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Welcome to Ferrell Girls Prep!
School starts Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Dear Ferrell GPA Tiger Family,

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to the Girls Preparatory Academy (GPA) at Ferrell Middle Magnet School. I am incredibly honored to be the new Principal. I am most proud that Ferrell GPA offers a dynamic community of learning which challenges girls to expand their minds and explore untapped potential. I am delighted to have Ms. White return as our Assistant Principal for Administration and Athletics. We also enthusiastically welcome Mr. Turner, a previous Ferrell GPA teacher, who will return as our Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction. The administrative team is excited for this opportunity to be part of your child's journey on their way to becoming confident, successful young women.

We are so proud of all the hard work and dedication exhibited by our students and staff. Ferrell GPA earned an "A" rating from the Florida Department of Education for the 2021-2022 school year! We continue to be committed to our vision of developing confident, dynamic, and educated young women. Our continuing mission is to empower our girls to excel in rigorous academics and character education while fostering them to be positive forces in our global community. We look forward to seeing the amazing growth and opportunities that lie ahead for your daughter during the 2022-2023 school year.

Finally, I'd like to personally invite you to take an active role in your daughter's education at Ferrell GPA. Your continued support is a vital part of your child's journey to success and is greatly appreciated by everyone at Girls Preparatory Academy.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Diehl-Stone

Principal
 Ferrell Girls Preparatory Academy
 Motto: Every Girl, Every Day, College-Bound



Ms. White
 Assistant Principal



Mrs. Diehl-Stone
 Principal



Mr. Turner
 Assistant Principal

AUGUST 8TH OPEN HOUSE

<u>8th Grade</u> 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<u>7th Grade</u> 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<u>6th Grade</u> 1 PM to 3 PM
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Available During Open House
CASH ONLY SALES

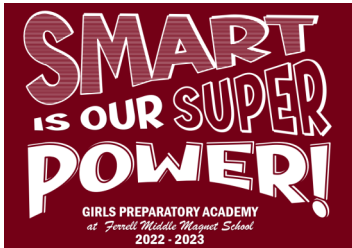
SCHOOL UNIFORM TIES	\$10
SPIRIT SHIRTS	\$10
PE UNIFORM	\$20

GIRLS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

FERRELL MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL

TIGER TIMES

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This school year's Theme is **SMART IS OUR SUPER POWER!** We want every girl to challenge herself to be her own. #SHERO!



Ferrell Girls Prep is a **Cambridge International School**. The Cambridge International approach focuses on helping students to become confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged. One of the key

components of being a Cambridge International School is to teach our students to embrace their learning environment through a global perspective. This year students will participate in whole-school Global Perspective Challenges.

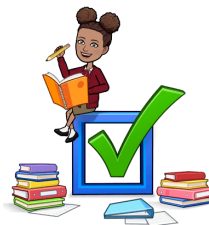


New state assessments on the FL BEST Standards will take place this year. Students will take State mandated reading and math baseline, mid-year, and final assessments on the FL BEST Standards. **Ferrell will administer FL BEST Standards Baseline Assessments August 17-19, 2022.**

Students that are car riders should be dropped off and picked up from the circle drive only. Please do not use the faculty parking lot to drop off or pick students up. (See page 5 for further details.)

Uniform ties and school spirit t-shirt will be available for purchase during Open House on August 8, 2022. (See page 8 for details.)

Please take some time to review the information in our newsletter carefully. It contains a wealth of information I'm sure you and your daughter will find useful. In addition, you may contact us at (813) 276-5608 if you have any questions.



