

## Connections, an Advisory Program at Horse Heaven Hills

This year, Horse Heaven Hills is implementing an advisory program called “Connections.” Students will meet with their Connections teacher for 30 minutes at the beginning of the day on Thursdays. It is well-documented that adolescents have a need to feel connected to a smaller community within a school and in a small group of students, the teacher and students will have the opportunity to get to know each other well. There will be problem-solving discussions, grade checks, team-building activities, and school and community service.

The goal of our program is to reinforce our theme of Mustang PRIDE:

- Prepared: Students will participate in goal-setting and organizational activities.
- Respectful: Students will learn and review ways to deal with adults and students positively.
- Independent: Students will regularly check grades and reflect on their work.
- Dedicated: Students will learn strategies and resources to help them work through adversity.
- Empathetic: Students will learn to recognize and appreciate the differences in our student body.