

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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End of Year Activities

- May 17 Top 10 Graduate Dinner, 5:30 p.m. CISD Admin. Bldg.
- CHS Honors Night, 7 p.m. CHS
- May 19 CHS Band Concert, 7 p.m., TAMU-C Music Building
- May 20 FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m. CHS
- CMS Awards Assembly, 1:30 p.m., Auditorium
- May 21 Prom, 8 p.m., TAMU-C
- May 26 Kindergarten Circus
- June 3 Second Grade Awards Assembly
- June 6 ACW Awards Assembly

Rotary recognizes top five percent scholars

In what has become an annual tradition, the Commerce Rotary Club has honored the top five percent CHS scholars and their parents at a noon luncheon on May 11 at the CISD Administration Building.

As the speaker, Superintendent Blake Cooper reminded students to remember who they are, where they are from and who they represent as they strive for success at school and beyond.

Many of these students will receive additional recognition at the CHS Honors Night and the Top 10 Graduate Dinner May 17.



Top five percent seniors include Lisa Khau, Elizabeth Jang, Elizabeth Canzoneri, Araceli Cabrera-Zepeda, Payton Moreland and Cheyanne Patterson.



Top five percent sophomore scholars include Kaitlyn Mulkey, Chaney Moreland, Rachel McCloney, JoAnn Jang, Amanda Hill, Cristian Cabrera and Ian Bruton.



Top five percent juniors include Katharina Weber, Rachel Montgomery, Jalyn Holt, Virginia Dempsey and Haley Benson (left to right).



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Expectations**



Top five percent freshmen are Laney Davidson, Shelby Patterson, Mac Robinson, McKenna Sims, Spencer Sullivan and Logan Talley.

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CHS teachers Kevin Shaw and Jodee Anderson were two of several CHS staff who attended an iPad workshop in the new computer lab in the CISD Administration Building this month.

CISD received an additional 72 iPads for instructional use through a grant.

A presenter from the Texas Computer Education Association led teachers from Bonham, Celeste, Campbell, Wolfe City and Commerce through the day-long workshop.

Ag co-op raises over \$11,000

The Commerce Buyers Co-op held its annual silent and live auctions and dinner May 7 at Commerce High School raising over \$11,000 for the CHS ag program.

President Collin Kanaman said the co-op expanded its purpose from helping students buy animals to helping them offset travel expenses to contests.

“We believe this benefits more students, especially those to do not show animals but compete in other areas,” Kanaman said.

This year, the co-op purchased a new aluminum trim chute and digital scales for the CHS ag program.

CIS volunteer makes prom dreams come true



CIS campus manager Shane Rhudy (left) with Savannah Brookins and her mom, Amber Morales.

Most teenage girls dream of prom night but attending the event is usually a costly matter. Enter Savannah Brookins, a Communities In Schools Inc. volunteer and student at Texas A&M University-Commerce, who wanted to help girls at CHS who said they couldn't go to prom because they didn't have anything to wear. A resourceful young lady with many prom gowns shared among her eight sisters, Brookins set about gathering dresses, shoes and even makeup to make many girls' dreams come true.

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Rachel's Challenge celebrated in Frisco

Over 100 CHS students and teachers traveled to Pizza Hut Park in Frisco to be a part of a statewide rally for Rachel's Challenge.

Lead by CHS Principal Virdie Montgomery, the local Friends of Rachel Club has been recognized nationally for their exemplary programs and activities which strive to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion at their school.

WFAA TV personality John McCaa was the emcee for the rally and CHS students Macy Sims and Jalyn Holt spoke on the positive effects found from having an active Friends of Rachel Club at CHS.

According to Montgomery, it was a tremendous opportunity to showcase all the great things happening at CHS because students had accepted Rachel's Challenge.

"Our community would have been so proud of our students. It was an awesome event," he said.



CHS students enter the ballpark carrying their banner.



Macy Sims (left) and Jalyn Holt spoke at the Rachel's Challenge Rally in Frisco. They are shown with Craig Scott, Rachel's brother.



Teachers enjoyed their day with students at Pizza Hut Park.



Students wore their chain reaction t-shirts to the Frisco rally.

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Freshman Emily McGuyer finished sixth in Ready Writing in the UIL State Competition.

M/T workers show their heart in gift to coworker

It was all hands on deck as the CISD Maintenance and Transportation Department as bus drivers and other staff pulled together to prepare, sell and distribute a BBQ meal to CISD employees.

Their purpose was to raise funds for their coworker Ingrid Jones who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Without health insurance, Ingrid's medical bills were mounting and the \$1700 raised by the workers was appreciated by Jones and her family.



Bus driver and instructional aide Ingrid Jones shared a heartfelt thanks for the \$1700 presented by the Maintenance/Transportation Department.

CISD Maintenance/Transportation Department raised over \$1700 to help a bus driver in need.

Author and friends visit CES

Children's author David Sargent and his friends Spike, Emma and other assorted dachshunds entertained CES students this month during a student assembly.

Children delighted in the tricks the dogs performed while Sargent shared stories he had written about the antics of his canine crew.

