

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Back-to-School Parent Rally set for Sept. 18

As we continue to celebrate the beginning of a new school year, parents of all CISD students are invited to Commerce High School for an evening of fun and learning. First at 6 p.m. hot dogs will be served in the CHS cafeteria. At 7 p.m. parents may select two different sessions to learn how they can extend their child's learning at home. Curriculum Director Julia

Robinson has planned several opportunities, led by our own CISD teachers, to provide ideas and strategies to help students succeed in school.

Sessions for parents of elementary students include 1, 2, 3 Come Read with Me: An Early Reading Strategy; Picture Walk, Wonderful World of Words, The Math Boosters, Accelerated Reader, How to Raise a Great Mind without Losing Yours, Kitchen Chemistry, Education City, Boys & Girls Club—A Typical Day, Math Fun and Games and My Favorite Apps.

Parents of middle and high school students can get information about navigating graduation in the world of end-of-course testing, encouraging reading, iPads and apps, FASFA, applying to colleges and robotics.

All parents can learn about the mobile dental clinic coming to schools, what Communities In Schools offer for families and how to access your child's grades through Family Access.



*ACW held its first PRIDE rally on August 31. New third graders learned that ACW students are Prepared, Respectful, Involved, Determined and Encouraging. CHS cheerleaders and ACW faculty competed in relay races for the students' entertainment.*

Join us for food, fun and door prizes provided by Walmart and TAMU-Commerce.

See the district website for session topics. [http://www.commerceisd.org/users/0001/docs/B2SFlyer 12-13.pdf](http://www.commerceisd.org/users/0001/docs/B2SFlyer%2012-13.pdf)

*Former CHS student and now ACW teacher Shelbie Embro high fives at the finish of her roller board race.*



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Superintendent  
Blake Cooper

## Cooper set to attend Lamar's Superintendent Academy

Blake Cooper, Superintendent of Commerce ISD, has been selected to participate in the Lamar University Superintendent Academy, an advanced leadership training program on Lamar University's Beaumont campus. Cooper has received a scholarship to attend through The Center for Executive Leadership at Lamar.

According to its Executive Director Dr. Bob Thompson, participation in the Academy is by invitation only. The 22 superintendents in the 2012-2013 class were chosen from a list of approximately 75 nominees from Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

At the Academy, Cooper will review the latest technology for enhancing student learning, participate in advanced leadership training from some of the nation's foremost trainers of company executives, and get training in the Decision Support Center, a high tech laboratory for improving the speed and quality of management decision making. Cooper will also have an opportunity for field trips to visit other school districts to review practices that have helped make those districts be successful.

The year-long Academy is designed, Thompson says, to provide the most professional growth opportunities with the least amount of time away from the district.

### Mark your calendars! **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept. 20	Volunteer training, 6:30 p.m., ACW
Oct. 1	Northeast Texas Marching Festival, TAMU-C
Oct. 8	Student holiday
	State Fair tickets will be distributed
Oct. 9	Second six weeks begins
Oct. 11	Reports cards go home
Oct. 15	Board of Trustees meeting, 7 p.m., Board Room
Oct. 16	CES International Night, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Shot Clinic, CES
Oct. 27	ACW Fall Carnival
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

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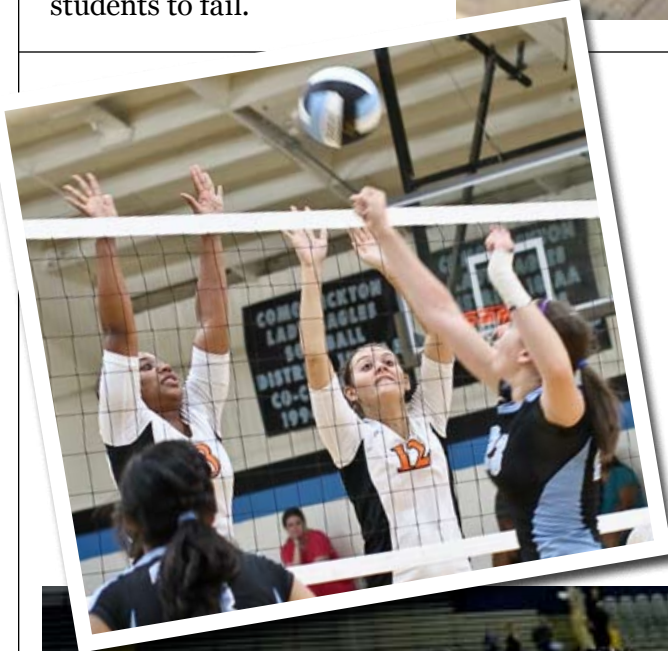
## Mixed Feelings



*The first day of school brought excitement and trepidation for parents and students at Commerce Elementary School.*

## CMS staff finish an 'Amazing Race'

If residents saw what seemed to be marauding masses of adults descend on Walmart, CMS and the Morris Recreation Center in late August, they are correct. Principal Patrick Just sent his staff on a team-building exercise fashioned after the popular TV show "Amazing Race." Teachers earned points toward a steak lunch by understanding that "the stakes are too high" for students to fail.



## Tiger teams are up

The Lady Tigers are 2-0 in district play and the Tiger football team has two wins under its belt.



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## CES



Robert Johnson  
Deaf Education

## ACW



Penny Belcher  
3rd Grade

## CMS



Curt Hale  
Health/Inclusion

## CHS



Ed Barker  
Science



Kevin Lidington  
Business/Technology

## ADMIN



Adam Rupert  
Principal, CHS



Lauren Veraska  
First Grade



Kortney Clayton  
ESL



Kirby Jackson  
PE/Coach



Amanda Bryant  
English, CHS



Luke Nichols  
Social Studies



Rose Gardner  
Asst. Principal, CHS



Beth Tatum  
PreK



Shelbie Embro  
5th Grade



Jackie McMinn  
6th Grade Reading



Matthew Bryant  
Social Studies, Coach



David Polk  
Band



Christy Hansen  
Asst. Principal, CMS



John Walker  
PE



Tammy Williams  
4th Grade



Beth Mizell  
Art



Carrie Campbell  
Math, Special Ed



Eilene Weimar  
Music, CES/ACW



Korey Perry  
7th Grade Science

