

# Noticiero de Vanguard /Scholars para la Escuela Secundaria Alexander Hamilton

## Saludos de el Programa Vanguard/Scholars

Bienvenidos a el baño escolar 2009-2010 en el programa Vanguard / Scholars de la escuela secundaria Alexander Hamilton. Hemos crecido tanto que hemos tenido que asignar un decano a cada nivel de grado. La Sra. Erika Carter es sobre el 6º grado con la Sra. Cassie Campuzano como su asistente, el Sr. Aarón Domínguez será sobre el 7º grado con la señorita Vanessa Benítez como su asistente. La Sra. Kimberly Fletcher es sobre el 8º grado con el Sr. Richard Arroyo como su asistente, y la Sra. Angela Meléndez supervisa el programa de VG/SC con el Sr. Rubén Pineda como su mano derecha. Aunque el programa ha crecido, seguimos trabajando para mantener nuestro sentido de familia, así que aquí están algunos consejos en ponerse en contacto con la persona adecuada.

Animamos a todos a que primero lo consulte con el maestro de su hijo

para las preguntas relativas a las tareas de clase, las calificaciones, y el comportamiento. Le pedimos que nos dé las 48 horas para devolver las llamadas telefónicas o correos electrónicos. Para todos los demás asuntos relacionados con el éxito general de su hijo, por favor, póngase en contacto con el decano de su nivel de grado. Para los asuntos que afectan al programa en su conjunto, por favor comunicarse con la Sra. Meléndez. Si a usted le gustaría reunirse con cualquiera de nosotros, puede llamar antes de tiempo debido a nuestros horarios de servicio activo antes y después de la escuela. Cada equipo se reúne para la planificación y conferencias sobre días escolares blancos. Reuniones de departamento toman lugar los días escolares azules. Todos trabajando juntos para promover el crecimiento positivo y el logro de nuestros estudiantes. Trabajando juntos, vamos a tener otro año de éxito en la



## Duke TIP, SureScore, y Asociación de HISD

HISD comenzó una iniciativa para producir estudiantes listos para la universidad y una carrera después de graduarse de las escuelas preparatorias. Como parte de esta iniciativa, HISD ha seleccionado estudiantes del 7º grado para recibir cursos de preparación en matemáticas y lectura para el examen de SAT. SureScore seleccionó los mejores estudiantes de 7º grado con alto resultados en el TAKS, los estudiantes con calificaciones de 95% o más en matemáticas o lectura en TAKS, Los estudiantes con

calificaciones de 94% en la prueba TAKS, que recibieron denominaciones de PHS en el Examen de Stanford para matemáticas o lectura, anotando un 12 o 13 Clasificación PHS, también calificado. El Sr. J. Eyles y la Sra. W. Molcilio enseñarán los cursos y recibirán una amplia capacitación a fin de preparar a los estudiantes para tomar el examen SAT. Cursos de preparación comenzará en diciembre. Más información detallada está próxima. Los siguientes estudiantes recibirán el curso de preparación de forma gratuita, debido a su logro de puntuación alta: Hudson Alt, Felix Alvarez,



## Marque su Calendario! Fechas Importantes

### NOVIEMBRE 2009

Hombres Leen 10:00 a.m.	11/06
Día de trabajo de PTO 8:00 a.m.	11/07
Noche de Ciencias/Matemáticas 6:00 p.m.	11/11
Junta de Padres VG/SC 8º grado	11/11
Junta de Magnet 9-12 a.m. HMW	11/14
Semana de Conocimiento de Magnet	11/16-11/20
Días Festivos( No Clases)	11/25-11/27

### DECIEMBRE 2009

Conocimineto de Escuelas	12/09
Magnet High Schools	
Programa de Artes	12/15
Vacacion de Invierno	12/21-01/05

