

# Tom Hawkins Elementary School

*Home of the Huskies*

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"Living and learning with purpose"

## Principal's Corner

By Christina Orsi

Last Tuesday, we were excited to begin our journey with the Jr. Bulldog Project. Bulldog Project officers from Tracy High School will be leading our students in monthly planning meetings for implementing the Jr. Bulldog Project at Hawkins. The mission of this group is to combat bullying and to build a culture of kindness. It was awesome to see such a fabulous turnout and we look forward to their next visit in October.

We are busily preparing for the upcoming Parent Teacher conferences. The week of September 24 is Parent Teacher Conferences. TK-4th grade teachers are setting up their own conferences. Please reach out to your child's teacher directly to schedule a conference. For 5th-8th graders, you should have received an invitation to sign up for an appointment via Sign Up Genius or you can click on a link below. Appointments are made with your student's Core teacher. You then rotate through the content area teachers. Please contact the office if you need to change your appointment time. Progress reports will be handed out at conferences. This is a great opportunity to strategize with your child's teacher and make any needed improvements prior to the end of the term. We are shooting for 100% participation in conferences and we look forward to working with you and your child.

### Upcoming Events

Sep 19 – Graduation Chair Person Committee  
Sep 19 – HPFC Meeting  
Sep 19 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ancient Artifacts  
Sep 21 – [HPFC Movie Night](#)  
Sep 24 – No School - [Parent Teacher Conference](#)  
Sep 25-28 Parent Teacher Conferences  
2:00PM Dismissal for all students  
Sep 28 – Neon Day  
Oct 2 – ASB Meeting  
Oct 4 – Jr. Bulldog Project @ 3:30pm  
Oct 5 – TK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Friday  
Oct 9 - School Board Meeting  
Oct 10 – National Walk to School Day  
Oct 12 – Real DUI Court Assembly  
Oct 12 – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance  
Oct 15-19 – Scholastic Book Fair  
Oct 16 – ASB Meeting  
Oct 17 – HPFC Meeting  
Oct 18 – Graduation Committee Chair Meeting  
Oct 19 – Tracy High Homecoming  
Oct 22-26 – Red Ribbon Week  
Oct 26 – HPFC Movie Night  
Oct 29 – Picture Retakes  
Oct 30 – ASB Meeting  
Oct 31 – Halloween Parade  
Nov 2 – End of Trimester 1  
Nov 5-9 – College Week  
Nov 6 – Election Day  
Nov 12 – Veterans Day – No School  
Nov 13 – Board Meeting  
Nov 14 – Graduation Sub Committee Meeting  
Nov 19 – 23 – Thanksgiving Break

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Parent Teacher Conferences are held in the middle of the first grading term so that parents can be made aware of the progress of their child and there is still time for students to make improvements prior to the end of the term.

Mr. Andrew's Conferences Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aca82ea1fd0-parent4>

Mrs. Price's Conference Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aca82ea1fd0-parent5>

Mrs. Gray's Conference Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aca82ea1fd0-parent3>

Mr. Swartz's Conferences Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aca82ea1fd0-parent2>

Mrs. Frizzi's Conferences Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aca82ea1fd0-parent1>

Mrs. Wedel's Conferences Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aca82ea1fd0-parent>

Mrs. Brown's 7th/8th Grade Conferences Link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aca82ea1fd0-msfrizzis1>

Ms. Frizzi's 7th/8th Grade Conferences Link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aca82ea1fd0-msfrizzis>

Mrs. Seymore's 7th/8th Grade Conferences Link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aca82ea1fd0-msfrizzis2>

## 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 UOP and Wells Fargo to incentivize perfect attendance. Students with perfect attendance for the remainder of the month of September will be entered into a drawing to win a Kindle Fire tablet. Please see the flyer below for details. 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.

## Important Reminders

Two quick reminders...

Students should not be bringing playground equipment and balls from home. This is in conjunction with our Peaceful Playground program. We have a tone of equipment for students and it is part of our incentive program.

