

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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CHS Robotics finishes 1st in State

The winning robotics team — Ryan Huynh, London Duke, John Pittman — is congratulated by Coach Earvin Larry.



Recruiting from the lower ranks — CMS band director Jason Wallace and his band students showcased their talents at ACW with the hopes of recruiting fifth graders into the program next year.

The Commerce Tigers in Motion Robotics team finished in the top spot at the VEX Region: 1A - 4A State Robotics Championship in Houston last month. After qualifying for the event last year, the team was set to bring state honors back to Commerce this year.

The team had an 8 -1 record in the Qualification Rounds. Coach Earvin Larry said the team performed extremely well and dominated the competition to take the State title.

The State Champions Tigers in Motion team 70291C consisted of John (the Hitman) Pittman, driver; Ryan Huynh, spotter and programmer; and London Duke, timekeeper.

“At the State Level, we had the opportunity to compete against the very best. This win is great for our program and our school. I’m truly grateful for the support from our administrative staff, students and the Commerce community,” said Larry.



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CMS Band Director Jason Wallace and CHS Band Director Kara Wallace

CMS Honor Band wins Sweepstakes

All six judges at the UIL competition gave the CHS Honor Band first division ratings in the recent event. Winning the coveted Sweepstakes award is the result of the “students’ diligence and mature musicianship,” explained Kara Wallace, CHS band director.



For the first time ever, the CHS Colorguard performed in the North Texas Colorguard Association Solo contest and each participated received a first division rating and will advance in the competition.



Sam Gossett (alto saxophone), Ben Angel (trombone), Lucas Condor (drum set), and Michael McWhorter (trumpet) earned a chair and performed in the ATSSB Region 3 All Region Clinic/Concert.

Retired teachers present grants to CISD teachers



Patricia Nelle, CES Assistant Principal; Martey Massey and Paula Massey, NEHCRTA Representatives; and Jennifer Dexter, CES 2nd-grade teacher; and Wanda Beane, CES Principal



Dr. Lisa Palazzetti, ACW Principal, and Chelsea Roman, ACW special education teacher



Brad Swain, CMS Principal; and Leanne Bryant, CMS art teacher



Joyce Sample, Head of the English Department; Micah Doyle, CHS English teacher; and Cameron Gentile, CHS English teacher

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Wilson gets Dexter Award

CHS Principal Steve Drummond presented the Dexter Award to Senior J'Den Wilson.

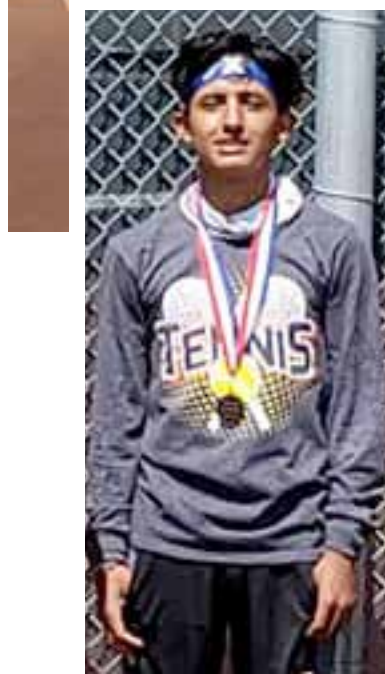
The Dexter Award is given to the athlete or athletes at CHS that embody the ideals of former Coach Charles Dexter. The athlete must excel in the classroom, the community and in competition.



Boys win back-to-back district titles

The CHS Boys Tennis Team brought home the district title again this year. Leading the team was the second place boys doubles team of Austin White and Michael McWhorter. Fernando Medrano and Emma Dobbs won third place in mixed doubles. Coming in fourth in mixed doubles were Jesse Ramirez and Meghan Green. Sacramento Galvan got fourth place in boys singles.

The girls team placed third in district competition with Alyssa Haddock and Kayla Gossett coming in fourth in doubles.



Left to right: Emma Dobbs, Fernando Medrano, Alyssa Haddock, Kayla Gossett, Yessica Trejo, Austin White and Michael McWhorter

Sacramento Galvan

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Congratulations Tigers!



CES Students of the Month announced

CES students were chosen for April because of their hard work, dedication to learning and their leadership.

Pictured in order from left to right top row are:

Pre-K—Jett McCracken and Emilian White

Kindergarten—Steven De La Cruz and Quinn Romans

Bottom row:

First Grade—Logan Hammer and Kyron Coleman

Second Grade—Angel Medina and Alona Campbell



▲ ACW librarian Yvonne Parker builds relationships with fifth-grade students during “Lunch with the Librarian.”



▲ Seventh-grade Texas history teacher Michael Plumlee was chosen by CMS teacher as the Teacher of the Month. He was presented a trophy by Assistant Principal Nick Smith.



◀ ACW celebrated Administrative Assistants Day by honoring Marianna Doyle and Cortney Brown.