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GPA OPEN HOUSE – MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022

Seventh & Eighth Grade

Open House is from
10:00 AM –12:00 PM

Sixth Grade

Open House is from
1:00 PM—3:00 PM

- Pick-up your schedule and tour the campus
- Meet your teachers
- Purchase uniform ties, PE uniforms, and spirit shirts (**CASH ONLY – no bills over \$20**)
- Get teacher-specific school supplies information





FERRELL GIRLS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

2022 – 2023 IMPORTANT DATES

Ferrell GPA Conference Night Dates

September 13, 2022	November 15, 2022	February 15, 2023	April 11, 2023
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Ferrell GPA Progress Report Dates

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
August 29, 2022	October 24, 2022	January 23, 2023	April 3, 2023
September 12, 2022	November 7, 2022	February 6, 2023	April 17, 2023
October 3, 2022	November 28, 2022	February 20, 2023	May 1, 2023
	December 12, 2022	March, 7, 2023	May 15, 2023

Semester One Exam Dates: 12/19/22, 12/20/22, 12/21/22, 12/22/22

Semester Two Exam Dates: 5/22/23, 5/23/23, 5/24/23, 5/25/22

All students must take exams in order to meet promotion requirements.

Students must be present and take all their exams on the scheduled days in order to attend Field Days on 12/23/22 and 5/26/23

HCPS STUDENT CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DATES

Students' First Day	Wednesday, August 10, 2022
Labor Day / Non-Student Day	Monday, September 5, 2022
End of 1 st Grading Period	Wednesday, October 12, 2022
Non-Student Day	Monday, October 17, 2022
Veterans Day / Non-Student Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Fall Break / Non-Student Days	Mon, November 21- Fri, November 25, 2023
Students Return to School	Monday, November 28, 2022
End of 2 nd Grading Period & Semester 1	Friday, December 23, 2022
Winter Break / Non-Student Days	Mon, December 26, 2022 – Mon, January 9, 2023
Students Return to School	Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Martin Luther King, Jr / Non-Student Day	Monday, January 16, 2023
Non-Student Day	Friday, February 17, 2023
Non-Student Day	Monday, March 6, 2023
Spring Break / Non-Student Days	Mon, March 13 – Fri, March 17, 2023
Students Return to School	Monday, March 20, 2023
End of 3 rd Grading Period	Friday, March 24, 2023
Non-Student Day	Friday, April 7, 2023
Last Day of School / End of 4 th Grading Period & Semester 2	Friday, May 26, 2023

* Hurricane Day(s) if needed: October 17, 2022, November 11, 21-23, and 25, 2022

DAILY BELL SCHEDULES

Regular Bell Schedule (Tuesdays—Fridays)

Period	Descriptions	Start Time	End Time	Minutes
All	School Hours	8:30 AM	3:33 PM	7:03
	<i>Study Hall</i>	<i>8:15 AM</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>0:15</i>
AM HR		8:30 AM	8:33 AM	0:03
1		8:33 AM	9:21 AM	0:48
2		9:25 AM	10:13 AM	0:48
3		10:17 AM	11:05 AM	0:48
4	Grade 6 Lunch	11:09 AM	11:57 AM	0:48
5	Grade 7 Lunch	12:01 PM	12:49 PM	0:48
6	Grade 8 Lunch	12:53 PM	1:41 PM	0:48
7		1:45 AM	2:33 AM	0:48
8		2:37 AM	3:25 AM	0:48
PM HR		3:29 PM	3:33 PM	0:04

Early Release Day Bell Schedule (Mondays)

Period	Descriptions	Start Time	End Time	Minutes
All	School Hours	8:30	2:30 PM	6:00
	<i>Study Hall</i>	<i>8:15 AM</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>0:15</i>
AM HR		8:30 AM	8:33 AM	0:03
1		8:33 AM	9:13 AM	0:40
2		9:17 AM	9:57 AM	0:40
3		10:01 AM	10:41 AM	0:40
4	Grade 6 Lunch	10:45 AM	11:25 AM	0:40
5	Grade 7 Lunch	11:29 AM	12:09 PM	0:40
6	Grade 8 Lunch	12:13 PM	12:53 PM	0:40
7		12:57 PM	1:37 PM	0:40
8		1:41 PM	2:21 PM	0:40
PM HR		2:25 PM	2:30 PM	0:05

Students may enter campus starting **7:55 AM**. Sixth Graders report to the cafeteria, Seventh and eighth graders report to the courtyard.

