

Hello Hough High!

Welcome to new and returning students, families and faculty. The Hough PTSA is looking forward to a great 2015-2016 school year. We kick off our year with our PTSA membership drive; all **parents, teachers and students** are encouraged to join. There is a yellow PTSA membership form in this packet. Please return the form with your cash or check in the **envelope provided marked Hough PTSA**. Students should give the Hough PTSA envelope to their homeroom teacher or return it to the front office. This year we have a **student membership raffle** occurring every Friday in September. All students who join the PTSA by September 23 are eligible to win a variety of prizes, including an **iPad mini!**

We will also have our **Husky Fund Drive**, our one-time donation opportunity which we do in place of other fundraisers. If **every family** would donate we would easily meet our goals. You will find a green Husky Fund donation form in this packet as well. The form also has a spot for you to enter your **Harris Teeter VIC card** information so if you have not relinked your card as of August 1st, we can link it for you. This is a great way for the PTSA to earn money at no cost to you. Just purchase Harris Teeter brand products and use your VIC card at the checkout. So please return the green Husky Fund form in the PTSA envelope too.

Another great way to earn money for our school is by linking **your Target RED card** to Hough High School. And this year we are excited to become partners with Publix! You will receive a Publix card, as soon as we receive them, that is automatically linked to Hough. Just use it every time you shop there.

The Hough PTSA will continue our restaurant spirit night with Tenders. **Tuesdays at Tenders** will be held the first Tuesday of every month. We will be selling \$10 Tenders gift cards outside the cafeteria during lunch each first Tuesday. These cards will be sold to you for only \$7.....what a great deal! Then you can go to Tenders that evening to support the Hough PTSA at our spirit night. Everybody wins!

The PTSA also asks that you take a look at the **pink volunteer form** in the packet. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities requiring as few as 20 minutes a month to two hours a week or more. Please take a look and see if there is anything that works for you. Once completed, this form should also be returned in the PTSA envelope.

If you have not done so, be sure to **subscribe to** and **read the Hough Howler**. There is a small blue form that explains how to subscribe if you are not yet receiving it. This is the main form of communication for our school. Also, check out the Hough and PTSA website, our facebook page and sign up for Twitter news to keep informed of everything at the Hough. In addition, the school website has links to many Hough departments including the **Student Services website** which has great information for everyone. And if anyone you know needs the Howler or any other school or PTSA information in another language, please contact me and I can refer you to someone that can assist.

Lastly, we will be applying to become a **PTSA School of Excellence**. To achieve this, we will need you to participate in a brief survey this fall and again in early spring. Links to the surveys will be in future Howler publications. We appreciate your time to complete these valuable surveys!

We look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

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