### Enero 2010

Competicion de Ciencias	01/12 & 01/13
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Jessica Arrazolo, Vanessa Balleza, Ariel Batiste, Julia Beyer, Andrew Blose, Jackson Borja, Kenndi Brunson, Guadalupe Cabanas, Pable Calderon, Jared Carrell, Nicholas Cooper, Lillian De Michele, Domanique Deleon, Brandon Dixon, Jessica Dominguez, Jamila Dorsey, Emma Dreiss, Fritz Eagleton, Ashley Espinosa, Steffany Fishcher, Sydni Fowler, Isabella Fullelove, Turner Givens, Seth Gonzales, Reginald Gonzalez, Reyvan Gray, Jose Guerrero, Anthony Hernandez, Joey Hernandez, Prisci-

Ila Hernandez, Samuel Herrera, Rachel Hibler, Arayeah Johnson, Chase Lapeyrouse, Nicolette Loisel, Rafael Lopez, Lizel Maldonado, Samantha Maldonado, Aaleeyah Moffett, Manuel negrete, Antonia Nunnally, Gabriella Ortiz, Eleshia Pena, Jamie Pena, Samantha Perez, James Pierce, Marc Pina, Arturo Prieto, Matthew Readeaux, Elmer Rivera-Palacios, Jesus Rodriguez, Jasmine Salazar, Valeria Solis, Sydney Tucker, Ariana Vasquez, Andrea Villegas, Anna Waters, y Tristian Wells. Felicidades a todos.

## Transportacion

La seguridad de nuestros estudiantes es número uno en Hamilton. Nuestros estudiantes deben sentirse seguros en su camino a la escuela. Si usted tiene preocupaciones o preguntas con el transporte, por favor, póngase en contacto con el Sr. Pineda, la Sra. Carter, o la Sra. Meléndez y nosotros podemos darle respuestas. Trabajamos en colaboración con el Centro de Tránsito del Noroeste para resolver los problemas de enrutamiento y programación, y con la cubierta de motor central, donde nuestros autobuses se expiden. Sr. Rickey Thomas esta encargado del Terminal Central de autobuses y puede ser alcanzado al 713-676-9432. Llame a este número si el autobús llega tarde a recoger o dejar o si está preocupado por la seguridad de su hijo, mientras que en el autobús. Además, informenos de cualquiera y todas las incidencias que se producen en el autobús al Sr. Pineda, la Sra. Carter,

### Seguridad en recoger y dejar en la calle 22.

En un esfuerzo para hacer recoger y dejar a su estudiante lo más fácil posible en términos de tráfico, Necesitamos Su Ayuda. La Calle 22 es el lugar designado para recoger y dejar a su estudiante tanto para AM y PM. Recoger y dejar estudiantes en la calle 20 se desalienta.

Usted puede ayudar en las mañanas por:

1. Teniendo a su estudiante en AHMS a más tardar las 8:10am.
2. Firmar todos los documentos / formularios / programas en casa.
3. Pídale a su estudiante que este preparado para salir del vehículo con una mochila cerrada y lista, comida o dinero para el almuerzo en la mano o en el bolsillo, y por favor tenga sus besos y abrazos en cuenta antes de parada para dejar.
4. Utilice el pavimento después de el porton de la entrada de la calle 22 como el lugar para detener su vehículo para dejar su estudiante. No podemos ayudar a los estudiantes cruzar la calle con seguridad si su vehículo está bloqueando la zona de cruce de peatones.
5. Use la calle 20 como lugar para dejar su estudiante después de las 8:15 am. Cerramos la puerta de atrás después de la campana.

Por la tarde, dirigimos la calle 22 como una calle de "One Way" en forma de cerrar la entrada de la calle Harvard, así sólo tenemos un flujo de tráfico en dirección este.

Usted puede ayudar en las tardes por:

1. Estacionarse en el lado norte de la calle 22 sólo si llega antes de 3:25 pm
2. Conducirse despacio en dirección este en la calle 22.
3. Observar al Oficial Derry dando dirección de tráfico si los autobuses están aparcados de dos en dos a lo largo de la calle 22.
4. Recoger a su estudiante en la parte delantera de el cruce de peatones.
5. No hacer un giro en U en la calle 22.
6. No bloquear los caminos residenciales o utilizando su camino de entrada para hacer giros de U.
7. Mirar a los estudiantes cuando cruzan la calle antes de salir.