Breakfast is served starting 7:55 AM. Sixth graders eat the cafeteria. Seventh and Eighth graders eat in the courtyard.

Students report to AM Homeroom at 8:15 AM for Study Hall. **All students should be in their homeroom class by 8:30 AM.**

All students report PM HR at the end of the day to turn in their school-issued laptop.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- PPE (masks) provided for students and staff upon request

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Controlled movement where possible (classes, hallways, common areas)
- Designated traffic patterns have been routed for entering school, class change, and dismissal.
- Assigned seating will be in place at all times in cafeteria, classrooms, and school busses.
- COVID-19 hygiene education will be implemented starting the first day of school.

SCHOOL SANITATION

- Increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and items
- Nightly disinfecting of classrooms and common areas
- Increased installations of hand sanitizing stations at entrances and common areas

- Sanitation wipes provided in every classroom with procedures to wipe down desk surfaces at the end of every class

FOOD & NUTRITION

- Breakfast will be served in multiple locations (cafeteria and courtyard) in order to increase social distancing
- Increased social distancing between seats where possible during school lunch (cafeteria)
- Six water bottle refilling stations has been installed on campus.

TRANSPORTATION

- Masks recommended where social distance recommendations cannot be accommodated with seating.
- Bus drivers provided disinfecting sanitation wipes to clean bus seats and handrails between morning and afternoon runs

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS AND CLINIC INFORMATION



Students **will not** be able to start **seventh grade** unless they are compliant with immunizations in accordance to

Florida State Law. Florida Certificate of Immunization (**blue card**) must be provided to the school by **September 2, 2022** or your child may be excluded from class.

The following immunization are required for seventh grade entry:

- **TDAP** (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) - 1 dose
- **MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella) - 2 doses
- **Hepatitis B Series**—3 doses
- **Varicella** (Chicken Pox)- 2 doses or date of disease

Contact your physician or the Hillsborough County Health Department. Immunizations are provided **FREE** at the Health Department.
Main Health Department:
(813) 307-8077
Main Hargrett Building
Immunization Clinic
2002 E. 26th Avenue, Tampa, FL

School Clinic

All prescription and non-prescription medications will be administered by the school nurse. Students should not have ANY medication in their possession at school (prescription or non-prescription). Medications must be checked in with the nurse in the original containers with the doctor's instructions. Students may carry Epi pens with the proper paperwork completed in the clinic. This is the only exception to students having medication on their person. Please note that once-a-day medications containing narcotics will not be administered by the school health personnel.

If you have questions or concerns, please call Ferrell's Clinic at **813-276-5608 ext. 235**.



DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

Morning Drop Off begins: 7:55 AM

AM HOST begins 6:30 AM
(HOST Sign-In is in the main office)

Afternoon Dismissal: 3:35 PM

Students must be picked by 3:50 PM
(Early Release Day Dismissal 2:30 PM, pick-up by 2:45 PM)

1. Car rider vehicles are to use 22nd Street to access Chelsea Street and make **RIGHT turns only into Ferrell**, using our **CIRCLE DRIVE** ramp. Vehicles are also to make a **RIGHT turn only back onto Chelsea Street to exit** the car rider line. Students may not be dropped until 7:55 AM. Morning HOST students must be signed in the cafeteria by parent/guardian.
2. Please drive all the way forward to the end of the sidewalk and be careful not to park on the crosswalk.
3. The speed limit posted is 5 MPH.
4. Due to safety reasons, students may **NOT** be dropped off or picked up along either side of Chelsea Street. Students may **NOT** be dropped off or picked from the faculty parking lot or 24th Street in the back of the school. Please do **NOT** drop off or pick your student up in the middle of road, or by the vacant houses and corner lots across the street from the school.
5. Please make sure that your car rider is prepared for the day and ready to get out of your vehicle immediately upon entering our car rider line.
6. U-Turns in the middle of Chelsea St are not permitted per Tampa Police Department policy. Drivers violating that policy will be subject to a traffic citation by the Tampa Police Department.
7. Please do not use the driveways of the residents' on Chelsea Street to back up and turn around. Please be respectful of their private property.

