

Parents/Guardians,

We hope everyone had a great fall break! We are excited to be back in school this week. We have a lot going on in the next few weeks, so here are some important upcoming items we wanted to share.

STEM Spirit Week – Oct 23-27

Our fall Spirit Week is here! Spirit Week is designed and created by the Student Council to support the STEM tenets of collaboration, critical thinking and innovation and House pride (Staupers, Tesla, Einstein and Mirzakhani). Each day will have a themed dress up opportunity. The Student Council has set the days as follows:

- Monday: Decades Day (Staupers – 90's; Einstein – 80's; Tesla – 70's; Mirzakhani – 60's)
- Tuesday: Book Characters Day – Dress up as a character from your favorite book.
- Wednesday: Twin Day – Collaborate with one or more friends as twins.
- Thursday: Celebrity Day – Dress up as your favorite celebrity and research what their Myers Briggs would be. Then figure out what house they would be a part of, if they went to STEM.
- Friday: House Color Day – Students will dress up in their House colors to show school pride (Staupers: Light Gray & Maroon; Tesla: Green & Gold; Einstein: Blue & Purple; Mirzakhani: Charcoal & Teal).

Each morning Student Council will also be selling Panera bagels and hot chocolate from 10:15am-11:15am. The week will conclude with STEM Jam. STEM Jam is a social gathering for our students from 6pm to 9pm on Friday night. STEM Jam includes gaming opportunities, movies, food, and fun for STEM students. It's the STEM version of a dance!

STEM 101 – Oct 30

STEM 101 is here! STEM 101 is a night designed to help parents learn about Google Classroom, Powerschool Grading, GradeCraft and Tech Safety. For those parents who plan to attend, you will need to bring the following with you:

1. iPad and iPad Password – yes, it's your turn to take the student iPad for the evening (don't forget that you will need the password to access the iPad)
2. Student Google Account Info – please bring your student's google email address and password
3. Powerschool Account info – please bring your Powerschool login and password
4. GradeCraft Account info – please bring your student's GradeCraft user id and password (GradeCraft is used in a student's science class)
5. Earbuds (Headphones) – please bring headphones for yourself as we will have some short videos for you to watch

STEM 101 will start at 6:30pm on Monday, October 30. Come prepared to work and learn!

SLCs – Nov 7-9

Student Led Conferences will take place on the following dates and times. All parents are expected to participate.

9th and 10th Grade Parents

The student led conference will include your son/daughter, you, and a STEM faculty member. Please contact Amy Robinson, robinson_amy@hcde.org, to reserve your 20 minute time slot.

—Tuesday, November 7: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am

—Wednesday, November 8: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am

—Thursday, November 9: 4:40pm, 5pm, 5:20pm, 5:40pm, 6pm, 6:20pm, 6:40pm

11th and 12th Grade Parents

The student led conference will include your son/daughter and you, and your son/daughter will take you from class to class. You can come anytime between 8am and 9:15am on Wednesday, November 8 OR between 4:40pm and 7:00pm on Thursday, November 9. Teachers will be in each room as you move from one room to the next with the student leading the activity. This is a required student led activity for all 11th and 12th grade students. You do not need to sign up prior to coming.

Thank you for your support!

Dr. Tony Donen
Principal