### Seguridad Cada Dia Y Especialmente Cuando Lluve

Padres, como una precaución adicional, y no sólo en días de lluvia, después de que su hijo ha logrado salir de su vehículo y está caminando o corriendo en el edificio, asegúrese de mirar a ambos lados antes de irse. Hemos tenido muchos carros cerca de causar un accidente con los controladores no mirando a la izquierda y la derecha antes de empezar a andar. Esto ha sido especialmente cierto en las mañanas lluviosas. Por favor, mire a ambos lados antes de acelerar.

### Después de Clases

Los estudiantes que no han sido recogidos a las 4:15 pm se toman al cuarto 102 para esperar un padre. Los padres deben entrar al edificio para firmar para recoger a su hijo(a). Pedimos disculpas por las molestias que esto pueda causar, pero es la seguridad de su hijo en que estamos pensando. Padres, su hijo puede participar en las oportunidades de tutoría, así como diversos clubes y organizaciones que se ofrecen después de la escuela. Por favor, consulte a su decano de nivel de grado, si desea que su hijo participe en actividades después de clases o zona ejemplares después de clases.

### Zona de Comendación

Cada grado de VG/SC ofrece tutoría que está orientado hacia puntuaciones de rendimiento de elogio. Si usted ha estado en contacto con que su hijo está en necesidad de tutoría, por favor, asegúrese de que él o ella este asistiendo. Póngase en contacto con el secretario del nivel de grado o el decano para averiguar el horario de tutoría para el estudiante. Recuerde que para VG / SC, TAKS no es el techo, si no el piso. Trabajamos duro para preparar a nuestros estudiantes para la universidad y la preparación para una carrera, y elogio en el TAKS es una primera indicación de preparación.

### Plan de Intervención Académica -AIP

AIP es una tercera oportunidad de hacer el trabajo que no se presentó a tiempo. Cada nivel de grado se ejecuta su programa de AIP un poco diferente, pero la premisa es la misma. Padres, en verdad necesitamos su apoyo, muchos de nuestros estudiantes simplemente no están haciendo las asignaciones. Nuestros estudiantes deben hacer su parte y ser responsables de su trabajo y rendir cuentas de los grados que ganan. PS Connect es una herramienta valiosa para asegurarse de esto, por favor úselo.

## School Policy-Dress Code, Backpacks/Lockers, Cell Phones, Attendance

**Dress Code**-Students must wear a grey, dark blue, or white polo style shirt, plain without emblems or embellishments. You may purchase Alexander Hamilton school shirts in room 200 for \$13.00 to take the guess work out of whether or not your child is wearing an approved shirt. Hamilton "Sprit" shirts may be worn during the school week. Bottoms must be either dark blue jeans, black jeans, or khaki pants, shorts or skirts without embellishments, no visible logos, beading, or sequins. Shorts and skirts must not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

**Backpacks & Lockers**-Students may carry mesh or clear backpacks while on school grounds but must place them in their lockers once the bell sounds to report to class. Backpacks and gym bags are not allowed in classrooms or gym. Lockers have already been assigned. If the student has a problem with opening a lock or if the locker has become stuck, contact a teacher or the VG/SC Office ASAP for assistance.

**Badges**-Student badges are free for the first issuance and were processed at about the third week of school. We take pride in the safety of our campus where badges play a key role. It is the student's responsibility to wear a badge every school day, visible to school personnel. Anyone on campus without a badge is subject to questioning. If a student should loose or forget a badge, it is his/her responsibility to get a replacement, either permanent or temporary. Temporary badges can be purchased before school in the cafeteria for \$1.00. Permanent badges, if the original badge is lost or severely damaged, will cost \$5.00. IOUs are given to students who do not have money to purchase a badge. Failure to pay debts will result in revoking school function/event privileges such as field trips, dances and free dress days.