SIGN IN & SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

SIGN-IN PROCEDURES:

Any student arriving to school after school has begun **MUST** report to Office of Student Affairs. A tardy pass shall be issued indicating excused or unexcused tardy or absence.

Students with excessive UNEXCUSED tardies will be subject to disciplinary action.

SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES: (PRE-APPROVED AND EMERGENCY)

During school hours a principal or designee shall permit a child to leave school only in the custody of one of the following adults:

- **LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT, WITH PHOTO ID;**
- Person listed on emergency contact card, with photo ID;
- a law enforcement officer;
- an authorized worker from the Department of Children and Families.



Students may **not** be signed out after **3:00 PM**. Regular dismissal is at 3:30 PM. **On Early Release Mondays, students may not be signed out after 2:00 PM.**

We appreciate your cooperation as we minimize classroom interruptions at the end of the school day.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

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Please help your child understand the importance of an education and that daily attendance is absolutely essential! Please refer to your child's student handbook for attendance and absence reporting requirements.

If your child is absent, a phone call is required.

The telephone number for our 24 hr. automated system is: **(813) 276-5608 press 1.**

Please leave your child's first and last name and your own first and last name on the recording.

MANDATORY SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION

Girls Preparatory Academy is a **mandatory** uniform school. Uniforms are mandatory beginning Day 1 of the school year. Uniforms must be worn Monday through Friday. The dress and grooming of pupils shall be that which contributes to the health and safety of the individual and which is non-disruptive of the educational activities and processes of a school. Uniforms must be clean in appearance and all clothing must meet the Hillsborough Public Schools' dress code requirements. All items, except for the neck tie, may be purchased from a local store like Target, Wal-Mart, Old Navy, JC Penny, etc. **The following items are the mandatory uniform pieces for Ferrell Girls Preparatory Academy.**



UNIFORM SHOPPING LIST

TOP VARIETIES:

- Solid white polo shirt
- White button up oxford (short or long sleeve)
- School crest logo is not required but is the **ONLY** one that can be displayed.
- All tops must be tucked into bottoms appropriately.
- Undershirts should be a solid neutral color (white, black, beige)
- Undergarments should **not** be able to be seen through the white shirt.
- Tops may not be altered by student, i.e., tied in the back, cut, etc.
- Approved school t-shirt may only be worn on Early Release Days (Mondays).

NECK TIE:

- Neck ties (ascots) should be worn under the collar and fastened with the snap.
- Jewelry should not block or cover the neck tie.
- Neck ties must be visible at all times. Jackets and sweaters may not cover up the tie.
- Neck ties can be purchased from Educational Outfitters Uniform Store.

BOTTOM VARIETIES:

- Khaki pants, skorts, skirts, jumpers or shorts (no leggings)
- Pants and shorts shall be secured at the waist.
- Belts should be black, brown, beige, burgundy or white.
- Hemlines shall not be shorter than fingertip length when students' hands are held to the side of the body.
- No logos can be displayed.
- Bottoms **MUST NOT** be altered with cuts or holes.

SHOE VARIETIES:

- Shoes must be closed toe and heel.
- Shoes must be one solid color (Approved colors: black, brown, tan, white, or gray).
- Solid white, black, or gray socks should be worn.
- No boots of any kind are allowed.
- Examples of shoes: athletic shoes, Mary-Janes, loafers, topsiders, flats.

JACKETS & SWEATERS:

- Jackets and sweaters should be a **solid color** (Approved colors: burgundy, white, black, or gray)
- **No logos or design patterns** should be displayed other than the school logo.
- Jackets and sweaters may not cover up or block the school tie.
- Pull-over hoodies are **not allowed**.
- Winter coats should only be worn outside during the appropriate season/temperature (not in classrooms).

