Hope High School September, 2018

# **BOBCAT VIEW**

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#### **HHS Mission**

Our mission is to prepare Hope High School students for the future by creating productive citizens for our society, while instilling a sense of pride, integrity, excellence, and selfless service

#### **HHS Vision**

Provide an exceptional education so students may live extraordinary lives.

#### **HHS** Calendar

Oct. 3 - Early dismissal.

Oct. 4 - Ninth, tenth grade Talent Search conversations with Holocaust survivor.

Oct. 10 - HHS flu shots clinic.

Oct. 12 - Rick from Herff Jones taking orders for juniors, seniors.

Oct. 23-26 - Red Ribbon Week.

Oct. 27 - ACT Test Day.

Oct. 31 - HHS Track or Treat.

## Greetings, again, to parents

We're well into our 7<sup>th</sup> week of school here at HHS and we just wanted you to know that we're off to a great start progress reports were given out during our Parent/Teacher conferences on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our staff and students are adjusting to the new systems we have in place this school year and we appreciate your patience and diligence as we have changed our cellphone policy.

We will be sending out monthly newsletters to keep you abreast of what's going on around the campus because we would love to see you here for these events.

You're welcomed to stop by the Main Office at any time you need help. At left, you will find information about upcoming events.

## Literacy initiative at HHS

The Leadership team at Hope High School is embarking on a school-wide literacy initiative.

All students will write using an agreed-upon open-response structure which will begin in late October. Writing was chosen as the area of focus because research states writing well improves literacy skills (reading, writing, speaking and reasoning).

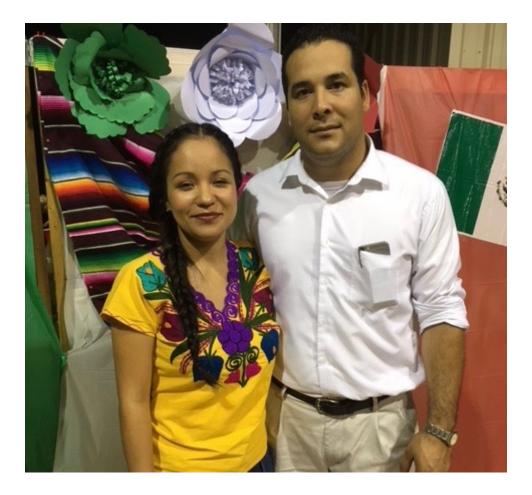
HHS Principal Bill Hoglund has stressed that the purpose of the initiative is not solely to improve test scores, but more importantly, to prepare our students for post-secondary success.

All Hope High teachers will be trained in the 10-Step Writing process during the first Early Out day, October 3rd and additional PD will be offered throughout the school year. All teachers will practice the writing process before modeling for their own students.

We will rotate through each content area during the months of October through March of the school year.

Students will have as many as eight opportunities to practice the process leading to improved writing skills.

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## 'Hispanic Heritage Month' spotlights local minister

National Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 to October 15 in the United States.

We would like to recognize the contributions and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture. Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community. Hispanic Heritage Month, with roots back to 1968, begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period and Columbus Day (Día de la Raza) is October 12.

Meet Manolo Vasquez, a newcomer to our community! He arrived in Hope in July to work as the Hispanic pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, coming from Tamaulipas, Mexico, where he and his wife, Gaby, worked in small mountain

calvary Baptist Church, coming from Tamaulipas, Mexico, where he and his wife, Gaby, worked in small mountain churches. He says he has made many friends here and enjoys relating to the people, especially the young people. The hardest thing for him has been getting used to our food, but, otherwise, he is adapting well to the culture. For the past two years, he and his family, which includes two sons, Manolo, Jr., and Mateo, have been preparing to come to work here in the United States. He says he is enjoying his work, especially preaching to the congregation at Calvary. His everyday job includes going to the local radio station at 2 p.m. to broadcast a short devotion, and working in the local jail. He also sings and plays the guitar. Pastor Manolo joined us at HHS on opening day as we greeted students for the first day of school as they got off the buses. He led his congregation in a prayer walk around the campus at the high school. We appreciate his involvement on our campus already!

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