

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Food drive a success

A district-wide call for canned goods brought in over 2,900 items to the Commerce Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church.

Organizer Matt Wolcott, Communities in Schools manager, said students almost doubled the goal of one item per student.

The pantry distributes food to needy families once a week. Dr. James Norwood, Pantry board member, says he has seen the need for donations increase over the last 18 months.



Three inducted into Hall of Honor

During a special induction ceremony held on October 19, three former administrators were inducted into the CISD Hall of Honor. Buddy Jones, Sue Sheppard and Norris Tanton were honored for the legacy they have left CISD.

All former CISD administrators worked together at some point during their careers. Jones was principal at several campuses, Sheppard was a principal and Tanton was superintendent for 26 years. Tanton, who has passed away, was represented by his daughter Ruth Cherry.



Superintendent Blake Cooper, Ruth Cherry, Sue Sheppard, Willie Blow (behind) and Buddy Jones

Tanton was also awarded his high school diploma posthumously because he joined the armed forces in 1940 before receiving it.

The Hall of Honor was begun in 2010 to recognize former students and staff who have lead distinguished careers.

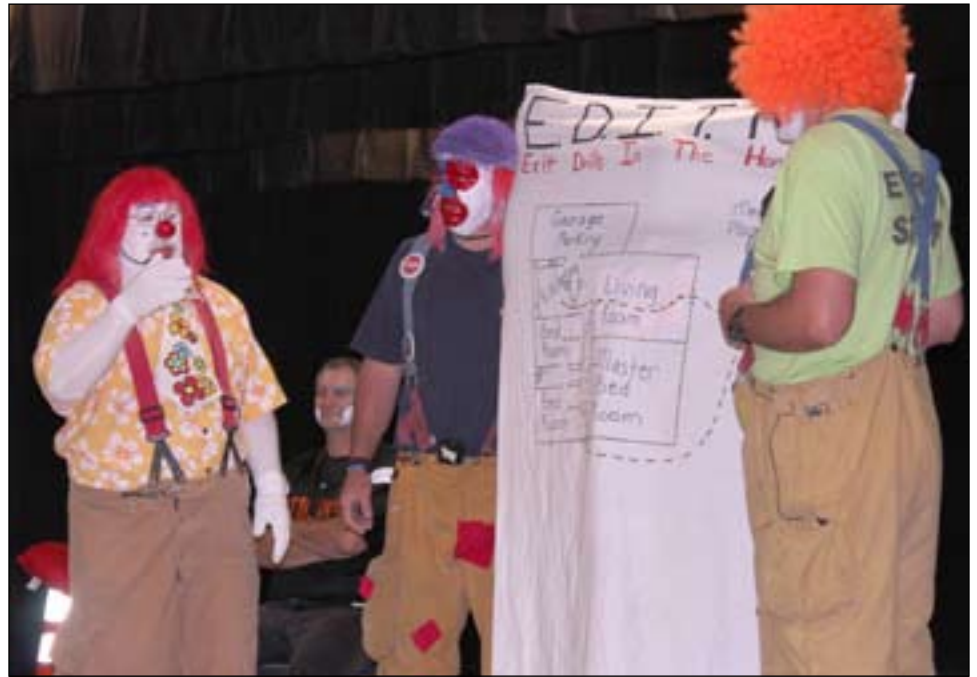
GO TIGERS!

Little Cheerleaders performed during pre-game activities at the football game vs. Van Alstyne. Varsity cheerleaders worked with the wanna-be cheerleaders to perfect their on-field routines.



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City of Commerce firefighters took their annual fire prevention and safety show on the road. Captain Mike Ross, Joe Martello and our own CISD Board member Gabe Wittkopf gave a fun presentation to Commerce Elementary, A.C. Williams Elementary School and Cooper Elementary.



CHS inducts 34 into National Honor Society chapter

A total of 34 CHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society on October 11. Sponsor Glenda Henderson students inducted have shown achievement in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

The following students were inducted:

Abel Arce
Ahnaliese Bell
Josh Brewer
Kaleb Brown
Nathan Burt
Anamika Chourasia
Andrew Coffman
Laney Davidson
DeLaci Douglas
Michael Dempsey
Elizabeth Fannin
Shaquela Galloway

Vanessa Huggins
Demetric Jennings
Bobin John
Micah Kitchens
Michelle Ledbetter
Ben Montgomery
Bailee Mulcahy
Shelby Patterson
Zoe Peak
Sarah Riddle
Mac Robinson
McKenna Sims

Syndee Smith
Spencer Sullivan
Logan Talley
Kiley Towne
Bailey Weaver
Sam Wells
Aubrey Wilcox
Lacey Worley
Brittni Wright
Breanna Westbrook
*Photo shows all CHS
NHS chapter members.*

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ACW Pride Rally pits Tigers against Lions

The Texas A&M University-Commerce men's basketball team, along with Coach Sam Walker, visited ACW during its end-of-six-weeks Pride Rally. The men showed off their dunking skills and then scrimmaged the ACW staff. Students love the interaction with the players and get to see a competitive side of their classroom teachers.



Above left, teacher/referee Tina Bronson cheers on both teams. At right, teacher Jeannie Putman is guarded by Susie Chessher.

Right, a Lions player interacts with students.



Silent middle school students? Yes...

Middle school students are not known for keeping silent, but when asked by Theater teacher Beth Mizell to perform a silent Halloween-themed children's theater performance, they responded well. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders worked together on the fun project. They especially enjoyed painting their faces, according to Mizell.

Of Cookies and Bookies...

Parents of Head Start students were invited to share cookies with the class as they read to their children in September. Many moms and several dads took time to encourage their children at CES during "Cookies and Bookies."



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CMS robotics team grows to 50 students

Robots of all shapes and sizes will compete in the annual Lion's BEST Robotics competition on October 20 at the TAMU-C field House. Commerce Middle School and Commerce High School will compete.

The CMS Robotics Team has grown in the last three years to 50 students and numerous parent volunteers, according to sponsor Rebekah Jacobson.

The team will compete against 29 other middle school and high school teams in the program which aims



The CMS Robotics Team celebrates its Grand Marshall trophy for the float entered in the Bois d'arc Bash Parade.

to boost students' understanding of technology and engineering.

The challenge this year is to build a space elevator. Robots must climb a 10-ft pole and perform various tasks in "space."

Students gain valuable life skills by being a part of the sub teams: robot building/design team, marketing team, exhibit table display team, spirit team and programming team, according to Jacobson.

Mark your calendars!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 22	Board of Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
Oct. 27	ACW Fall Carnival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Nov. 15	Board of Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
Nov. 19–23	Thanksgiving holidays
Nov. 29	Report cards go home
Dec. 6	First grade program, 6 p.m.
Dec. 11	PreK & Kindergarten program, 6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Winter Arts Festival, 5:30, CHS
Dec. 17	Board of Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec. 21	Early release
Dec. 24 – Jan. 4	Christmas holidays



Good citizens selected for tunnel run fun

Elementary students who demonstrate the character traits of good citizens are selected to run through the Tiger tunnel at home football games. Teachers nominate worthy students and a boy and a girl are selected from each classroom for the honor. Students and parents seemed excited about the opportunity to be a part of the Friday night lights. A total of 288 students will have the honor at season's end.