

Tom Hawkins Elementary School *Home of the Huskies*

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"Living and learning with purpose"

Principal's Corner

By Christina Orsi

Monday, we will welcome our guests from Tracy's Sister-City, Memuro, Japan. Each year, ten 8th graders from Memuro visit Tracy and spend time learning about life here. Then, in June, ten 8th graders from Tracy will go to Memuro and stay in the homes of the Memuro students. Hawkins welcomes these special guests to our campus each year so our students can learn about the Japanese culture and share a little bit about life here in Tracy. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain exposure and appreciation for different cultures. As we are also focusing on skills of hospitality, our ASB students will be hosting the visitors throughout the day.

Continuing that note of hospitality, this week we welcome Hawkins families to our campus for an Open House. This event is designed for families to come visit their child's classroom and check out all of the cool things the students have done this year. The campus will be open from 6:00-7:00PM on Wednesday, March 27.

The 7th grade science team from across the district will be hosting a parent preview meeting of the Teen Talk curriculum. You can see the [letter](#) explaining the meeting and curriculum in the newsletter below.

We are also excited to host our first Chess Tournament at Hawkins on Friday, March 29 after school. Our Chess Club has been working hard to be well prepared for this special event.

Upcoming Events

Mar 25 – Sister City Memuro Visit
Mar 26 – 6th Grade Ancient Artifact
Mar 26 – [7th Grade Teen Talk Parent Preview Meeting](#)
Mar 27 – Hawkins Open House 6:00-7:00PM
Mar 28 – Chili's Dinner Night Out
Mar 29 – 7th Grade Chinatown Field Trip
Mar 29 – 2nd Grade GVM Flower Dissection Visit
Mar 29 – Chess Tournament
Apr 3 – Spring Band Concert
Apr 3 – Graduation Chair Meeting
Apr 5 – ASB Fandom Day – Wear your fandom attire
Apr 9 – 8th Grade Field Trip to the Ports Game
Apr 9 – Board Meeting
Apr 10 – GATE Testing at Tom Hawkins
Apr 17 – Graduation Sub Committee Chair Meeting
Apr 18 – 2nd Grade GVM
Apr 18 – Husky Rally
Apr 19 – 28 – No School Spring Break
Apr 30 – CAASPP Testing Window Begins
Apr 30 – Chipotle Dinner Night Out
May 1 – Graduation Sub Committee Meeting
May 2 – Jump Rope for Heart
May 3 – TK-5th Grade Fun Friday
May 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation Week
[Link to Staff Favorite Things](#)
May 17 – Ice Cream Social
May 17 – 6th-8th Grade Dance
May 24 – 8th Grade Trip to Great America

LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

Our annual Spring Book Sale is coming soon. Our library will host the sale beginning April 8th through April 12th. More details will be in next week's newsletter.

In past years we have been very fortunate to have families and teachers donate books for this important sale. We are in need of donations this year, so if you have books at home that your children are not reading anymore and you'd like to give other children the opportunity to enjoy them, please donate them to our library. We would love more chapter books for all grade levels as well as picture books. You can leave your donations at the front office or bring them directly to the library after checking in at the office. We'd appreciate your support. Your donations will benefit our students. Let's help keep them reading!

HPFC Membership

We have a few opportunities for making a difference at our school. We are currently seeking membership and board officers for our Hawkins Parent Faculty Club. Without board members, we will not be able to have an HPFC organization. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Ms. Orsi at 209-839-2380 or email her at corsi@sjcoe.net so you can discuss it. HPFC is an impactful way to be involved in our Hawkins community!

Every Day Counts

Chronic absenteeism is a serious problem on our campus. Many students are absent or tardy on a regular basis and this has a huge impact on their learning. We want you to join us in making school attendance a high priority for your family. We are partnering with HPFC to incentivize perfect attendance. Students with perfect attendance each month will be entered into a drawing to win a special prize.

Remember, school is your child's first and most important job. Please support them by getting them here on time and scheduling appointments and vacations outside the school day.

ATTENDANCE BY THE NUMBERS

This week our overall attendance rate was:

95%

Our goal is:

98%

TOM HAWKINS

HPFC HAPPENINGS

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The Hawkins Parent Faculty Club (HPFC) is a group of volunteers dedicated to assisting staff and parents with programs to enrich communication and activities that allow students to thrive.

Your contributions, whether it is your time, knowledge, or resources, make a difference. We would like to invite you to join us to make this the best year possible for our children!

