

The Harlandale Report

from the

Desk of Superintendent Soto



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020

Dear Harlandale Family,

I can't tell you how excited I am to see our students learning and back in their classrooms with their teachers and friends. We want all of our students back at our schools, and although we know that our current situation does not fully allow for that, we are excited to be able to bring in more and more kids as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

Thank you to all of the parents who filled out the choice of learning survey this second round. We want to make sure that we are giving you the ultimate choice for your children's education. For those of you who continue with virtual learning we miss you but we know that we are able to connect with you through our many platforms. Please make sure you are communicating with your teachers and completing all of the assignments that are given to you on a daily basis. Our mission and purpose is to provide the best education possible for our students and we can't do that without your help and effort. For those students coming back to our in-person instruction, we can't wait to see you! Know that all of our campuses are fully equipped with PPE, all of our classrooms are being disinfected on a daily basis as well as our hallways and all of the areas within them. We are making sure that students are 6 ft apart at all times and that everyone, including staff, is wearing their face masks all day. We want to make sure that you know that you are returning to a safe place where your well-being is our main priority. We have had some great things happening in our district these past couple of weeks.

We were able to host an in-person and virtual pep rally for Texas A&M- San Antonio where they announced scholarship opportunities for our top students at Harlandale ISD. It was great to see our students perform outside as well as the STEM ECHS seniors who were present during this pep-rally. I encourage all of you to take advantage of this opportunity to continue your education.

We continue to celebrate our wonderful principals during this month. We can't thank them enough for being the amazing leaders that they are and for everything they do for our Harlandale ISD family. Please join me in thanking them when you see them at your campuses.

Many of you have seen the [Harlandale Highlights videos](#) that are coming out bi-weekly. We are excited to keep showcasing the amazing people and things happening in our district. If you think someone or something needs to be featured please contact the communications office.



Important Dates

SAT (Seniors)

Tues., Oct. 27, 2020

PSAT/NMSQT (Juniors)

Thurs., Oct. 29, 2020

Non- Attendance Day (Election Day)

Tues., Nov. 3, 2020

Volleyball Frontier Game

Fri., Nov. 13, 2020

School Board Meeting

Mon., Nov. 16, 2020

As many of you are aware, [we had to suspend](#) McCollum High School's football practices and games until November 4th. We want you to know that we made this decision as a precautionary measure due to the fact that we had confirmation of Covid-19 cases from a student and staff members involved with the team. Please know that we continue to monitor this situation and all safety guidelines are still in place just like they have been. We will always be transparent with you and want you to know that we are working everyday to keep you and everyone at Harlandale ISD safe. We ask that you also do your part outside our schools and continue to respect public health guidelines.

I can't thank you all enough for being part of our Harlandale ISD family and for everything each and every one of you does for our students. Please know that we are here to support you in any way we can. Let's continue to make history and to have a successful school year!

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Scholarship opportunities for Harlandale ISD students were announced during our Texas A&M- San Antonio pep rally. To learn more about the Jaguar Excellence Guarantee and Achiever Promise, click [HERE](#).



Make sure to say thank you to your principals! October is National Principals Month!

Sincerely,

Gerardo Soto

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Superintendent of Schools



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