



GHS PTSA NEWSLETTER



Garland High School PTSA Newsletter
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Welcome Back!

A new school year is about to begin. Classes start Monday, August 27 at 7:30 a.m. Students will report to one of three gymnasiums by last name, beginning at 7:00 a.m. to pick up class schedules. Teachers will distribute information about school supplies during the first two weeks of class, but students should be prepared the first day with #2 pencils, black pens, wide rule paper, spiral notebook, a binder and an assignment planner. Classes are over at 2:30 p.m. each day. Garland High School has an enrollment of over 2,700 students and 240 employees and ranks 350 in the nation out of 16,000 high schools. Parents can keep up with important information by joining PTSA and regularly checking the school website at www.garlandidschools.net/GarlandHighSchool.

A Word from the Principal, John Morris

I hope that your summer is going great and you are looking forward to an exciting year. Additional teachers and staff have been hired and are hard at work preparing for the upcoming year. You will find them to be energetic, enthusiastic, but most of all, focused on success for all students. Communication plays an important role in an effective school. Knowing what our expectations are for students is critical for them to realize the goals for the year. Information regarding the dress code, attendance policies, parking stickers, cell phones and textbooks were mailed to each family in July. Please check with the school office if you did not receive this information, 972-494-8492.

Join PTSA at the Parent Brunch

Incoming freshmen will be attending Fish Camp on Friday, August 17. New parents are invited to an information meeting on Saturday, August 18th from 10:00 – noon in the school cafeteria. This is a great time to join PTSA. Students who join now and continue their membership all four years will be eligible for a PTSA scholarship as a senior. It's a financial reward when membership only costs \$3.50 for students and \$6 for adults each year! Returning parents are encouraged to join by downloading a membership form from the "Documents and Downloads" page of our website and returning it by mail. Visit us at www.garlandowls.com.

Notice

GHS PTSA is providing a Back-To-School breakfast for GHS staff members on Friday, August 24th. The breakfast is free with a paid PTSA membership, and we need parents to help serve and clean-up. Please contact Sarabeth Spann, Teacher Appreciation Co-Chair, at sbspenn@msn.com or 972-496-6104 if you can help.

Calendar of Events

August 17	Fish Camp (7:00 am – 3:00 p.m.)
August 18	Parent Brunch (10:00 am – noon, cafeteria)
August 27	First Day of School (7:30 am – 2:30 pm)
September 10	PTSA Parking Spot Auction
September 11	College Night at Eastfield, 7 pm
September 20	Meet Teacher Night/PTSA Assoc. Meeting
September 25	Rachel's Challenge Parent/Student Program, 7 pm www.rachelschallenge.com

FAQ: "Why is it called FISH camp if our mascot is an owl?" Visit the PTSA website for the answer!
<http://PTSA.garlandowls.com>.