Calendar of Events

~~Aug 28th – FUN RUN Kick-Off Pop Rally!~~

~~Sept 7 – FUN RUN~~

~~Sept 21 – Outdoor Movie Night, 6:30-9:00~~

~~Oct 26 – Movie Night, 6:00-8:00~~

~~Nov 13-30 – See's Candy Sale~~

~~Dec 8 – Holiday Boutique, 8:00-3:00~~

~~Dec 12 – TK-4th Winter Program~~

~~Dec 13 – 5th-8th Winter Program~~

~~Jan 18 – Dads N Donuts, 7:15-8:10~~

~~Feb 15 – Parent Child Dance~~

Mar 11-29 – See's Candy Sale

Mar 15 – Movie Night, 6:00-8:00

Mar 27 – Open House, 6:00-7:00

May 8 – Teacher Appreciation

May 10 – Moms N Muffins, 7:15-8:10

HPFC MEETING

Library 6:30 pm

~~August 22~~

~~September 19~~

~~October 17~~

~~November 28~~

~~December 19~~

~~January 16~~

~~February 20~~

~~March 20~~

~~April 17~~

~~May 15~~



amazonsmile

Tom Hawkins has partnered with Amazon to give back to our school. Go to smile.amazon.com and select Hawkins Elementary Parent Faculty Club as your charitable organization and help us earn as you shop!

DID YOU KNOW?

We accept cash, check, and credit card at most events?

Keep in Touch!

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hawkinshuskies
Email us at tomhawkinspfc@gmail.com



Spring Candy Fundraiser

Dear Hawkins Families:

We are once again beginning our Spring See's Candies fundraising sale. The funds raised through this fundraiser will go towards activities like field trips, educational programs, and assemblies. Please help your child by taking orders from friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers.

Dates to Remember:

Sale Starts: Monday, March 11, 2019

Sale Ends: Friday, March 29, 2019

(All orders and money must be turned in on Friday)

Candy will be delivered before Spring Break.

Helpful Hints:

1. Fill in the order form completely. Turn in **ONLY THE BOTTOM**. It will be returned with your candy.
2. Make sure your child's name & phone # AND teacher's grade, name & Room # are listed on the order form.
3. Collect money from your supporters when they order and put in the collection envelope. Thank your customer.
4. **Make checks payable to: HPFC**
5. Verify quantities and amounts collected. No change will be given. Any overage will be considered a donation.
6. Questions??? Please contact Jen Bottoms at jbottoms74@gmail.com

Thank you for helping to make our fundraiser a BIG success!

See's CANDIES.

2019 Spring Fundraising



Peanut Butter Egg
An irresistible treat.
3 oz \$6.90 #9499



Chocolate Butter Egg
Creamy and delicious.
3 oz \$6.90 #9500



Bordeaux™ Egg
A tasty classic.
3 oz \$6.90 #9501



Nuts & Chews
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$21.00 #334



Marshmallow & Scotchmallow® Eggs
One box, four yummy eggs.
3.4 oz \$6.90 #9493



Bunny Hop Box
Full of See's favorites.
4 oz \$7.90 #9542



Assorted Lollypops
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Laté and Chocolate.
Approximately 30 lollypops.
1 lb 5 oz \$20.00 #296



Toffee-ettes®
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate and almonds.
1 lb \$21.00 #316



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$21.00 #318



Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb 8 oz \$20.80 #355



Gift Certificate
Redeemable at any See's Candies shop.
1 lb \$21.00 #767 (redeemable continental U.S.)
1 lb \$22.90 #769 (redeemable Hawaii)

8th Grade News

Upcoming Important Events for 8th Graders

April 3 - Committee Chair Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

April 17 - Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

May 1 – Sub Committee Chair Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

May 8 – Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

May 16 - Honors Night Set Up 2:00pm in the MPR

May 16 - Honors Night 6:00pm in the MPR

May 17 - Ice Cream Social Set Up 11:00am (Ice Cream Social Committee)

May 17 - Ice Cream Social 1:30pm in MPR (Date change due to Great America availability)

May 24- Great America Field Trip

May 28 - Graduation Set Up 3:00pm in the MPR (ALL hands on deck!)

May 29 - Graduation Ceremony and Dance

May 30 – Graduation Clean Up 8:30am

8th Grade Parents...Two more items to go!