**Electronic Devices & Cell Phones**-Parents, this is a big campus, and there are over 1300 students attending this year. If your child carries his/her cell phone, I-Pod, or other electronic device, and it is left unattended, chances are

these items may be taken. Please check to make sure that your child only carries what is absolutely necessary for the school day. We will not investigate lost or stolen electronic devices, including cell phones. For many of us, cell phones are an important and essential tool, but if your child is seen using a cell phone or pulls it out in class or in the hallway during school hours, or if it goes off during the school day, it will be confiscated, and a \$15.00 fee will be paid to get it back. This is true for all confiscated electronic devices. We take instruction time seriously, and it is a big part of the reason why Alexander Hamilton Middle School is a school of choice. Should you need to contact your child, during the school day, please call the office and we will relay to message to him or her immediately. If the phone is confiscated more than once, other discipline measures will result.

**Absences and Tardiness**-Attendance is essential to academic success. It is so much harder to catch up when you

are behind, especially with the level of rigor we have in our program. If your child is ill, of course he or she should remain at home, but upon return to school, it is the child's responsibility to get the assignments he/she missed. Students have 5 working days in order to make up missed assignments due to absence, **but this does not include projects or assignments given prior to the absence.** major assignments that have been marked on the calendar well in advance. Such assignments are due upon return. We know that there are sometimes extenuating circumstances, so teachers will handle these issues on a one to one basis with the parents and student. **Tardiness**-In the third 6th week of school, everyone has reached their comfort level in getting from class to class in a timely manner. If your child is tardy, he or she will be assigned detention. We round the students up at the end of 8th period every Tuesday and Thursday. Can't make after-school detention due to HISD transportation? Lunch detention is assigned instead.

### Report Card/Progress Report Dates

Listed below are the progress and report card dates. Students will be given their report card during a second homeroom on or around the dates listed below. It is always advisable to check your child's agenda daily, **but even more convenient is the utilization of PS Connect from the Parent Portal of the HISD website, or from a link on our school's website.** You can see your child's grades 15 minutes after they've been posted, and you can activate a trigger that will notify you via text or email when your child's grade drops below the score you can program into the system. You can email your child's teachers straight from PS Connect as well. Please contact teachers **2 weeks prior** to reporting dates to make sure that homework and projects have been completed and there is satisfactory progress on tests and quizzes. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns, or if you need assistance with using PS Connect to its fullest. It truly is a valuable tool for our student's academic achievement.

#### Six Weeks Grading Period

Cycle 1	October 14, 2009	Cycle 4	March 3, 2010
Cycle 2	November 18, 2009	Cycle 5	April 21, 2010
Cycle 3	January 13, 2010	Cycle 6	May 27, 2010

#### Progress Report Dates

Mid-cycle 1	September 16, 2009	Mid-cycle 4	January 27, 2010
Mid-cycle 2	November 9, 2009	Mid-cycle 5	March 24, 2010
Mid-cycle 3	December 9, 2009	Mid-cycle 6	May 27, 2010

#### Report Card Dates

#### On or Around

## Sixth Grade

Hey Hamilton Indians! Show your school spirit! Sixth grade Vanguard / Scholars tee-shirts are on sale in the Vanguard office—room 207. Shirts are only \$12.00 each, and profits from the sale benefit 6th grade Vanguard and Scholars end-of-year celebration and field trips. Students can wear these shirts any day of the week. They also look absolutely adorable in them (See picture for proof of adorability.) Lastly, I would like to thank Mekayla Chevalier and Reanah Coates for modeling our team tee shirts so beautifully! I am sure that you agree.



6th graders modeling our two team tee-shirts in front of the Vanguard office mural...Order one today!

### SMASH Book Club

Sarah Pope, Children's Librarian at the Heights Neighborhood Library (1302 Heights Blvd.) is starting a new book club directed at tweens (ages 9–13). They will meet monthly. The club is called SMASH—Smoothie and Milkshake After School Highbrows. You can sign up by going to the reference desk at the library or by calling 832-393-1810. The first book is "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Greg Kinney. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th, right after school. Be there or be square!

