

# Tom Hawkins Elementary School

*Home of the Huskies*

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"Living and learning with purpose"

## Principal's Corner

By Christina Orsi

The future's so bright, I gotta wear...goggles! Well the future of these young scholars is bright and looks like it might involve some science. Pictured above are 8<sup>th</sup> graders getting ready to begin a lab to learn about chemical reactions. We know kids retain knowledge better when it is rooted in a valuable experience!

It's been a busy week with all our Fun Run activities. Thank you to all the families that are participating and helping to raise funds for our school. The Boosterthon team has been extremely helpful on campus this week with pumping up the students, practicing the character traits and providing so many fun prizes. There is a special [Weekend Challenge](#)! The top class with the most new pledges this weekend gets a PAJAMA DAY! Please help us keep up the wonderful momentum and encourage your student to reach out to friends and relatives for pledges. We invite families to come see the event this Friday, September 7th. TK-4<sup>th</sup> Graders will be doing a Fun Run. The 5th-8th Graders will be doing a Color Run and are encouraged to wear white clothes that can get dirty. This is a major fund raiser and it will support so many incredible HPFC priorities. We appreciate your support!

### Upcoming Events

- Sep 3 - No School - Labor Day
- Sep 4-7 Spirit Wear Orders delivered to classrooms
- Sep 7 - HPFC Boosterthon Fund Run
  - K-2 || 8:20-9:20 (Fun Run)
  - 3-4 || 9:20-10:20 (Fun Run)
  - 5-6 || 12:45-1:45 (Color Run)
  - 7-8 || 1:45-2:45 (Color Run)
- Sep 10 - Minimum Day 1:30pm dismissal
- Sep 11 - Red, White, and Blue Day
- Sep 11 - ASB Meeting, [Jr. Bulldog Project](#)
- Sep 11 - School Board Meeting
- Sep 14 - School Pictures Taken
- Sep 19 - Graduation Chair Person Committee
- Sep 19 - HPFC Meeting
- 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 5 - TK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Friday
- Oct 9 - School Board Meeting
- Oct 12 - Real DUI Court Assembly
- Oct 15-19 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 16 - ASB Meeting
- Oct 17 - HPFC Meeting
- Oct 19 - Tracy High Homecoming
- Oct 22-26 - Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 26 - HPFC Movie Night
- Oct 30 - ASB Meeting
- Oct 31 - Halloween Parade

# TOM HAWKINS FUN RUN STARTING NOW!



Tom Hawkins has a goal to raise **\$30,000** for  
**Curriculum Enrichment.**

Our students will participate in a multi-day fitness based fundraiser where they will learn skills to improve their character through this year's theme: MINDSPARK MYSTERY LAB.

Pledging Opens

**8/22**

Pep Rally

**8/28**

Fun Run

**9/7**

## PARENT ACTION STEPS

**Pledges**

**ENTER PLEDGE**

TOTAL PLEDGED  
**\$0**

MY GOAL **\$30,000**

**0** DAYS LEFT

SHARE YOUR PLEDGE PAGE

Email For Pledges

Share on Facebook

COPY & SHARE THIS LINK:  
<https://funrun.beosterthon.com>

1. Register your student(s) on **FUNRUN.COM** starting on **8/22**.
2. Select a program, options will be:
  - a. Tom Hawkins TK-5 Fun Run, or
  - b. Tom Hawkins 6-8 Color Run
  - c. Once you select a program, you'll be asked to select the homeroom class so we know where to deliver their prizes every day.
3. Reach out to sponsors by sharing your pledge link!
4. All pledges and payments are made online.\*
5. Cheer on your student at the Fun Run on **Friday 9/7!**



**EASY** for everyone! Sponsors only have to sit down once to pledge and pay while our school collects more funds!

Sponsors can either make a pledge per lap or a flat donation! If they make a pledge per lap, their credit card is charged after the Fun Run!

*\* Cash and check payments are still accepted. Must be turned in according to school policy. Your student will still get credit for the pledge or donation.*

## Calling all coaches!

We are looking for volunteers to coach our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade athletics teams. We currently have the following positions available: 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball (Coed), 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' and Boys' Basketball.

Please contact Mrs. Bessette if you are interested in coaching at [fbessette@sjcoe.net](mailto:fbessette@sjcoe.net) or via phone at 209-839-2380. There is an extensive training and background check required so we would appreciate your prompt action if you are interested. Thank you and Gooooo Huskies!

## Aeries Data Confirmation and Signature Page

Aeries Data Confirmation is needed immediately. It is very important that you login in and update your information before them. Please also be sure read the student handbook and sign and return the signature page. If you need your Aeries login, please come into the office.

## Husky Hand-me Downs

Do you have old Hawkins spirit wear that no longer fits your kiddo? We are collecting donations of gently used Hawkins spirit wear to distribute to families in need. Donations can be brought to the office.

