



Husky Talk Newsletter

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Our mission is to provide a strong foundation of academic excellence in partnership with family and community in which each individual is challenged to achieve his/her highest potential academically, socially, and personally.

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Mother and Son Dance

Mother/Son Dance is on November 21st from 5pm—7pm. Don't miss out on this evening of dinner, music, dancing and many great memories. To purchase tickets, please contact Mrs. Noble at anoble@highpointacademy.net.

Middle School Dance

We are looking for parent chaperones to help out at the middle school dance on December 6th from 5:00-7:00 PM. If you cannot stay for the dance but could help set up instead we are looking for help from 4:00-5:00 PM. Please email Timiya Jackson at tjackson@highpointacademy.net if you are interested.

Grandparent's Breakfast

Grandparent's Breakfast is just around the corner on Tuesday, December 10th 8:00am—8:30am. To reserve seats, please email Mrs. Noble at anoble@highpointacademy.net.

HPA Has Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse

Need home furnishings? If so, support our school at the same time. [Click here](#) for more information.

PTO Fundraiser

High Point Academy PTO fundraiser ends this Friday. All forms and money should be turned in to the homeroom teacher. New this year... Shopping online and candy is allowed! Money generated will benefit HPA! [Click here](#) to register your child and include our School ID 568350.

High School Night

The middle school will be hosting our annual high school night on Thursday November 14th from 5 PM – 7 PM. This is a time to come and identify a high school that will fit your family best. It is put together for our 8th grade families that will have students transitioning, but it is open to all 6th – 8th grade families. If you have any questions, please reach out to our middle school counselor rbauer@highpointacademy.net

Facility Rental

Besides working hard to provide an individualized learning plan for your child, we are committed to partnering with the local community. During the year, we are willing to host events at our school. Please contact Teresa Frasier at tfrasier@highpointacademy.net

Like HPA on Facebook

If you're on Facebook, [like High Point Academy](#) to receive school updates in your newsfeed.



HPA GIVES **CAMPAIGN**

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- Scott Phillips
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- Phazaria Koonce
- Keri Melmed

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- Gena Washburn

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FOR YOUR
DONATION!

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Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families,

We've all heard the expression, "attitude of gratitude". Research shows that when we take time to appreciate and reflect on the things we are thankful for we experience more positive emotions, feel better and show more compassion and kindness toward others. As we approach Thanksgiving, as a society we tend to focus on giving thanks, and our collective consciousness is more positive.

The focus on gratitude, and looking at what we have in our life, is the basis for our HPA Gives fundraising campaign. You may have noticed that we are highlighting all the reasons why we are thankful for HPA. Personally, I am thankful for HPA for the opportunity to lead our staff and teach our students each day, to work with the committed and dedicated faculty and staff, to know the caring families who give so much to their child and our school, and to the volunteers and community members who make HPA's success a priority. My heart is full because of each and every person in our community.

High Point Academy is relentless in pursuit of excellence, in knowing each student deeply, and supporting the social, emotional, and academic potential of every child. Beyond the core content High Point Academy gives students a framework of health and wellness, to ensure lifelong well-being; gives exposure to the arts – music, performance, visual arts; and gives access to technology, and physical education. HPA has robust afterschool enrichment activities and athletic program... and the list goes on and on. As you can see, there's a lot to be thankful for!

I hope that you will join me in giving *today* to HPA Gives campaign. Your contribution, at any level, will help us in our efforts to continue to give students experience with and access to technology.

Donors will be acknowledged in our bi-weekly newsletter and on our website. The donation levels are:

\$25-\$100 – Husky Level Donation

\$100-\$500 – Silver Level Donation

\$500-\$1000 – Gold Level Donation

\$1000-\$5000 – Platinum Level Donation

To make a donation please visit www.highpointacademy.net – click on the HPA Gives Day link at the top of the home page - or mail donations to the school address.

Together, we will build a stronger program for our students.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed

Executive Director/Principal



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WINTER SPECIALS SHOWCASE

A Note From Ms. Lawdan
HPA Music Teacher



November 14:
High School
Night 5pm—7pm

November 22:
Jean Day \$1

**November 25—
29:** NO
SCHOOL -
THANKSGIVING
BREAK

December 3:
PTO Meeting @
5:30pm

December 6: PJ
Day \$1

December 6:
Middle School
Dance 5pm—
7pm

December 11:
Coffee with Keri
@ 8am

I wanted to take moment to introduce myself if we haven't met yet. My name is Jessica Lawdan, and I'm the music teacher here at High Point. If you are receiving this e-mail, it is because your 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student is in Music for Semester 1/Quarter 2. As we grow the program here at High Point, we want to make sure we give our student musicians as many opportunities as possible to showcase the skills they are developing in class by sharing their music with the community. This is why I am excited to announce that all students enrolled in music for specials this semester will have the opportunity to perform along with their class in our Winter Specials Showcase. The showcase will be on **Tuesday December 17th** from **5-7pm**. Even if you have had a student in the showcase before, please continue reading as there are some changes to the format of the concert.

As we will be working on our showcase pieces as the bulk of our material this quarter, it is imperative that students participate in the showcase to present what they have learned. We have taken great lengths to ensure that the material we present is inclusive of all students and want as many K-8th graders representing as possible. That is why this year attendance at the concert is **mandatory as part of students' final Q2 grade unless we receive a parent e-mail** stating a conflict. We know that with each family's schedules there may be difficulty in being at the performance, and we are working to address those by providing carpool sign-ups and flexible timing for performers. However, if you have a known conflict and your student absolutely cannot make the event, **please respond to this e-mail no later than November 19th**, so we can plan on an alternative assignment for your students to work on during class time. **Any student conflicts received after that time are subject to Missing or INS grades on our Q2 Progress Report.**

Please look for more information regarding call time for performers, dress code, and parent volunteer positions. Additionally, this year we are using Google Drive to provide practice tracks, lyrics, and additional information to all parents. Your efforts in helping students practice their music at home is appreciated! The Google Drive link for the Winter Showcase can be found [here](#) and will be updated throughout the quarter with new materials to help your student learn their part.

Thank you so much for your support of the music program here at High Point, and if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out! I look forward to seeing you in the audience!