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July 19, 2010

Dear HSPVA Students and Families:

I hope you are having a great summer. Everyone at HSPVA is looking forward to having you with us for an extraordinary 2010-2011 school year. This letter is to let you know important dates and information in order for us to be ready to begin our instructional and artistic programs immediately when school begins on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Please note that the HSPVA Office will be closed July 23-30. We will reopen Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The office will also be closed on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> for all staff in-service.**

We begin the 2010-2011 school year with pre-registration for students. During this time, students will:

- Clear any records as needed
- Pick up class schedules
- Check out textbooks
- Receive locker assignments
- Pay for parking permits and yearbooks
- Attend orientation (All new students)

Please note the times and dates for pre-registration below. **You will be pre-registered only during your assigned time.** Please note that **all** new students attend an Artist Academy on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (flier enclosed). Parents may pre-register for students who are out of town during the designated time. Students not pre-registered will register and receive schedules on the first day of school. Students who owe money for textbooks or who need to submit proof of immunizations will not be allowed to check out books until all records are cleared and immunization records are updated.

## **Pre-Registration Schedule**

Friday, August 13	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch Meeting (Recital Hall) Introduction of new senior parent liaison, Mr. Perez Prom and Senior Activities will be discussed <b>Bring a lunch and drink!</b>
	1:00 PM	12 <sup>th</sup> Graders (Commons Area)
Monday, August 16	10:00 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> Graders (Commons Area)
	1:00 PM	10 <sup>th</sup> Graders (Commons Area)
Tuesday, August 17	8:00 AM	Artist Academy (Breakfast 7:30-8:00 am) Orientation for ALL NEW (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> ) students (Denney Theatre) Pre-registration included in the day for 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders
Monday, August 23	First Day of Class	Tardy Time is 7:55 AM and Dismissal is 3:35 PM

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Summer Reading**

Don't forget to get your book for summer reading completed before school starts. We will meet in our book groups during the first week of school to discuss the different books that were chosen by students. If you have not selected a book, e-mail Mr. Gibson ASAP at [cgibson@houstonisd.org](mailto:cgibson@houstonisd.org).

### **Artist Academy**

Our Artist Academy is on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. **All new students** to HSPVA should gather in the Commons Area for a full day of information, introductions, and pre-registration. New parents are invited to attend certain morning activities. You should be getting more information about this exciting and important date from our magnet coordinator, Mrs. Mabry. We look forward to your arrival!

### Receptionist/Visiting HSPVA in 2010

We have installed a receptionist area in the foyer of HSPVA to help with safety and security in the building. All visitors will be asked to check in with the receptionist to get an ID sticker. It is important that we know who is in the building at all times and this will help us do that. You will need a driver's license or identification to check in. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

### HSPVA Schedule

Tardy time at HSPVA is 7:55 AM and dismissal time is 3:35 PM. Since HSPVA is "Bell Free" (no bells are rung during the school day), it is each individual's responsibility to be on time to all classes and events. It is recommended that students wear watches. **A new tardy policy is in effect and three tardies for a class during a grading period will result in a lunchtime D-Hall assignment.** Students will check in at the front desk in the main office for attendance and tardy issues.

### New Faculty and Staff

We have a number of new staff members and I am excited about what they bring to the HSPVA team.

Dee Jillian: English Teacher	Olen Rambow: Math Teacher	Eastman Landry: Science Teacher
Sara Rutledge: Science Teacher	Richard Robbins: Music Teacher	Travis Springfield: Counselor
Jose Torres: Mariachi Teacher	Marian Mabry: Magnet Coordinator	Receptionist: TBA
Oscar Perez: Spanish/French Teacher; Administrative Intern; Senior Parent Liaison		

### Online Gradebook, Report Cards and Progress Reports

All official progress reports and report cards will be mailed home. A copy will also be issued to students at school. GradeSpeed, our online gradebook, will continue to be available to parents and students. It is my hope that this program is helpful for parents to monitor the progress of students throughout the year.

### Probationary Students

Students who received letters with summer school credits required in order to return to PVA must bring documentation of course completion to Mr. Trout by August 4<sup>th</sup>

### Parking

HSPVA campus parking is by permit only. The Faculty/Staff parking lot (south lot) is reserved for faculty, staff and visitors during school hours. For pedestrian safety and school security, we kindly ask that **student pick up and drop off before or after school (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM) not occur in the Faculty/Staff lot.** Student pick up and drop off areas are at the curb on West Main (south of the school) or in the student parking lot (north lot rear entrance). Signs mark these areas. Please cooperate with this plan to help ensure safety and security on our campus. The north lots are for student cars. Student spaces are limited and parking permits are required to park in these lots. Permits will be sold to seniors during pre-registration for ten dollars on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits remaining after senior-registration will be sold to junior students. **Cars parked in school parking lots without parking permits will be towed.**

### Lockers

You can purchase a lock at the school store or bring a combination lock to put on your assigned locker. Lockers will be issued at registration. Your locker number and lock combination will be kept on file in the office.

### Buses

Information on your bus route (pick-up time, and location) will be mailed to your home by the HISD Transportation Department prior to the first day of school. The bus zone is on Stanford Street. **Please do not drop off or pick up students or park in the bus zone at any time during the day.**

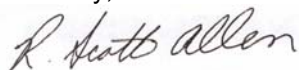
### Open House

Fall open house will be held Tuesday night, September 7, at 6:00 p.m. at HSPVA. Please mark your calendar.

A tentative school calendar and other information will be available on the school website home page after August 9, 2010. You will want to make note of activities and events that are important to your student.

Enjoy the remaining days of your summer! See you at pre-registration and/or Artist Academy!

Sincerely,



Dr. R. Scott Allen  
Principal

cc: Administrations/Faculty  
Enclosures