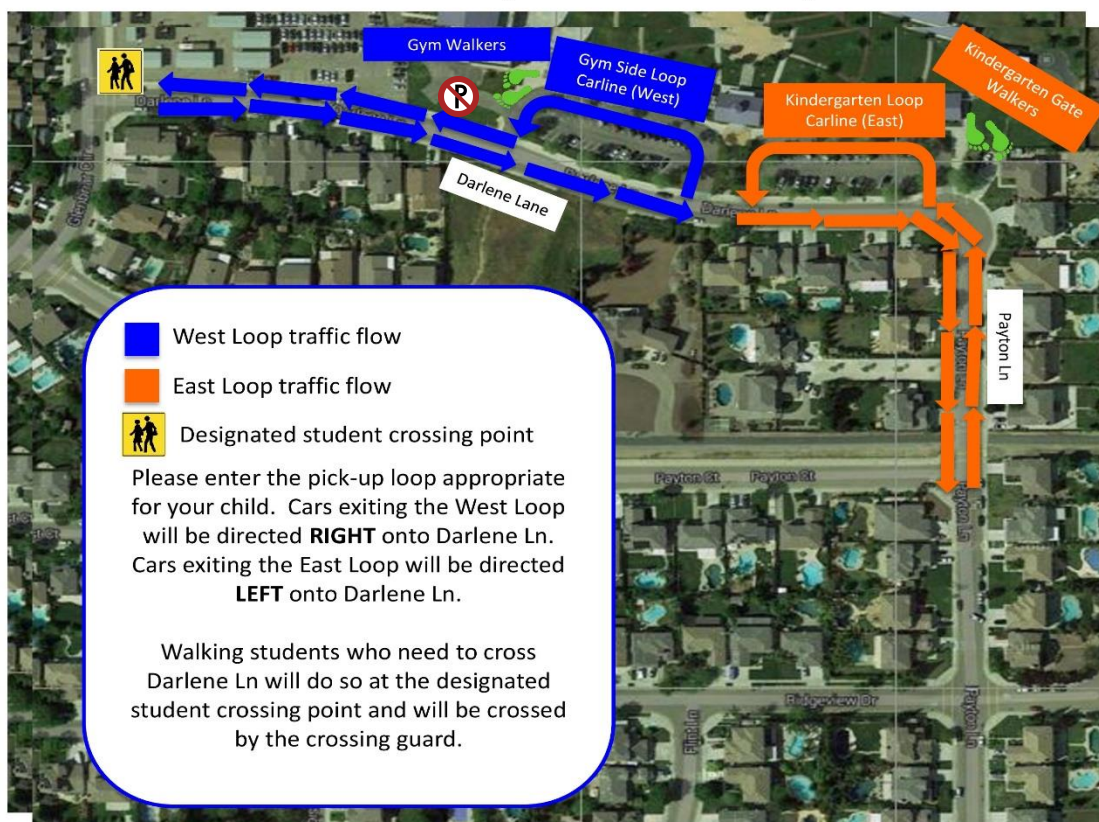
## Car Line Etiquette

A sincere "Thank You" to all parents who are helping make the carline run smoothly. We have had a few instances over the past couple of weeks that have created unsafe and unacceptable situations in the car lines. This is elementary school pick-up. We have 4-year olds to 14-year olds trying to be dismissed and it is critical that the adults picking them up act responsibly. Adults need to follow the procedures and be role models to the 730 children who witness their actions every day. Please remember the following carline etiquette:

- **Be Courteous** - It is never appropriate to yell, curse, or give gestures to others in the car line, especially to the staff, who is working diligently to keep the students safe. This type of behavior is unacceptable. The kids are watching, be good role models.
- **Stay Off Your Phone** - Drivers should not be on a cell phone in the car line. It is distracted driving and it is against the law.
- **Pay Attention** - There are near misses regularly because drivers are not paying attention to their surroundings. Watch out for students at crossings and take extra care to pay attention to where you are going.
- **Do Not Park Illegally** - That means do not park in the car line, fire lane, or parking lot lane. You need to find an actual, legal parking spot if you are planning on getting out of your vehicle - either in the lot or on the street.
- **Follow the Rules** - Everybody is busy and wants to get out of the carline quickly. If we follow the rules and work expeditiously, it only takes about 9-10 minutes to completely clear the car lines. Please review the drop off/pick up procedures below.
- **Bring Your Patience** - Give students a chance to exit their vehicles with their belongings and get into their car and buckle up. Do not honk at others to get them to hurry up.



# 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

## IdentaKid Visitor Management System

Our district received a grant to help implement the IdentaKid Visitor Management System. This is a where visitors scan their driver's licenses and a background check is performed against the national sex offender registry prior to receiving a visitor badge. Tardy students and students leaving campus early will also use the system to print passes. We know this is a learning process and it will take time to acclimate to the new system. We welcome any feedback or questions you may have. Please let us know how we can assist you. Check out the [Tracy Press article](#) about the new system!



## Jr. Bulldog Project

Next week we will be kicking off our Jr. Bulldog Project. The Bulldog Project is a group of Tracy High Students who work with middle schools across Tracy to stop bullying and promote cyber safety. The Bulldog Project typically comes and does an assembly each year for our students. This year, they will be coming to campus after school once a month to help facilitate Hawkins' own Jr. Bulldog Project group.

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders interested in making a positive impact on our school culture should join us Tuesday, September 11 at 3:30PM in the MPR. This is an exciting opportunity and we hope we will have many interested Huskies who want to make a difference in the lives of others.



## Coaching Days

A critical role school administrators play is that of an instructional leader. In order to fulfill this role effectively, administrators need time in classrooms interacting with teachers and students. Some times with the day to day management of a school site, this process can get pushed behind other "hot" items. This year, Mrs. Bessette and Ms. Orsi are making this a top priority and parent support is going to be important. Administrators will be engaged in coaching days once a week and will have protected time scheduled. This will allow them to be in classrooms where the learning is happening.

Mrs. Bessette's Coaching Day – Wednesday

Ms. Orsi's Coaching Day – Thursday

Emails and calls to an administrator during coaching days will be answered the following day. If immediate assistance is needed, one administrator will be available. We know the quality of your child's instruction is your highest priority. It is ours as well. Please support us in this endeavor to help improve instruction for ALL students! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Bessette ([fbessette@sjcoe.net](mailto:fbessette@sjcoe.net)) or Ms. Orsi ([corsi@sjcoe.net](mailto:corsi@sjcoe.net)).

# 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, 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.



**amazon**smile

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)



# 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.