

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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1st Place Band Chant
1st Place Crowdleading
2nd Place Fight Song
2nd Place Overall
Sideline Spirit Award

Tiger Cheer among the top at NCA competition —Front row: Assistant Coach Jennie Reynolds, Sydney Martinez, Trinity Hall, Alexis Morgan, Korrihgan Smith, Jaden Buchanan, Savannah Scott, Chamblee Morgan, Sydney Oliphant, Head Coach Sawyer Cunningham

Second row: Madison Warren, Jenna Gossett, Khana May, Abby Rhodes, Katie Chappell, Payton Miller, Jenna Buchanan, Meghan Green, Preston Gonzalez, Emma Wittkopf, Brenli Tennison, Olivia Veraska, Emma Dobbs, Honesty Bridges. Not pictured is Autumn Willis

Tiger Cheer Team places second at national competition

The tension hung heavy as the Tiger Cheer Team, its coaches and a large contingent of family and fans waited for the results of the National Cheerleader Association's game day medium varsity division competition held in Dallas on February 1-2.

After finishing first in two events and second in another, the team knew that they had a good chance of placing near the top in the field of 25 teams. When results were announced the team was happy with their placement which was second only to San Angelo Central High School, a 6A school. The squad also received the Sideline Spirit Award because of its supportive fans.

"We competed against teams from literally all over the country. I am blown away by how well we did," Head Coach Sawyer Cunningham said.



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Students gain workplace skills in the community

Having a skill that can transfer directly into the workforce after graduation is an asset for students. CHS students with disabilities are volunteering at Fish Ministries and Meals on Wheels to gain employment experiences. When Meals on Wheels was short staffed one week, non-disabled students jumped on board to help students with disabilities meet the needs of the day.

A program to help students with disabilities get their food handlers certification will start later this spring.

CES students count down on 100th day

Counting by ones and tens to 100, stacking 100 cups and making designs with 100 cotton-tipped sticks, were just a few of the activities CES students enjoyed on the 100th day of school.



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CHS band students excel at solo and ensemble contest

The CHS Tiger Band continues to bring home awards and honors during competition season. The students pictured achieved superior ratings at the Solo and Ensemble contest on February 1.

*Front row: Lana Swinson (trumpet), Sania Bhasin (clarinet) and Ben Angel (euphonium)
Back row: Lucas Condor (percussion), Fernando Medrano (trumpet), Gus Kilgore (trumpet) and Michael McWhorter (trumpet)*

Aim for Success program funded by CSEE Foundation

Students at CMS participated in the Aim for Success program this month. Sixth graders saw the abstinence program and throughout the spring all campuses will have programs specifically designed to help them make healthy choices regarding bullying, drug and alcohol abuse and sexting/technology. Parent programs were held prior to the events so that parents could see the presentation before allowing their children to participate. The programs were brought to campuses through a grant funded by the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation and proposed by Director of Health Services Kathy Myers.



Peak signs to play football

Anthony Peak has signed a letter of intent to play football at Southeastern Oklahoma University. Best wishes to Anthony as he joins the Savage Storm!

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Boys & Girls Club selects Youths of the Year



Henry Lopez · Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas · Youth of the Year



Selena Hermosillio · CMS



Austin Cook · ACW



Tate Jones · CES

The Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas has selected its Youth of the Year and this year Henry Lopez of CHS has that honor. Henry excels in his studies and activities and has established himself as a leader in the ACE/B&G program as he helps other students study. He will compete at the state level with other club winners for the overall state winner. Campus Junior Youth of the Year winners are shown above.

CES Students of the Month



Commerce Elementary School students are chosen for Students of the Month because of their hard work, dedication to learning, and their leadership.

Students of the Month for January include:

Left to right, back row: First Grade Michael Valero and Katherine Garland; Second Grade Isaac Shipman and Sameeha Mumshad

Front row, Pre-K: (Not Pictured) Brayson Robrecht and Liane ReyAnae; Kindergarten Cayden Conley and Mairina Amwel



Students of the Month for February include:

Left to right, back row: First Grade Yareli Nunez and Aniya Kalle; Second Grade Adriel Gonzalez, Skye Smith

Front Row Pre-K Dawson Foster and Ni'Aysia Johnson; Kindergarten Maddox Lytel and Lyanna Postell

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Former Norris School basketball players Jerry Pannell, Harry Turner and Dwight Bogar (center) were recognized for their 1964 state championship win. A banner will be placed in the CHS gym memorializing their achievement.

CHS honors Norris School state basketball champions

It was a special night at CHS as the school held a long overdue recognition for the 1964 Norris School state championship basketball team. Three members of the team were available for the event but each player's name will be displayed on a banner in the gym.

CHS celebrates its winning tradition



Three CHS Robotics teams competed in the New Diana High School Invitational Robotics Tournament on February 8 and all three made it to the elimination rounds. John Pittman, Nathaniel White and Matthew Fox formed an alliance partnership with Ben Fox, Justin Castelberry and Luke Scarcelli to win the tournament championship. Pittman won the individual driver skills trophy for the second tournament in a row. All three teams have qualified for the state competition in Terrell on February 22. Go Tigers!



Three CHS choir students received superior ratings at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest February 8 at West Mesquite High School. Meagan Jones participated in the Class 1 division and qualified to participate in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest (TSSEC). Others included Leonela Pinargote, Class 2, and Brenda Pinargote, Class 3, who also received superior ratings.

Teacher Amy Santiago Quinones, Meagan Jones, Leonela Pinargote and Brenda Pinargote are shown above left to right.



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