## Commended Zone

Sixth grade Vanguard and Scholars students have specialized enrichment and tutorials tailor-made just for them. Mondays and Tuesdays are set aside for Scholars Math with Ms. Benn, Mr. Marek, and Ms. Valentine. Wednesdays are strictly for Vanguard with Ms. Villegas, Ms. Valentine, Mr. Marek, Mr. Turner, and Ms. Wilson. Thursdays are reserved for a

team make-up day. Students can use this day, if needed to make up any homework, classwork, project, or even tests and quizzes. Students should report to Ms. Villegas in room E-6 on Thursdays to get the extra help. On all days, students should report to their perspective classrooms, no later than 3:55pm. They will not be allowed to enter after that time. Feel free

to contact Ms. Carter or Ms. Campuzano in the Vanguard office for more details or questions and concerns.



## Taking a Bite out of The Big Apple?

This is just a little reminder that the deadline for signing up for the June trip to New York City is approaching. There is still time and space available to all Vanguard and Scholars students to attend. We will be flying out



New York City,  
Here We Come!

June 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup> for a fun-filled four days in NYC! Please feel free to call or email Ms. Carter with any questions @ 713-802-4732 or [ecarter3@houstonisd.org](mailto:ecarter3@houstonisd.org). It's never too late to start planning for a

great summer! For more details on signing up or for an itinerary, please visit [www.SmithsonianStudentTravel.com](http://www.SmithsonianStudentTravel.com). Our tour # is 982079, and our GL# is 3221575. You can also find FAQs and parental and student testimonials about previous trips.

## Seventh Grade

Greetings seventh grade parents and students! The beginning of the year has been fast and furious and the Christmas break is fast approaching. Please stay abreast to your child's progress in his/her classes and help us assure that his/her assignments are in on time. Report cards for the 2nd six weeks will be going home November 18th. Progress reports for the 3rd six weeks will be sent home December 9th.

7th Grade VG/SCH T-shirts have just arrived in the vanguard office and are available for \$11. Please stop by



7th Grade VG students Emily Figueroa and Hudson Alt sport their brand new 7th grade VG/SCH T-shirts!

room 207 and see Ms. Benitez to pur-

chase one of the "longhorn burnt orange" T-shirts that read, "Back by Popular Demand!"

## Duke TIP Talent Search

Apart from the qualified 7th grade group mentioned on page 1 of this newsletter, all seventh grade students are encouraged to take part in the Duke TIP Talent Search. It's a great way to get exposure to the ACT and SAT exams and send information to major U.S. colleges and universities. Students who have taken part in Duke TIP, who have earned high

scores, have been contacted directly by institutions of higher learning for the purposes of recruitment. It's a way to possibly get academic scholarship offers from colleges or universities you may be interested in. The deadline to register online for testing in January and February is December 1, 2009. If you are interested, please see Mr. Dominguez or Ms. Melendez

for registration information or visit [www.tip.duke.edu](http://www.tip.duke.edu).



## Real Men Read!!

Hamilton Middle School has been selected to participate in the Houston Real Men Read program this year. We are looking for men volunteers to commit to reading and discussing a book in a 7th grade class for 1 hour each month. Readings will take place the 2nd Thursdays of each month from 9 -10 a.m. beginning in November 12th.

The fundamental principles of

the program are: Reading is fun! The community cares! A commitment to education can ensure success!

Please email Mrs. Christy Leflar at [cleflar@houstonisd.org](mailto:cleflar@houstonisd.org) if you would like to volunteer.



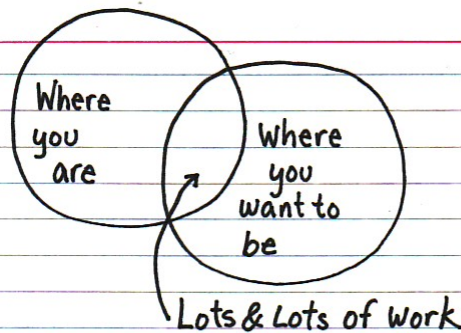
Real Men Read volunteers pictured with some of our HMS students.

