

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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CSEEF Boots & BBQ sets attendance record

The Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation held its 12th annual Boots & BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser on April 16. The CHS cafetorium was filled to capacity as teachers and administrators explained how the grants affected student achievement. Over \$62,000 was given to CISD this year with a total contribution of \$415 thousand since the Foundation was formed in 2001.



▲ CES students read to guests prior to dinner.



▲ CHS Art teacher Katie Ritchie (left) shows Foundation Board member Bill Fuhrmeister and his wife, Sophia, products produced by the 3D printer, which was purchased through a CSEEF grant.



▲ CES Principal Diane Stegall speaks to a student about the ArboREADum.

▼ The ACW Choir sang three selections at the Boots & BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser. The choir is directed by Eilene Weimar, ACW and CES music teacher.



CES explores math and science

CES opened its doors to families in early April to showcase hands-on math and science activities that could be practiced at home. Principal Diane Stegall said teachers shared easy to replicate ideas for increasing math and science achievement. Students from the CHS National Honor Society and Texas A&M University-Commerce provided aid so that students had one-on-one assistance.



Testing and Special Events Calendar

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| April 22 Special Olympics Track Meet | May 12 CHS Spring Band Concert |
| April 29 Bad weather day | May 18 CHS Advanced Art Show, TAMU-C |
| May 3 CES Spring Music Program, CMS, 6 p.m. | May 19 CHS/8th Grade Band Concert, TAMU-C, 7 |
| May 3 CHS Theatre and Film Club Banquet | May 21 Prom |
| May 5 Athletic Banquet | May 23 Top Ten Graduate Dinner |
| May 9 STAAR Math 3, 4, 6 and 7
Math Retest 5 and 8 | May 23 CHS Honors/Awards Night |
| May 9 Senior/Parent Banquet, CHS, 7 p.m. | May 24 CHS Band Banquet |
| May 10 STAAR English 3, STAAR Reading 3, 4, 6 and 7,
Reading Retest 5 and 8 | May 26 FFA Banquet |
| May 11 STAAR Algebra 2, Science 5 and 8 | May 26 CMS Spring Band Concert, 7 p.m. |
| May 12 STAAR Social Studies 8 | June 2 Last day of school — Early release |
| | June 3 Teacher workday |
| | June 3 Graduation, TAMU-C Fieldhouse, 8 p.m. |

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CASA enlists CMS students to fight abuse

Representatives from CASA for Hunt County encouraged CMS students to participate in the National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness campaign by signing the “Stand Up and Tell” banner.

The group visits annually to spread the message about the importance of telling a responsible adult if child abuse is suspected.

Each students received a “No Excuse for Child Abuse” bracelet for participating.



Teresa Robinson's fifth-grade home room celebrated after every student recited multiplication facts to 12. Their math teacher, Carol Adams, will enjoy the pizza party prize with her students.



Disgusting but educational? Walking through a simulated lung may not be your cup of tea either, but these second graders explored a larger-than-life inflatable lung in a special exhibit at the Northeast Texas Children's Museum.



Nominations are being accepted for the 2016 CISD Hall of Honor through April 22. See www.commerceisd.org for a nomination form or visit the Central Administration Building.

UIL and other winners

Eighteen CHS students attended the UIL competition on April 4. The following are Regional Qualifiers:

Number Sense team

1st – Joseph Jang; 3rd – Megan Eborn; 7th – Connor Green

Social Studies team

3rd – Lily Selvaggi; 4th – Claire Dobbs; 6th – Megan Eborn
Marcus Rogers

Alan Galicia placed 2nd in Current Events

In addition to the Regional qualifiers, Raquel Medrano placed 6th in Calculator Apps and Vineet Nipanni placed 6th in Math.

UIL Theatrical Design

The CHS Theatrical Design team is headed for State competition in May. Out of almost 700 entries, Commerce has been selected as one of eight group entries. Two individual students, Philip Weise (Costume Design) and Aaron Ferrell (Set Design), also qualified for State. Commerce won State in Group Design last year and has qualified for State five out of the six years of participating.

NET-OLE

The Texas Foreign Language Symposium had approximately 630 students from 22 high schools competing in NET-OLE in French and Spanish language events on April 13 at TAMU-C. There were 20 students competing from Commerce. Sarah Anthraper placed first in Beginner Spelling. Marisol Bonilla placed fourth in Memorized Poetry. Brooke Elliott, fourth in Beginner Sightreading; Hallie Smith, third in Beginner Verbal Fluency, and Kate Hampton third in Advanced Craft. The remaining results will be emailed to the sponsors next week.

Rotary Club Four Way Speech

Competing in the Rotary Club Speech Competition on March 23 were Alan Galicia, Lily Selvaggi, who placed second, and Madison Shaw who placed first.

Commerce Idol

CHS was represented in the Commerce Idol competition held on April 9. Tristan White won first place singing and playing the guitar. Joseph Jang won second place playing the xylophone. Also representing CHS were Colton Davis and Hailey Powell.



Flat Stanley headed out again

Dee Dee Harris's first-grade students are ready to mail Flat Stanley to family and friends. Harris says the students can't wait to see all the places he will visit. So far, she knows he will visit Japan, Scotland, Iran and all over the USA. The students will map his journey to see how far he travels.

Flat Stanley comes from a book about a little boy who was flattened by a bulletin board. His father mailed him in an envelope to visit friends in California because the family couldn't afford the trip.

Tigerettes chosen for 2016-2017

CHS Drill Team tryouts were held April 8 and the squad will increase to 17 students. The following students were selected:

Captain, Anna Songer
1st Lieutenant Destiny Legates
2nd Lieutenant Elizabeth Richardson
Alison Anderson
Genesis Campbell
Candis Cunningham
Belen Fuentes
Angel Godsell
Deanna Guerra
Kylee Jackson
Kynnedi Jackson
Dejeya Johnson
Aaliyah Reeves
Kaitlyn Rymer
Daytreiona Stephens
Melissa Uribe
Harmony Willaby