1 We need some pictures of your individual student throughout their childhood years to create a picture slide show for the Ice Cream Social. Please email 3-4 school age pictures to **gradpics2019@gmail.com** or bring them into the office on a labeled CD/thumbdrive. Please name the pictures with your student's name and send them in .jpg format. (Ex:johnsmith1.jpg, johnsmith2.jpg, johnsmtih3.jpg) We would also love any group shots you may have gotten over the years. **Deadline to submit pictures for slide show: March 31**

2 In the spring, each family is asked to make a 12X12 photo collage for their student. The card stock will be provided. Start finding some pictures you may want on the collage and get them printed so you're ready to go when the cardstock paper is sent home. **Deadline to submit photo collage: Thursday, April 18**

Graduation Amazon Wish List

Would you like to help contribute to the 8th grader graduation, but perhaps don't have a lot of time? Here's a way to help out. You can make a donation of items we need through the Amazon Wish List. The items will be sent directly to the school and will be used for our many graduation events. View the Wish List by clicking on the link below:

https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/3CNOPM8C3TI80/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_ym_wl



Girls' & Boys' Waterpolo



Volleyball



Football

Tracy High Freshman Sports Orientation Night

www.tracyhighsports.com

There will be an informational open house for incoming Tracy High School Freshmen who are interested in trying out for sports for the 2019-20 season. Coaches will be on hand to answer any questions. Please come and join us!

WHEN: Monday, May 6, 2019

WHERE: Tracy High School Main Gym

TIME: 6:30 pm



Girls' Golf



Cross Country



Girls' Tennis

TRACY HIGH CHEER & DANCE TEAM 2019-2020 DATES

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR CHEER & DANCE TRYOUTS

Monday March 25th @ 6:30pm
THS – Cafeteria

TRYOUT PAPERS DUE

Friday April 5th 3:00pm
THS- Career Center – Athletic Secretary

CHEER TRYOUTS

April 8th & 9th 5:00pm-8pm &
April 10th 4:00pm-9:00pm
(Try-out time 4/10 based on grade level)
THS- Main Gym

DANCE TRYOUTS

April 11th 5:00pm-8:00pm &
April 12th 4:00pm-8pm
(Try-out time 4/12 based on grade level)
THS- Main Gym

TRYOUT PACKETS AVAILABLE AT TRACYHIGHSPORTS.COM

Important Dates for 2019-2020 Team Members

Cheer Seniors Select Uniforms: April 29th
Mandatory Parent Meeting: May 1st - Cafe
Uniform Fittings: May 8th – Girls Sub Gym (Dance 3:30pm Cheer 5:30pm)
Dance Camp Great Wolf Lodge: July 8th – 11th Cheer Camp Great Wolf Lodge: July 11th – 14th
Cheer Event: Lions All Start Football Game: Saturday TBA
Dance Mandatory Event: Choreo: June 16th – June 21st
Dance Mandatory Events: Recital Assistance - June 15th & Banta Hay Day - October 5th

For More Information Please E-mail:
tracyhighcheer@gmail.com or tracyhsdance@gmail.com



March 8, 2019

Dear Jefferson School District Parent/Guardian:

As part of the 7th Grade Science Class, we will be starting a comprehensive sexual health and family life education unit. California state law requires HIV and comprehensive sexuality education be taught in middle school and in high school. The District shall follow state laws (Education Code 51930 - 51939). The instructional unit will be taught by trained school district personnel and will begin on April 15, 2019 through May 29, 2019.

There will be a parent preview meeting where you will have the opportunity to view the curriculum to be used this year. Teachers will provide an overview of the lessons, simulate classroom activities, and answer questions. Curriculum will be available to examine.

**JSD Parent Preview Night
Tuesday, March 26, 2019
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
District Office Board Room
1219 Whispering Wind Drive, Tracy, CA 95377**

Teen Talk Middle School is a comprehensive sexuality education course designed to provide an open forum for teenagers to ask questions and get medically-based, accurate, and unbiased information. Teen Talk Middle School complies with California Education Codes 51930-51939 (California Healthy Youth Act of 2015) and meets the California Health Education Content Standards under Growth, Development, and Sexual Health.

Teen Talk Middle School covers the following areas:

- Values Clarification
- Sexual and Reproductive Anatomy
- Abstinence/Not Having Sex
- Parent/Guardian Communication *Be prepared for a homework assignment which involves your child discussing these issues with you.
- Healthy Relationships
- Birth Control, including a condom demonstration
- Pregnancy Options
- Sexually Transmitted Infections, including HIV
- Sexual Safety, Consent, and the Law
- Sexuality Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression
- Sex in the Media
- Communication and Decision-Making

All lessons are taught in a mixed - gender environment to foster respect and tolerance among all genders. A pre-/post-assessment will be administered at the beginning and end of the course. The assessment tests sexual health knowledge that will be covered during the course as well as questions about student comfort and confidence in communicating about sexual health topics with peers, partners, and trusted adults.