*Note: HCPS Dress Code Policy states: Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Head coverings shall **not** be worn in the building unless required for religious observance or health-related reasons.*

- 2 - 4 White, button-down collared shirts or white polos (school crest is optional)
- 2 - 4 Khaki pants, skorts, skirts, jumpers, capris, or shorts
- 1 pair of **solid color** black, brown, tan, white or gray close-toed / closed heel shoes (no logos)
- 4 or more pairs of **solid color** white, black, or gray socks
- 1 **solid color** black, brown, beige, or white belt (optional)
- 1 **solid color** burgundy, black, white, or gray zip-up or button-up jacket/sweater with **no logos** (school crest is optional) - **NO PULL-OVER HOODIES.**
- 1- 2 grade-level ascots (neck ties)
- Neutral color undergarments (as needed)
- School spirit shirt (optional)
- PE uniform (if taking PE)



Ties (ascots) can be purchased at Educational Outfitters or during GPA's Open House for \$10.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT



Here are some ways you can be involved at Ferrell GPA:

- Join Tiger Band Booster (contact Haley.Conerly@hcps.net)
- Join Athletic Booster (contact Tavonda.Lucas@hcps.net)
- Join the School Advisory Council—S.A.C. (contact Shayla.Cason@hcps.net)
- Chaperone field trips and/or dance (contact Shayla.Cason@hcps.net)
- Volunteer for school sponsored events: Field Days, Mother Daughter Day, Father - Daughter Dance, Saturday Schools, etc. (contact Lori.Bartholomew@hcps.net)

2022 - 2023 GENERAL SUPPLY LIST

ALL STUDENTS will need the following general supplies. The majority of these items will need to be replaced throughout the school year. We recommend stocking up in order to replenish them when needed. Grade level specific items are also listed.

Pencils #2	Colored pencils	Pens (blue, black, red ink)
Pencil pouch	Handheld pencil sharpeners	Glue sticks (multiple packs)
Post-its	Ear buds (headphones)	Highlighters (yellow, green, blue, pink)
Index cards (3 x 5)	Blunt nose scissors	Loose leaf paper (college rule)
Refillable water bottle		

Sixth Grade

- **Three** – 1-subject spiral notebooks
- **Two** – 3-subject spiral notebooks
- **Two** - Composition notebook
- **Four**– 2-pocket 3 prong folders
- **One**– calculator (4-function)

Seventh Grade

- **Two** – 1-subject spiral notebooks
- **One** – 3-subject spiral notebook
- **Two** - Composition notebook
- **Three**– 2-pocket 3 prong folders
- **One**– 1-inch binder
- **One**– TI-30XA calculator

Eighth Grade

- **One** – 1-subject spiral notebooks (100 pages)
- **One** – Packet of graphing paper (Science class)
- **Two**- Composition notebooks
- **One**– 2-pocket 3 prong folders
- **One**– 2-inch binder
- **One**– Packet 8-tab dividers
- **One**– TI-30XA calculator
- **One**— Sheet protectors (one pack)



Spanish: One 3-subject spiral notebook

AVID: One 3-inch binder, ring binder 3-whole punch

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TRANSPORTATION

Bus Route information is mailed directly to your home from HCPS Transportation Department.

Please contact the HCPS Transportation Department for questions regarding bus routes and bus stops.

(813) 982-5533 OR (813) 982-5515



Carpooling is a great optional for many families. If you would like to connect with other GPA families in your area, see the transportation kiosk at Open House for more details.

TIGER CUB CAMP



The transition to middle school can be a little scary no matter which school you attend. There are many changes that occur: going from one teacher to seven, dealing with lockers, and how to deal with a new environment and students.

Come meet other students and discuss your concerns as you learn about ways to make a smooth transition to being a successful GPA student!

This workshop will feature topics like:

- Managing multiple teachers/ classes
- Friendships/ Bullying/Gossip/ Peer Pressure
- Staying organized
- How and where to get help if you need it.
- Hall Locker Help
- Campus Scavenger Hunt
- And much more!

