

Tom Hawkins Elementary School

December 9, 2022

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Home of the Huskies
@TomHawkinsElementary



Upcoming Events

- Dec 10 - [Holiday Boutique 9:00AM - 3:00PM](#)
- Dec 12-16 [December Dress Up Days](#)
- Dec 13 - ELAC meeting 8:30 am-9:30 am MPR
- Dec 13 - School Site Council 3:15PM Library
- Dec 13 - ASB Meeting - during lunch in Room 24
- Dec 13 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Dec 13 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM District Office
- Dec 14 - Winter Band Concert - 7:00 PM in MPR
- Dec 15 - Ugly Sweater Contest
- Dec 16 - Pajama Day
- Dec 19 - Jan 2 - Winter Break - No School
- Jan 3 - ASB Meeting - at lunch Room 24
- Jan 4 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Jan 10 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM District Office
- Jan 16 - MLK Day - No School
- Jan 17 - ASB Meeting - at lunch Room 24
- Jan 25 - DARE graduation - 6:30 pm
- Jan 31 - ASB Meeting - at lunch Room 24
- Feb 1 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Feb 7 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM District Office
- Feb 8 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Feb 13 - No school
- Feb 14 - ASB Meeting - at lunch Room 24
- Feb 15 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Feb 20 - Presidents Day - No School
- Feb 22 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Feb 24 - End of Trimester 2



Principal's Corner

This week we had a chance to celebrate the hard work of many Hawkins students. Our 4th-8th grade students participated in the Trimester 1 Awards assembly. Students received awards for Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance and Citizenship. It was also wonderful to see so many parents come out to support students earning these well deserved awards!

The PBIS team wanted to say thank you for all of the parents that completed the PBIS Parent Survey. All of the students who had a parent complete the survey were entered in a lottery to win the pizza with a principal prize. And congratulations to our lucky winner...

Landon Gray!!

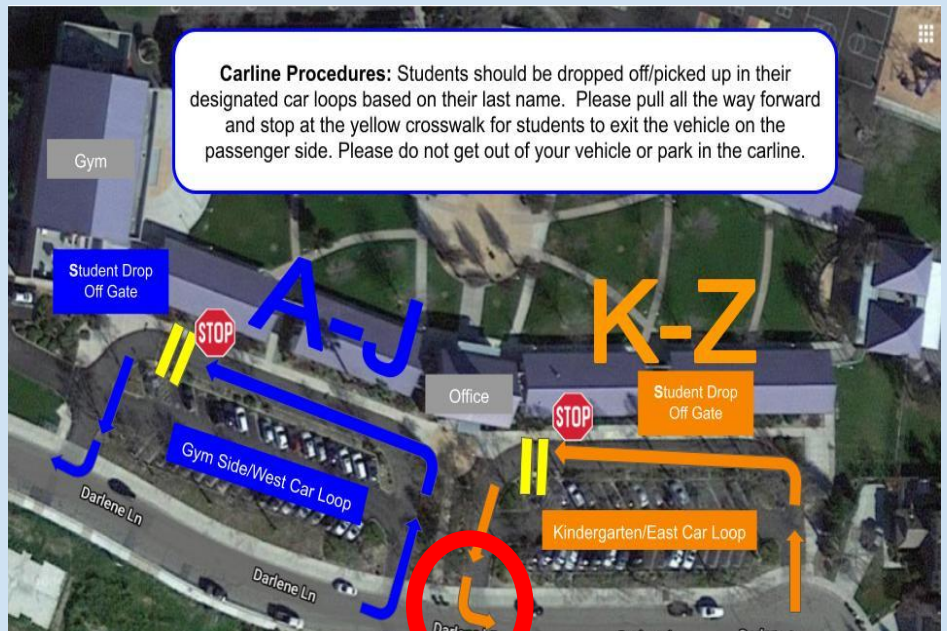


Important Reminders

- **Do not send your child to school if he/she is not feeling well or has tested positive for COVID.** Please see the current COVID guidelines below. Call the office to report this and receive guidance. Telephone: 209-839-2380
- **Masks** - Masks are optional unless you are exposed to covid or have had a recent case. Please see the guidelines below.
- **Free Breakfast and Lunch** - We are offering FREE breakfast and lunch for all students. Students will place their orders with their classroom teachers daily. Breakfast will be served during morning recess, not before school. The cafeteria will not be serving food before school. Here is the [lunch menu](#). Students are still allowed to bring lunches from home. No lunch deliveries please.
- **Dismissal**- Thank you to all the families that have been following the drive through procedures. Following the directional arrows really helps keeps the cars moving. **Please do not pull through the parking area to drop off your student.** This causes a traffic flow issue when cars are pulling out of the drive through line.
 - Monday is a regular day. Please be sure to pick up your student on time.
 - TK-3 dismissed at 2:00
 - 4-8 dismissed at 3:00
 - Wednesday is a minimum day and all students are dismissed at 1:30
 - If you have to change the dismissal location for your child please contact the teacher so we can be sure your child is in the correct location after school.

