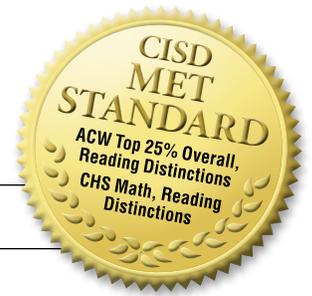


CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Homecoming festivities make memories, honor the past



The excitement of Homecoming spreads among CHS seniors and graduates who come back to celebrate with old friends. Old traditions such as naming the Homecoming king and queen mesh with new ones like honoring the new CISD Hall of Honor inductees.

Senior Isaiah Martinez and Grayson Chilton were chosen Homecoming King and Queen by the student body.



Inductees into the CISD Hall of Honor served as honorary captains at the Commerce vs Howe homecoming game. Left to right are Myra Beadles, Billie Garrett, Dan Farell and Mary Spencer. Earlier in the day, they were guests of honor at a luncheon at the Central Administration Building. They were also introduced at the CHS pep rally.



Focus is on reading at CES Family Night



CES hosts several family nights during the school year but the reading night is especially well attended as parents learn reading strategies to help their children practice at home.



Mock trial prepares students for real-life experiences

The CHS Business Law class participated in a teen court mock trial in Municipal Judge Demitra Robinson's courtroom on November 11. Students were assigned key courtroom roles such as judge, bailiff and court recorder. Afterward, Judge Robinson shared insight into career opportunities in the legal field with the group.

At left, teen court judge Ty Reynolds gets instructions from Municipal Judge Demitra Robinson.

Below, students tried several cases before the jury made up of their peers.



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A&M-Commerce players encourage drug-free pledge

ACW celebrated the end of Red Ribbon Week with a friendly game versus the Texas A&M University-Commerce men's basketball team. The university players encouraged the students to work hard to meet their goals and pledge to be drug free.



WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

*Second- & fifth-grade choirs
CMS & CHS drama · CMS & CHS bands
Artwork in the library*

*Join us as we celebrate
the season with music, art & drama*

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BOOK FAIR



*Shoppers at the CES book fair
had plenty to choose from.*

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CHS BAND DIRECTOR DAVE POLK (front center) is flanked by Southern Methodist University personnel Ninfa Tarango and Genesis Morales. The band sent their old uniforms to Luis Mena School in Antigua, Guatemala, and the women came to thank them and video record their music to share with the Central American school when they visit. The collaboration between the bands should expand during the coming months.



CES provides Food4kids seven days a week

It's a weekly cycle at CES. Backpacks leave school on Fridays full of food provided by the Northeast Texas Food Bank and return empty Monday. Nora Chessher volunteers each week to pack the backpacks so children have healthy food over the weekend. Counselor Belinda Miller has coordinated the program for several years.

CMS to compete in one-act play December 12

Rehearsals continue for “Why Do We Laugh”, the CMS one-act play which will be presented at competition in Quitman December 12. CMS teacher and play director Shelbie Embro says working with the sixth-grade cast is exciting because it is their first time to learn stage directions or even step on a stage. “The cast and crew are so much fun....I look forward to rehearsal with them at the end of each day,” she said.



CHS comedy wows crowd

Approximately 170 people attended the CHS production of “Dr. Evil and the Basket of Kittens” during its two dinner theatre performances. Almost all of the CHS study body saw the performance at school.

CHS theatre teacher Karri Anderson said that over 30 students were involved in the production and another 15 volunteered their time to be dinner servers.

The Drama Department will participate in the Winter Arts Festival on December 12. UIL One-Act Play rehearsals will begin during the first week of December. In April, the Drama Club will present “The Show,” an improv comedy and singing performance.