WHO: Students NEW to GPA

WHEN: July 27 & 28, 2022

TIME: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

WHERE: GPA Cafeteria

Please register by 7/22/22

<https://forms.office.com/r/rKAh3KAd4F>

(Link is also available on the school website)

EXTRAMURAL SPORTS

Student may choose to try out for extramural competitive sports at GPA. Basketball, volleyball, track, soccer and flag football are played in a competitive format against other middle school teams throughout the school year. A complete sports packet and physical is man-

datory in order to try out and compete in any sports. The online sports packet can be accessed via the district website at [Athletics / Student Forms \(hillsboroughschools.org\)](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org)

Virtual Informational TEAMS sessions will be held at 6:30 PM on

August 3rd and August 11th

(TEAMS links will be sent out to families prior to the event.)

If you have any questions, contact Assistant Principal Carla White at 813-276-5608 x 226.

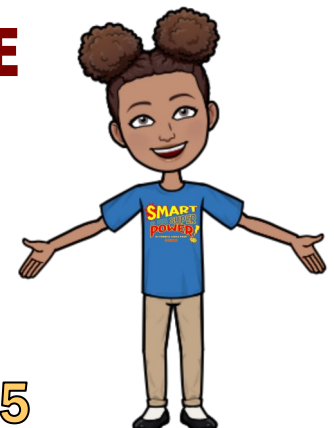
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING OPEN HOUSE

UNIFORM TIES \$10

SCHOOL SPIRIT T-SHIRT \$10

*School Spirit T-Shirts can be worn on **FRIDAYS** in lieu of the regular uniform shirt and tie.*

PE UNIFORMS \$20 per set & OPTIONAL BAG \$5



AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT ACADEMIES

Girls Preparatory Academy is pleased to offer After-School Enrichment Academies. These academies are offered from **3:45 – 4:45 PM**, Tuesday through Friday most weeks throughout the school year.

We offer 4 different sessions of Enrichment Academies that align with the grading periods. There are a wide variety of academies that are designed to allow students to discover, explore and develop their interests.

Enrichment activities include Academic Skill Tutorials, Art, Golf, Dance, Edible Science, Strategic Games, and other activities based upon the interests of the students at Girls Preparatory Academy.

Bus transportation is not provided.

Students should be picked up from the car rider line by no later than **5:00 PM** unless they are attending HOST.

Students may sign up for enrichment academies during the first week of school. A link for sign up will be posted on Canvas and emailed out to parents during the first week of school.

The first session of after-school enrichment academies begin on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

2022-23 Enrichment Dates	
Quarter 1	August 23— October 14, 2022
Quarter 2	October 18 – December 23, 2022
Quarter 3	January 10 – March 24, 2023
Quarter 4	March 28 – May 18, 2023

HOST INFORMATION



In addition to the Enrichment Academies, we offer the Hillsborough Out of School Time (HOST) program to your child for a **fee**. Families have several options offered by HOST. HOST Options are listed to the right. Please note: prices could be subject to change pending School Board approval. You can register for HOST at www.sdhc.k12.fl.us (under the Families tab). Please contact Ms. Jazzmin at 813-276-5608, ext. 236 for more information.

HOST Options	Cost
My child will attend HOST Before School* from 6:30– 8:00 AM <small>* a minimum of 10 is needed for a Before School Program to be offered</small>	Weekly \$20.00
My child will attend HOST After School from 3:30 – 6:00 PM, and/or when the Enrichment Academies end, from 4:45 – 6:00 PM . <small>(This weekly price includes Early Release Mondays)</small>	Weekly \$32.00
My child will attend HOST for both the Before and After School Programs.	Weekly \$52.00
My child will attend HOST for Early Release Mondays only , from 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Monthly \$20.00

SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you following us on Twitter or Facebook? Like and follow us at:



<https://www.facebook.com/ferrellgpa>



<https://twitter.com/HCPSPGirlsPrep>