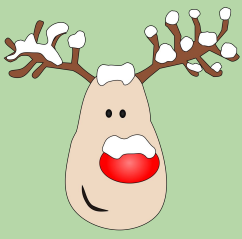
Please do not park in the red zones in the front of the school. doing so makes it dangerous for parents to turn out of the parking lot.

Carline - Please do not pull into the parking lot area to drop off or pick up students. If you pull into the parking lot area you must park your car and walk your student using the crosswalk.



LEFT TURN ONLY HERE

Our 3rd graders have been dressing up for the month of December. We thought it would be fun to join them for this last week of school before winter break! On Thursday we will have our ugly sweater contest. We will have prizes for the ugliest sweaters, so the uglier the better!



12 Days of December

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| 1 12/1 | "Spirit of the Season" - Wear red or green and start the countdown! | 7 12/9 | "Winter Wonderland" - Wear Blue, Silver or White |
| 2 12/2 | FAUX FUR FRIDAY - First Friday in December Wear your over the top fur! scarves, jackets, boots, vests, etc. Monday → | 8 12/12 | "Christmas Vacation" - Hawaiian shirts, hula skirts, sunglasses, hats, etc. School appropriate attire. |
| 3 12/5 | "Mad about Plaid" - Wear your favorite flannel shirt, pants, suits, etc. Tuesday → | 9 12/13 | Elf, reindeer, Santa or Mrs. Clause. (wear elf or reindeer glasses or elf, reindeer, Santa on your shirt) |
| 4 12/6 | "Tree Topper" - Dig out your favorite holiday hat, headband, or tree topper Wednesday → | 10 12/14 | "Shine Bright like a light": Light up your wardrobe with holiday lights, glitter, tinsel, light-up necklaces, etc. |
| 5 12/7 | "Santa's Ho-Ho- Hoedown" - Dress in your favorite western-wear and cowboy boots to celebrate Texas Style Thursday → | 11 12/15 | "Ugly Sweater" - School Wide Dress Up Day - Bring out your ugliest sweaters! |
| 6 12/8 | "Snow Day" - Wear all white Friday → | 12 12/16 | "Dream a little Dream" - School Wide Dress up Day- Wear school appropriate pajamas and slippers. |



Important Dates:

- Graduation Donations: \$125.00, **Due by: January 30th**
- Great America Trip: May 11th, All Day
- Ice Cream Social: May 18th, from 2:00-3:00 PM
- Graduation: May 25th, at 6:00 PM
- Graduation Dance: May 25th, 7:00-10:00 PM
- Committee Meeting: COMING SOON**

Tom Hawkins ELAC *MEETING!*

English Learner Advisory Committee

The ELAC is a committee for parents who want to help advocate for our English learners. The purpose of ELAC is to help us advise the principal and school staff of ideas, programs and services.

All parents welcome!

WHEN: December 13th, 2022

TIME: 8:30am - 9:30am

WHERE: Tom Hawkins Cafeteria

Tom Hawkins

ELAC

JUNTA!

*Comité Consejero para los Estudiantes
Aprendiendo Inglés (ELAC)*

**-Conozca los programas que se ofrecen a sus
estudiantes**

**-Brindar consejos sobre las acciones más
efectivas para apoyar la participación plena
en todas las actividades escolares.**

**-Brindar asesoramiento al director y al
personal de la escuela sobre las acciones más
positivas y efectivas para mejorar el
aprendizaje de los estudiantes de inglés**

**usted puede hacer un gran cambio en la
educación de nuestros alumnos**

Todos los padres son bienvenidos!

CUÁNDO: 13 de Diciembre, 2022

HORA: 8:30am - 9:30am

LUGAR: Cafeteria de Tom Hawkins

2022 Holiday Food Drive

Brighter Christmas of Tracy

Brighter Christmas of Tracy is a non-profit group that provides food and toys to Tracy residents in need during the holidays.

Hawkins Elementary School would like to help!

Please send items with your student or drop off your non-perishable, unexpired items between:

NOVEMBER 14th - DECEMBER 14th

The food donations will be distributed to families on December 21st.

Some common non-perishable items include:

- Canned Foods: meats like poultry and tuna, soups, stews, chili, gravy, sauces, pasta, fruits, vegetables, and beans
- Dried Goods: soup mixtures, pancake mix, tea bags, powdered milk, grains
- Potato chips
- Cereals
- Granulated sugar
- Peanut butter
- Syrup and honey
- Bottled Water
- Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Beef jerky
- Applesauce
- Pudding
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Power bars
- Cereal bars



Food items must be in a non-glass container.

Thank you for all of your help!

HPFC

E-mail:
TomHawkinsPFC@gmail.com

Facebook
[Tom Hawkins Huskies HPFC](https://www.facebook.com/TomHawkinsHuskiesHPFC)

Instagram:
[TomHawkinsPFC](https://www.instagram.com/TomHawkinsPFC)

**We've got spirit,
yes we do!**

Thank you all for
patiently waiting for your
pre-ordered spirit wear!
We can't wait to see the
kids rocking it! They will
be delivered to your
student's classroom next
week before break!

