly at jus-tin.west@yesprep.org. I will be checking my email and responding to time-sensitive messages at throughout the break.

If there is an emergency (hospitalization, etc.) that impacts a student, COVID-related or not, please text or call 832-335-3704 and leave a message, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Health and Safety During Holidays

We wanted to share some information related to safety during the holiday season, because we want to empower families to make choices to keep themselves healthy and to keep our Hornet community safe. At this time, with cases of COVID-19 on the rise, [health officials in Harris County are strongly recommending canceling large gatherings of people](#) who do not live in the same household, and are encouraging people to get tested, especially those who are planning to travel to see family. [Dr. David Persse](#), the city's leading health expert, said around 40 percent of people infected with COVID-19 do not show symptoms and often spread the virus unknowingly, usually to family and close friends. Additional information about safety during the holidays can be found [here](#). Thank you for taking the safety of our school community into account when making your holiday plans.

Need Support or have Questions

If you need support, you can email us at hoffman@yesprep.org. Emails sent to that address will go to multiple members of the Front Office and we will answer you.

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