Also as a reminder, students are not allowed to wear watches that serve as cell phones or have the ability to text message. The cell phone policy applies.



YOU could WIN a Kindle Fire tablet!

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# Every DAY COUNTS

## ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

# #1

**SCHOOL IS YOUR FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT JOB.** You need to be at school on time every day to learn what you need to achieve your goals. The more days you miss, the harder it is to keep up.

University of the Pacific and our community partners challenge you to build a habit of good attendance, starting with the month of September. Students with perfect attendance for the whole month will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle Fire tablet!

The James Irvine Foundation



**WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US BY COMING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY BECAUSE EVERY DAY COUNTS!**



# TOM HAWKINS

# HPFC HAPPENINGS



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 28<sup>th</sup> – FUN RUN Kick-Off Pep 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 Vendor Fair, 8:00-3:00

Dec 12 – TK-4<sup>th</sup> Winter Program

Dec 13 – 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Winter Program

Jan 18 – Dads N Donuts, 7:15-8:10

Feb 15 – Parent Child Dance

Mar 4-15 – 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

Purchase **Spiritwear** at Back to School events. If we don't have your size in stock, we can order it for you! Orders will be taken until September 21.



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Tom Hawkins has partnered with Amazon to give back to our school. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/hawkinshuskies)  
Email us at [tomhawkinspfc@gmail.com](mailto:tomhawkinspfc@gmail.com)

*Outdoor*

# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Hosted by HPFC

FRIDAY

SEPT. 21

DOORS OPEN

6:30 PM

ON THE LAWN  
IN THE QUAD



FREE ADMISSION

- Kona Ice, Taco Mendez & Snack Bar
- Students must be accompanied by an adult
- NO dropoffs
- Bring lawn chairs & blanket

This event can only happen with the help of volunteers. Sign up to help out by clicking the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4da9ad2aabfb6-outdoor>





**SHOP FOR  
YOUR SCHOOL**



**WE'LL DOUBLE  
YOUR POINTS**

**Earn 2X Points  
when you shop  
9/5 to 9/19\* and  
are enrolled in**



Not registered?  
Text "Savemart"  
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every time you shop!**

\*Must be enrolled in Save Smart and Shares. Offer valid 9/5/18 - 9/19/18.  
Not enrolled in Shares? Link your Loyalty account at [escrip.com/shares](https://escrip.com/shares).

# 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

**1<sup>ST</sup>-3<sup>RD</sup> 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> 



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.

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Applications  
Available in  
the office

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for your interest in the Tracy Sister City Youth Exchange Program to Memuro, Japan. Established 30 years ago to promote friendship and cross-cultural understanding with our Sister City in Memuro, the Youth Exchange Program has proven to be a wonderful experience for over 300 Tracy-area 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We sincerely hope your child will find it a rewarding and enriching experience, with memories and friendships to last a lifetime. A parent informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tracy Transit Station. Listed below you will find an overview of the Exchange Program in addition to the application requirements and participation guidelines.

Introduction to Tracy's Sister City of Memuro, Japan: Memuro is a small, agricultural community of about 20,000 people located on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan. It is a very safe and scenic town. We have found over the many years of friendship that the people are warm, genuine, and are wonderful host families.

Trip Details: Each year, the program selects up to ten Tracy "Youth Ambassadors" and sends them with two chaperones to Memuro for a nine-day stay (including travel time). Six of those days are spent with a Japanese home stay family. In addition to the home stay experience, students will attend several schools as well as have the opportunity to tour local museums, shrines, and other points of interest. Students are selected through an application and interview process in December, and the trip (2019 dates TBD) usually occurs in June. Once selected, Youth Ambassadors participate in mandatory bi-weekly cultural classes in preparation for their visit.

