



Eagle's Nest



HIGH POINT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Rewarding Good Behavior

Motivating students to achieve their goals in our school-wide behavior management system is a top priority at High Point. Since the dawn of time, humans have been inspired to perform well by incentives that appeal to them — whether that's a paycheck at work, a college scholarship, a sports championship trophy, or a spelling bee ribbon. To model real-world practices and underscore the satisfaction that comes with a job well done, our school has recently added two elements to our program that directly benefit our students. First, after much effort on the part of our incredible staff, we've opened the High Point School Store, which offers an impressive array of items such as sweatbands, headbands, lanyards, stress balls, fidget spinners, earbuds, chargers, sporting goods, and backpacks. Once a week, students who have earned High Point credits for hitting academic and behavioral marks have an opportunity to spend their school currency on any of the stocked items, on a gift card, or on gift certificates to various establishments, like McDonald's, Burger King, Subway, TGI Friday's, Dunkin' Donuts, and Starbucks. But "shopping" isn't the only reward our students can earn! We've also instituted a weekly raffle aimed at minimizing phone use on campus. Every day, students who hand in their cell phones in the morning on their way into school are entered into the raffle. Then, each Friday, we draw a winning stub to determine which student hits the jackpot. Senior Jared Nunez was our very first winner, and because he consistently handed in his phone each and every morning, he was awarded the maximum amount of tickets a student can win. The store awaits you, Jared — have fun picking out your prize!



Giving Thanks

On Wednesday, November 21, a day before the national holiday, our staff and students enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast to recognize our many reasons to give thanks. First off, of course, was the delicious meal catered by Boston Market, including turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, mac and cheese, and rolls and cornbread. Oh, and let's not forget the pumpkin and apple pie! With full plates and happy bellies, our students dined with their classmates and teachers as they shared what they were grateful for this year. Several classes commemorated the holiday with art projects as well — an outward expression of our internal feelings. Ms. Giordano's class, for instance, created a turkey displayed on the door whose feathers were made up of the blessings and bounty our students appreciate. The sumptuous food might take center stage at Thanksgiving every year across America, but the real highlight for us is the gratitude of our students ... and our gratitude for them in return!



Thursday Snack & Paint

High Point's new art therapist, Ms. Tineo, initiated a new creative arts activity this month, and it's already proving exhibit-worthy! Every Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., eligible students (those on "New Hire" level or above) are invited to participate in a lunchtime painting session, which is held in a relaxing therapeutic space and features a variety of learned techniques, including watercolor, acrylics, and mixed media. Students of all artistic abilities are welcome to engage their imagination and explore their creativity in this fun and supportive environment that develops observational skills and more. The resulting artwork will be displayed throughout the school to showcase the talents of our budding artists and to make our warm and inviting campus even more colorful and vibrant.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, 12/14:
GIVE BACK TO FIRE-FIGHTERS EVENT

Thursday, 12/20:
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

