## HOUSTON GATEWAY ACADEMY, INC.

# Elite College Prep Academy

"Our mission is to develop strong critical thinkers that will graduate from four year competitive colleges by providing strict character development and a rigorous academic curriculum."

## November 10, 2015

## Let's Be Thankful!

Visit our webpage at **www.hgaschools.org** for the latest news and other important information. Please feel free to give us a call at (832) 649-2817 if you have any questions, concerns, or if you need to report any suspicious activity.

**Open House:** Thank you for your attendance at the open house in which we were able to attain **72%** parent participation. One of the most influential factors in determining a student's academic success lies in the communication between parents and teachers. Working together we can attain better results! We hope to see you in our next Open House, January 2015.

## Chess Club News:

Congratulations to our chess team: Carlos, Michael, Getzamani, and Adrian as they won first place at the Aldine Middle School tournament this past Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Benchmarks: December is a short and very busy month. In addition to our daily instruction, our students will engage in benchmark assessments to help us gauge their progress and growth. Please continue to ensure vour child comes to school daily, on time, and prepared. Every day counts with not a minute to waste! Benchmark assessments are scheduled for **December** 15<sup>th</sup> thru December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 23, 2015: Early Dismissal at 3:25 p.m.

November 24, 2015 Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.

November 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break

November 26, 2015: Elite Marching Cougars will participate in the Thanksgiving Parade Downtown

January 13, 2016: Chick-Fil-A Night

**Character Counts: Caring** 

## SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

<u>Cell Phone Policy:</u> Keep in mind that our school has a policy of NO cell phones or electronics. If confiscated, the parent must come to the office to retrieve it and pay a \$15 fee. All collected fees are applied to our scholarship account.

**Dismissal:** Please ensure you pick up your students on time. A grace period of 30 minutes will be given to ensure all students are picked up. After the 30 minutes grace period, a fee of \$15 will be charged. <u>Attendance</u> directly affects your child's academic performance. Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. are considered tardy. If your child comes to school tardy three times within the same week, Saturday detention will be assigned. Students who are absent should submit a written excuse (parent's note or doctor's excuse) upon returning to school. Excessive tardies and or absences are referred to the district's truancy officer. Furthermore, high school students with excessive absences will **lose credit for the semester.** 

Be the change you want to see at Elite College Prep Academy!

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