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We Are... **HERITAGE**

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Dear Heritage Family:

May is here! It can be a busy month as we wrap up the school year, so please be sure to stay informed by checking out our website for current information!

Next week begins our last round of EOC exams. Students who have not yet met standard in Algebra I, US History, and Biology will be tested.

Testing room assignments have been posted outside the cafeteria, gym, library, and upstairs office. Students are expected to check those lists BEFORE next week to ensure they know where to go on test day. If they have any questions about testing assignments, please have them contact Mrs. Hill at hillre@friscoisd.org or Mrs. Ferrell in the counseling office BEFORE May 6th.

May 7th is a normal school day, so all students need to be at school ON TIME at 9:00. The Algebra I EOC will happen this day, so all testing students should be in their testing room by 8:45am.

May 8th is a late arrival day for all non-testing students. If you are testing, please be in your testing room by 8:45am. If you are not testing, you should arrive between 12:20-12:35 pm. All Seniors should come in the auditorium doors and remain in the auditorium until released to 3rd period. All other students arriving late should enter on the cafeteria side of the building and remain in the cafeteria until released to 3rd period.

As a reminder, please do not schedule any appointments for your child on testing days as we will not call them out of a test to leave early. Also, if your child rides the bus please see the attached late arrival bus schedule for the May 8th pick up times for your child.

~ Safety and Security ~

Last Friday, HHS administrators and front office staff continued with emergency preparedness training by participating in the next Standard Response Protocol (SRP) training series. This particular session dealt with Severe Weather Situation Awareness. As we all know, spring in Texas can have unsettled and dangerous weather, and this training session was timely.

FISD officials monitor conditions and work with the City of Frisco Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to determine when emergency procedures need to be implemented. The EOC monitors the entire area including the other municipalities FISD serves – McKinney, Plano and Little Elm. When dangerous conditions exist and plans are implemented, FISD will use every means available to communicate this to families. FISD believes our families know that schools are a safe place and that we will do whatever we can to keep students protected and make the best decision for their well-being.

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This is a reminder that all high schools will have early release on the last day of school (May 30). The day will end at the conclusion of second period. Please remember students are not allowed to visit any other schools in FISD during school hours.

In addition, by the last day of school (Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>), we ask that parents please come to school to pick up all of your child's medication, including all over the counter medications. Any medication left in the clinic after May 30<sup>th</sup> will be destroyed.

Please note that the district is returning to the previous way a Verification of Enrollment is handed out to students. Students will still need to request a VOE in the Heritage Front Office. There is a 24 hour turn-around time to receive a Verification of Enrollment (VOE) for your trip to the DMV. Students that sign up for a VOE in the office can return the next morning to pick it up. Please note that we do not e-mail or fax a VOE. It must be picked up in person.

The 2019 Senior Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Comerica Center (formerly Dr. Pepper Star Centre) on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. This year, each senior will receive a total of 10 tickets for the graduation ceremony. The seating capacity at Comerica Center (formerly Dr. Pepper Center) is 5300, so at 10 tickets per senior, we will already be over capacity with our current senior count being over 550. **Because of this, unfortunately, no extra tickets will be available to request this year.** We apologize for any inconvenience or difficulty that this may cause. We encourage those of you who may need more than 10 to reach out as early as possible to friends who may not need all 10 tickets.

There is a mandatory senior graduation practice at HHS on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the gyms. All seniors are required to attend and will receive their graduation packet at the end of the practice. Please mark your calendars now and make sure that your senior attends.

If you have a senior at Heritage that has not ordered a cap/gown for graduation, please contact Jostens at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) to order today. This is mandatory for students to participate in our graduation ceremony. In addition, a separate e-mail has gone out to senior parents keeping them up to date on information regarding their senior.

If you have a senior and would like to purchase a DVD of the graduation ceremony, please be sure to see the attached flyer for further details.

Students must be present in each class period for 90% of the class time in order to be marked present. If your student misses more than 10% of class time, a note or email will be needed in order to excuse your student's absence. Please submit absence notifications to the email address on the Heritage website for absence reporting. You can also send a note with your student within 3 days of your student's return to school. For the district attendance policy, please visit the FISD website, click on the Parent tab and scroll to the bottom under Popular links.

In order to maximize your student's class time and make this year a success, please note the following information:

**ATTENDANCE:** Information regarding absence reporting for your student can be found on the Heritage website.

**DELIVERIES:** Students need to remember to bring all necessary items with them to school in the morning. It is important to minimize classroom disruptions, so please remember to send lunch money, lunches, clothing, books and supplies with your child in the morning rather than deliver it during the day.

**LUNCH:** Please remember that FISD schools are closed campuses. That means students are to remain on campus during lunch periods. Parents are welcome to bring lunch to their child, and eat with them in the cafeteria.

**SIGNING OUT:** We are happy to call your student to the front office to be checked out once you are in the office, but do not call students in advance. This will help keep our students in the classroom as much as possible. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

We have some important dates for you to make note of in the weeks ahead.

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| 5/24 | FISD Bad Weather Make-Up Day – No School                        |
| 5/27 | Memorial Day Holiday – No School                                |
| 5/30 | Last Day of School – Dismissal at end of 2 <sup>nd</sup> period |

Have a good weekend!