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THE PULSE

A NEWSLETTER

From the Academy Principal's Desk

WELCOME BACK! IKE gave us an interesting start to this new year. This year we are adopting the theme "EVERY STUDENT COUNTS!" Our 9th/10th grade teams will be meeting to discuss how to meet your needs. We will be achieving more in Advocacy/RAMS to learn more about you and create a true advocate system.

Here are a few things to remember:

- Keep up with your attendance. Check on your attendance frequently. **Do your attendance appeals.**
- Get involved in some school activities (FCCLA, HOSA, TAFE, Science Club, Chess Club, UIL)
- Do you want scholarship money, overnight trips, a letter jacket, & more? **JOIN UIL.**
- Dress Code reminder: RED/GRAY/NAVY shirts or Academy shirts, Blue and Khaki pants; no jeans.
- ID's must be worn above the waist and **VISIBLE** at all times.
- Watch being tardy! The tardy calculator is calculating!

From your Counselor:

Welcome back to a new school year. Thanks for your patience in changing schedules. All changes will be complete by Wednesday, September 10. Remember the only changes are for classes that you are in and you have received credit for them. We will be having class meetings soon. If you have any questions about graduation or anything else, write them in your planner and we will discuss them at that time. Attendance appeals will be in the month of September every Saturday at 8 am, be there if you need to recover credit loss last year due to attendance. You must arrive at 8 regardless of the number of hours that you need.

The Senior Meeting to be held on September 17 is postponed. All members of the senior class and their parents should be present at this meeting, as it is of great importance.

I look forward to working with each one of you this year and I hope that you have all the success that you earn. Let's have a great year!

From your Coordinator:

Students are being assigned intervention according to the area of their need. We hope that you will take your intervention seriously and make the best of this opportunity.

Academy T-Shirts are on SALE in room #212, 2 for \$15 and 1 for \$8.

Academy T-Shirts can be worn every day.

Please welcome Mr. Jared Selby, Mr. Courtney Jackson,

Mr. Ram Vadakkemadam and Ms. Ruby Blackmon to our academy.

September 2008

HOSA membership party, 9/9 from 4:00-6:00 PM

HHR Advisory Board Meeting, 10/ at 7:45AM

September is General Preparedness month. All of you will agree Ike tested our preparedness!!

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Recognize this picture!!! Where is it from??

HOSA News

HOSA Begins School Year with a BANG!

HOSA, as usual, is starting the year with a bang with all kind of activities scheduled. On Tuesday, September 9, 2008, HOSA had it's annual membership party to let new students who are interested in health care know why HOSA is the place they need to be. It was a great party with lots of food and over 50 people attending. For those unfamiliar with HOSA, it stands for Health Occupations of America. It is a professional organization; as such, we not only have social events, but we also attend leadership conferences, compete in a competitive events program, do community service work, and do fundraisers.

We are currently selling popcorn to help defray the cost of dues. A student has the choice of selling popcorn to pay his/her dues, or paying outright. We are planning other fundraisers as well, such as selling trail mix, and having car washes.

We are also working on a huge Waltrip team for Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure" to raise money to battle the cure for breast cancer. We would like all Waltrip students, teachers, administrators, and staff to join us in this war. The school who brings in the most students and the most money gets special recognition. Contact Mrs. Gibson in T3 or at ext. 363 if you are interested in participating.

We are also planning to sponsor "Pink Day, Your Way" once again this year. We're hoping to sponsor more than one to raise more money for Susan G. Komen.

October 29, 2008 is HOSA night with the Rockets. This also happens to be their opening night. We will be going to Toyota Center that day where the Rockets and Memorial Hermann Hospital System have teamed up to provide educational and other activities for HOSA students. This field trip is only open to HOSA students.

We have many other activities going on & invite anyone, regardless of which academy they are in, if they are interested in a health career, come join us.