

Elite College Prep Academy 6th - 12th

“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.”

January 6, 2017

Post #5

Happy New Year!

Let's continue to have a successful second semester.

District Fundraiser: Please continue supporting HGA's car raffle by selling as many tickets as possible. All proceeds go directly to support HGA scholarships, Band, Athletics, field trip transportation, and many other students' related clubs and activities. Please turn the money or unsold tickets by January 20, 2017. Please visit our website www.hgaschools.org for official rules and details.

Holiday: The school is closed

on January 16th due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Marching Cougars: Our Marching Cougars' band is participating in the MLK Parade on Monday, **January 16th** at 10:00 a.m. in Downtown Houston by Minute Maid Park.

School Yearbook: Order your yearbook by March 3rd for only \$45. See Mr. Valle for more details.

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.

Attendance 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**.

Dates to Remember

January 16, 2017- Holiday

January 20, 2017- Awards Ceremony

March 13th – 17th – Spring BREAK

March 28th – STAAR Testing

8th Gr. Math

English I EOC

March 29th – STAAR Testing

8th Gr. Reading

March 30th – STAAR Testing

English II EOC

Character Development: Houston Gateway Academy needs your assistance to continue the conversation at home regarding important character traits. Teachers and staff will continue to instill HGA's character traits throughout the school year. Below is a list of HGA's character traits.

C- Self Confidence, Caring, Courage

O- Optimism

U- Uniqueness

G- Gratefulness

A- Assertiveness

R- Respect, Responsibility

S- School Pride