If you are not able to attend the parent preview night and want to examine instructional materials, including assessments, please contact the school district office or your child's classroom teacher to make an appointment to do so. If you have questions, please see your child's teacher or principal. State law allows you to remove your student from all or part of a comprehensive sexual health education course. **If you do not want your student to participate in this sexual health course, please provide a note to your student's Science Teacher by April 5, 2019.**

The goal of a comprehensive sexual health education program is to help students learn the facts and use their knowledge to make good decisions now and later in life. We believe parents and guardians are the best educators of their children. During this unit of study, we will be sending home activities which will encourage discussions about family life issues and postponing sexual involvement. These activities will give you the opportunity to discuss the information covered in class.

If you have any questions, please call or email your student's Science Teacher. We look forward to seeing you at the parent preview meeting.

Sincerely,

Sarah Steen

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Handwashing

at Home, at Play, and Out and About



Germs are everywhere! They can get onto your hands and items you touch throughout the day. Washing hands at key times with soap and water is one of the most important steps you can take to get rid of germs and avoid spreading germs to those around you.

How can washing your hands keep you healthy?

Germs can get into the body through our eyes, nose, and mouth and make us sick. Handwashing with soap removes germs from hands and helps prevent sickness. Studies have shown that handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sicknesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu.

Handwashing helps prevent infections for these reasons:



People often touch their eyes, nose, and mouth without realizing it, introducing germs into their bodies.



Germs from unwashed hands may get into foods and drinks when people prepare or consume them. Germs can grow in some types of foods or drinks and make people sick.



Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects, such as door knobs, tables, or toys, and then transferred to another person's hands.



What is the right way to wash your hands?

1. Wet your hands with clean running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap.
3. Scrub all surfaces of your hands, including the palms, backs, fingers, between your fingers, and under your nails. Keep scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
4. Rinse your hands under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.



Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention
National Center for Emerging and
Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

CS 280522A

Tom Hawkins Drop-Off/Pick-Up Routes



PICK UP PROCEDURES:

TK & KINDERGARTEN – ALL TK AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE PICKED UP FROM THE GATES NEXT TO THE KINDERGARTEN BUILDING

1ST-3RD GRADERS – BE SURE TO DESIGNATE YOUR CHILD’S PICK UP AREA WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR SCHEDULE OR ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

ALL OTHER STUDENTS – PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD AND LET THEM KNOW WHERE YOU WILL BE PICKING THEM UP

OPTIONS FOR PICK UP:

KINDERGARTEN GATE – PARENTS PARK/WALK UP TO GET THEIR CHILD. ADULT ON DUTY MUST HAVE VISUAL CONTACT WITH PARENT IN ORDER TO RELEASE THE CHILD

CAR LOOPS – PARENTS STAY IN THE CAR AND CHILDREN WAIT IN LINE FOR THEIR PARENT TO PULL UP. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR IN THE CAR LINE AND GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.**

GYM DOORS – PARENTS PARK/WALK UP TO RETRIEVE THEIR CHILD

WALKERS – STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO WALK HOME

DRESS CODE

Please review the Dress Code in our Handbook on the Jefferson District Website. Please see the graphic below for examples.

Per the district policy, the consequences for dress code violations are:

First offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes.

Second offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The student shall be assigned detention as determined appropriate by the principal or the designee.

Third offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The principal or the designee shall assign the student ten hours of community service to be performed within thirty calendar days.

Fourth and subsequent offenses: The student shall be suspended for a period of 1-5 days as determined by the principal or the designee.


JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

<p>ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 
<p>ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS</p> 
<p>ACCEPTABLE SHOES</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE SHOES</p> 
<p>ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 



The bralette, the cold shoulder style shirt, and the cut-off style shirt are recent fashion trends that have become very popular. Parents may be wondering if they are dress code compliant. Basically, with a bralette, the shirt worn on top of the bralette must meet the dress code requirements. For cold shoulder shirts, the shoulder straps must follow the 4-finger rule. For cut-off shirts, no mid-drift should be exposed. They can be worn with an undershirt to cover the mid-drift area.