# Eighth Grade

## Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

High school preparation has already begun, not just in our classrooms, but throughout the district. Phase 1 of the application process begins on November 16. The 2010-2011 applications have not yet been released by the district, so please wait for your child's paperwork. We will host an application orientation on Wednesday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the library, the same day as our Family Math and Science Night. At that time, you may pick up a copy of the necessary paperwork your child will need in order to apply for high school. On Saturday, November 14, you will get the first chance to see every HISD Magnet high school and Carnegie, the one HISD Vanguard high school, at Hattie Mae White from 9 to noon. Your second chance will be during Magnet Awareness Week, Monday, November 16-20. Tours begin at 1:00 p.m. **HISD is discouraging parents from taking students out for tours during the school day.** Each high school should offer an evening Open House or weekend event so that your student can see what each campus has to offer. You have a third chance to talk to these schools on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am when the HS Magnet Tour visits our campus.

The Vanguard Office will continue to hand out the necessary paperwork to 8th grade Vanguard/Scholars parents if you are unable to attend the meeting on the 11th. Beginning November 12th, handout times are from 9 am to 11 am and then from 1:30 to 3:00. Please adhere to these times. You will need to make extra copies if you will be applying to more than one magnet high school. Carnegie Vanguard requires a different application. Both the Magnet and Vanguard applications can be found on the HISD website beginning November 14th. IF applications are available by our meeting time, we will provide copies to you on the 11th.



## Mid-Term Exams

Algebra	Thurs, December 10
Spanish	Mon, December 14
Keyboarding	December 10 and 14



8th Grade VG/SC Parent Meeting

Wed. November 11, 2009

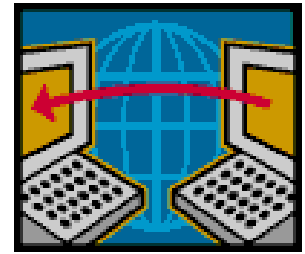
AHMS Library

6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

High School Application Process

## Open lines of communication

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher by email with regard for all things pertaining to his/her classroom procedures, assignments, grades, etc. Teachers should respond within 48 hours. If you do not receive a response by that time, please email or call your grade level dean. Also, you may call or email a teacher to set up an individual conference between you and that teacher. If you would like to meet with the entire team, please call or email your grade level secretary. Don't forget that you can contact your teachers directly from PS Connect.



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## VG/SCH Parents

Parents, you are encouraged to attend the Vanguard/Scholars Parent Meetings and register your e-mail address to receive e-Blast news. Important information is disseminated in these ways. Being well-informed opens up doors for your child.



## HISD

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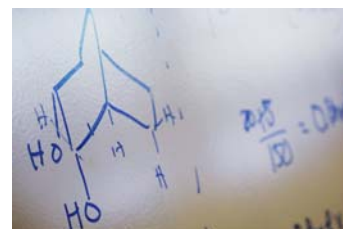
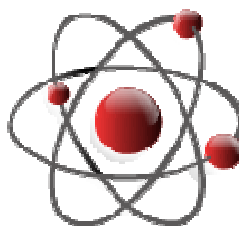
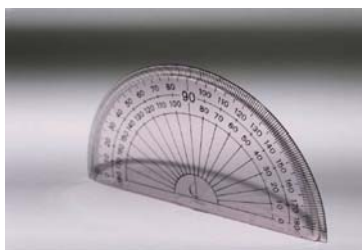
A Great Place to Learn.

# Family Math and Science Night

## Wednesday, November 11, 2009

## 6-8 pm in school cafeteria

# Everyone's invited!



**R. Bunnell**

Principal

**Rose Myers**

Dean of Instruction

**A. Melendez**

VG/SC Coordinator-Dean

**E. Carter**

Sixth Grade VG/SC Dean

**A. Dominguez**

Seventh Grade VG/SC Dean

**K. Fletcher**

Eighth Grade VG/SC Dean

**J. Sada**

School Secretary

**L. Rodriguez**

Administrative Assistant

**R. Pineda**

Administrative Assistant

**C. Campuzano**

6th Grade Secretary

**V. Benitez**

7th Grade Secretary

**A. Arroyo**

8th Grade Secretary



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