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We Are... HERITAGE

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Dear Heritage Family:

Our Homecoming dance is tomorrow! Has your student purchased a ticket? If not, don't worry. Tickets will be sold at the door. The dance is here at Heritage and begins at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see all of our students!

Congratulations to Alexander Mwaura and Alyese Reyes! They are our 2018 HHS Home-coming King and Queen.

~ Safety and Security ~

Frisco ISD uses STOPit, an online and app-based system, to empower students, parents, teachers and others to anonymously report anything of concern to school officials – from cyber-bullying to threats of violence or self-harm.

STOPit does more than just help schools address incidents and mitigate risk. STOPit will also help us go beyond reacting to bullying and inappropriate behavior, and instead start deterring it. As young people continue to engage more with technology every day, Frisco ISD is taking a proactive step to empower students to become Upstanders in our community in the way that they feel most comfortable. FISD believes adoption of STOPit is an important step in the continued effort to provide a positive school climate and a safe learning environment for students.

For more details, please copy and use this link: http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/ security/stopit.

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.

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As a reminder, varsity football tickets will be on sale in the front office before school and during lunches. Be sure to buy early, though, because ticket sales cut off at 2:30 p.m. the day **before** a varsity game in order to submit the required reconciliation paperwork to district. For all the latest on athletic news, be sure to check out the Heritage Athletic website at <u>www.heritagecoyotesathletics.com</u>. You can also keep up with all the latest news on the Heritage Athletics Twitter account @coyotes\_ath and Facebook page **Frisco Heritage Coyotes Athletics**. 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.

VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT: 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.

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

| 10/20/2018       | Homecoming Dance at Heritage                  |
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| 10/22-26/2018    | Red Ribbon Week                               |
| 10/22/2018       | Varsity Choir Fall Concert in the Auditorium  |
| 10/27/2018       | FEF Gary Burns Fun Run                        |
| 10/29 –11/9/2018 | Frisco Family Services Heritage Food Drive    |
| 11/5/2018        | PAP/AP Information Night in the Cafeteria     |
| 11/6/2018        | NHS Parent Information Night                  |
| 11/10/2018       | Frisco Community Parade                       |
| 11/15-17/2018    | Theatre Performance 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' |
| 11/19-23/2018    | Thanksgiving/Family Week – No Classes         |
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Have a good weekend!