See's Candy Sales

Thank you so much to Jessica
Contreras for being our
committee chair for our See's
Candy fundraiser! We sold
\$4744.50! That means that we
made \$1217 in profit! We hope
everyone who ordered enjoys
their sweet treats. Please
know that HPFC deeply
appreciates the support!

**Do you want
your voice
heard?**

Though there will not be
an HPFC meeting this
month, we are always
just an email away. Have
a thought or an idea? Feel
free to email us anytime!



December

Sunday

Tuesday

Thursday

Saturday

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

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| | | | | 1 | 2 SEE'S CANDY SALE ENDS | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 PANERA DINNER NIGHT OUT | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 VENDOR FAIR |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 HUSKY EXPRESS EVENT | 17 |
| 18 | 19 NO SCHOOL | 20 NO SCHOOL | 21 NO SCHOOL | 22 NO SCHOOL | 23 NO SCHOOL | 24 |
| 25 | 26 NO SCHOOL | 27 NO SCHOOL | 28 NO SCHOOL | 29 NO SCHOOL | 30 NO SCHOOL | 31 |

A Note From HPFC:

in the season of giving and thanks we want to acknowledge all the time and effort that has been given to put on the many events we have had this school year. We appreciate all the parents, teachers, students, staff and siblings who have made this one of the best years so far. The new year is just around the corner and we can't wait to share what is in store!

Sincerely,
The HPFC Board

TOM HAWKINS SCHOOL

Holiday Boutique

Back by popular demand! Come shop for the holidays with 30+ local vendors.

**Saturday December 10, 2022
9am-3pm**

Purchase holiday gifts from local artisans, crafters, businesses and more!

*Free Photos
with Santa*

12-2 pm



**Tom Hawkins School
475 Darlene Way - Tracy**

Join the Husky Express!

Interested in being a stop on the Husky Express? Scan the QR code to include your decorations on the map that the caravan will be following for their grand adventure!

Then join us on December 16th @ 5:30PM for some hot chocolate at school and then to caravan around the area and see all the spirit our Huskies have!



Hawkins Library News

Books are uniquely portable magic”

Stephen King

“Our library
has snow
many good
books”



Hawkins Birthday Book Donation

Is a program that builds our
library collection.

- Students participate by purchasing a new or gently used hardcover book to donate to the library.
- Print & fill out this [form](#)
- Send the form & book to school with your child
- A bookplate in honor of your child’s birthday will be attached on the inside of the book.
- Your child will receive a birthday bookmark, choose a prize from the treasure chest & be the first to check out their donated book.

Contact Your Librarians
(209) 839-2380 X 3062

Ms.Gentry- M, T, W
lgentry@jsdtracy.com

Kelly Phipps- W, Th, F
kphipps@jsdtracy.com

Please include both librarians
in any email communications
so we may expedite your
questions or concerns.

42 [Best Books of 2022](#) by the
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52 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR CHILD SMARTER!



The ACBL Educational Foundation, creators of **BridgeWhiz**, invite your kids to join a free, online beginning Bridge program that teaches young people the excitement of contract bridge.

- ◆ Bridge is a proven gateway to better concentration, focus, and reasoning, all scholastic benefits while your child is having fun playing with, and competing against, other kids.
- ◆ BridgeWhiz uses certified and background-verified bridge teachers. Students play in a secure area.

“Playing bridge improved nearly everything for me, whether it’s my brain, my mind, or my swiftness of eyeing the cards.”

- Dara J., 5th Grade

**Hurry! Winter classes begin
January 17, 2023.**

**Register your children today
at [BridgeWhiz.org](https://www.BridgeWhiz.org).**



The American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation (ACBEF) is a non-profit organization established in 1972.



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WANT TO BE A TEACHER?

TCSJ can help!

Teachers College of San Joaquin offers several program options for someone to earn a teaching credential:



Residency@TCSJ

One-Year Program: Student Teach for an entire school year alongside a veteran, mentor teacher
(*Bachelor's Degree required*)



IMPACT Intern Program

Two-Year Program: Work as a paid teacher WHILE earning a teaching credential
(*Bachelor's Degree required*)



Designated Subject Program

12-18 Month Program: Teach career technical, trade, or vocational courses
(*High School diploma or equivalent required*)



Attend an informational meeting at Jefferson School District to learn about TCSJ's programs!

- **Date:** Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- **Time:** 5 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- **Location:** 1219 Whispering Wind Drive
Tracy, 95377
- **Room:** District Office Board Room
- **Register:** <http://bit.ly/3gcbOAO>

If you are unable to attend, but would like to receive the information, please reach out to Katie Turner at ktturner@sjcoe.net.



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of SAN JOAQUIN



Founded by the San Joaquin County Office of Education, Teachers College of San Joaquin (TCSJ) is the only regionally accredited institution of higher education that is a department within a county office of education. TCSJ provides a variety of options for those who wish to pursue a career in the field of education: Teaching and Administrative Service Credentials, Induction (teaching and administrative), six Master in Education concentrations, as well as non-degree programs.

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