Cultural Classes: Prior to the trip to Memuro, students must attend mandatory bi-weekly cultural classes, each class lasting 1½ hours. The class schedule is determined at the first Youth Ambassador meeting. Classes, emphasizing Japanese customs, culture and language are taught by members of Sister City. Youth Ambassadors also prepare a dance which is later performed at the Youth Ambassador's "Sayonara Party" in Japan. We realize many students have various other school and athletic commitments, but it is imperative and mandatory that students attend these classes.

Home Stay Experience and Exchange: Memuro is a small town, with many of their host families being well-known and respected members of their community. Most have children who are participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Memuro Youth Exchange to Tracy.

Every Spring, Tracy entertains a group of ten Memuro Youth Ambassadors for a nine-day stay. Their stay in Tracy mirrors our Youth Exchange trip to Memuro in many ways. Memuro Ambassadors visit for nine days total, six days spent with a Tracy host family. Memuro Ambassadors visit Tracy schools, museums, shops and city government buildings. The other time is spent with their tour guide in San Francisco. Because these Memuro students come to Tracy in Spring and the Tracy Ambassadors do not leave for Memuro until June, we strongly encourage our Tracy Ambassadors and their families to host a Memuro student. Not only is it a terrific and rewarding experience for the entire family, but in most cases it gives our Tracy Ambassadors the opportunity to get to know



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their future host 'brother' or 'sister'. (If the Memuro Ambassador's family is also willing to host, we do our best to "match and exchange" families. When the Tracy Ambassador's family hosts a Memuro student in Spring, then the Tracy Ambassador visits that Memuro student's family in June).

If your family is not able to host, Tracy Ambassadors will be placed with Memuro families based on hobbies, interests and family makeup (children of same sex/age, etc.). Any allergies or special medical needs are also taken into consideration.

Costs and Expenses: While Sister City reserves the group airline tickets for the trip, each family is responsible for the cost of the airline ticket, understanding that ticket prices vary each year and an exact price cannot be quoted until Spring. As such, we require the parents and students to actively fundraise in the months preceding. In addition to the tickets, other costs include obtaining a US passport, inexpensive host family gifts, new shoes for visiting Memuro schools, spending money in Japan, travel uniform, etc.

Fundraising: Parent participation is crucial to the success of the trip. While the students are attending cultural classes, we require the parents to meet and discuss fundraising opportunities. As a target goal, we ask that the parents raise at least \$5,000 to cover all group ground expenses for Ambassadors and chaperones (two hotel nights in Sapporo, group meals at airports and hotels, tour and museum entrance fees). The parent group is responsible for managing all fundraising money with a bank account provided by Sister City strictly for this purpose. If the parent group raises more than \$5,000, any leftover money is divided equally and dispersed back to the 10 Ambassadors and 2 chaperones. While many parents have fundraising experience through schools and various organizations, we recognize that not all parents are familiar with the fundraising process. Sister City will provide at least one parent group mentor who can recommend and supply general support on where to fundraise and how to get started. In the past, parent groups have raised as little as \$3,500 and as much as \$20,000!

Application Process: The Sister City Educational Exchange committee is seeking qualified eighth grade students who demonstrate maturity, responsibility and leadership skills. A parent informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tracy Transit Station. Please complete the attached application and mail it to the address provided (P.O. Box 428 Tracy, CA 95378) along with:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A recent photograph
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 application fee (checks made out to Sister City Association of Tracy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ A one-page essay as to why they would like to be considered for selection

Additionally, the applicant must give the attached Teacher Recommendation form to two teachers along with a stamped and addressed envelope. Applicants must allow ample time for the teacher to complete their recommendation and mail it to Sister City Association by the deadline.

Sister City Association of Tracy offers student exchange opportunities to Tracy's sister city of Memuro, Japan. Tracy public schools promote these opportunities through the Sister City Student Educational Exchange Program. Tracy's public schools and Sister City Association of Tracy, Inc. assume no liability or sponsorship for the student program but endeavors to assist the program coordinators in finding qualified candidates.