

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Donations needed for Special Olympics track meet

CISD Special Olympics organizers still need donations for metals and ribbons for the April 21 track meet to be held at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

CHS teacher Terry Buckley says that she has enough volunteers for the meet. At this time, 15 school districts with 220 athletes have registered to compete.

The photo above shows winners at the Emory Rains meet. Four more meets are planned this semester.

Second graders visit Dallas World Aquarium

Over 100 second graders boarded CISD buses to make the annual trip to the Dallas World Aquarium. They were delighted to see the very animals that they had researched and studied in class prior to their trip.



CSEE Foundation Boots & BBQ April 8

The annual Boots & BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 8 at Commerce High School. The event is the major fundraiser for the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation, which supports CISD teachers by funding their instructional proposals.

Tickets will be sold through April 4 at the CISD Administration Building. Cost is \$25 per ticket. To become a Foundation Champion, donors may give \$200 and receive two tickets to the event.



UIL one-act players present 'As it is in Heaven'

In District one-act play competition, the CHS drama performance brought several honors back to campus. Jakob Scarcelli was named outstanding tech. Emma Felts and Makayla Pickle were named honorable mention. Madison Shaw and Rachel Scarcelli were named to the All-Star Cast.

The all-female cast portrayed the story of Shaker women.



Rachel Scarcelli (center)



Madison Shaw (center)

Hall of Honor nominations open through April 7

Know a former student who has had a distinguished career or staff member who has made a significant impact on the students of CISD or Norris schools? Nominate them for induction to the CISD Hall of Honor. This year's induction ceremony will be held Friday, October 13, which is Homecoming. [See www.commerceisd.org](http://www.commerceisd.org) for guidelines and nomination details.

Tennis in action in Anna

As the CHS Tennis Team heads toward mid season, players continue to make a good showing. During spring break, the team tackled several tough opponents in Anna and had a first place win in girls doubles and consolation in boys and mixed doubles.



Nakeia Norris, Evan Humphries, Connor Green and Sejal Bhasin were consolation winners in Anna.



Lily Selvaggi (left) and Claire Dobbs finished first in doubles at the Anna Tournament.

Commerce Leadership Institute class visits CISD

We take every opportunity to show off our best and brightest and the annual visit from members of the Commerce Leadership Institute class offers a prime chance for principals to brag.

The class makes its visit during Texas Public Schools Week when schools are decked out with students' best work.

This year the class learned about the Pride Prep Academy, a partnership with Texas A&M University-Commerce, which allows freshmen to take dual-credit classes. They saw a plasma cutter in action in the CHS ag shop. They visited coding classes at ACW and saw students interact in the CES ArboREADum. The remodeled library was the highlight of the visit at CMS.



► A young CES reader shows her skills to CLI class members.



AG teacher Tommy Marshall demonstrates how the plasma cutter is used to cut intricate shapes in sheet metal.



▲ The CHS Robotics Team demonstrated how their robots could play mini basketball and rescue a person from a dangerous situation.



◀ Board President Kathleen Hooten, left, learned about unplugged coding at ACW.

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Around CISD...

After a quiet beginning to 2017, activity has accelerated with spring events such as open houses, special programs and activities. Here's a look around the district.



▲ The ACW choir performed to a packed house during Texas Public Schools Week Open House.



CHS held a club and activity showcase for parents and students at its Open House.



CES celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America this month. After surpassing their goal to read 2000 books in one hour, everyone on campus celebrated with a Dr. Seuss cupcake.



▲ ACW Assistant Principal Tina Bronson shared how her grandmother made coded quilts for the Underground Railroad during her Black History Month presentation.

Lisa Burden's fifth graders celebrated the completion of the book "Esperanza Rising" by Pam Munoz Ryan, an historical fiction novel set during the Great Depression. Students enjoyed homemade Mexican dishes during class time.

Eighth graders visit A&M-C chemistry department



CMS students visited the Texas A&M University-Commerce Department of Chemistry and were able to expand their knowledge and application conducting hands-on lab experiments. Thanks A&M-C for sharing your knowledge and facilities with our students!



17-18 CHS cheerleaders named

After tryouts held March 10, the following cheerleaders were named for the next school year.

Junior Varsity

Trinity Hall
Sydney Martinez
Vanessa Navarrete
Savannah Scott
Allison Underwood

Varsity

Jacee Buchanan
Jaden Buchanan
Jesse Edwards
Summer Hanson
Kylee Jackson
Brooklyn Matthews
Caitlyn Rogers
Sara Rumbaugh
Hallie Smith
Korrighan Smith
Brooklyn Talley
Cody Wallace
Allie Wittkopf
Kailee Wright



Spring Testing and Special Event Calendar

- March 28. . . . English 1 STAAR EOC test
7th Grade STAAR Writing
8th Grade STAAR Math
- March 29. . . . 8th Grade STAAR Reading
- March 30. . . . English 2 STAAR EOC test
- April 5 CMS UIL Concert and Sight Reading
Top 5 percent luncheon
- April 8 CSEE Foundation Boots & BBQ Fundraiser
Tickets on sale at CISD Admin. Bldg
- April 18 Board of Trustees meeting
- April 21 Special Olympics Track Meet, A&M-C
- May 2 Algebra I STAAR EOC test
Drama Club Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
- May 3 Biology STAAR EOC test
- May 4 US History STAAR EOC test
8th Grade Algebra I EOC
Athletic Banquet, 6 p.m.
- May 8 6th/7th Grades STAAR Math
8th Grade STAAR Math Retest
- May 9 6th/7th Grades STAAR Reading
8th Grade STAAR Reading Retest
2nd Grade Family Picnic
- May 10 8th Grade STAAR Science
1st Grade Family Picnic
- May 11 8th Grade STAAR Social Studies
Kindergarten Family Picnic
CHS Band Spring Concert, 7 p.m. A&M-C
- May 13 Prom, 7 p.m., A&M-C Sam Rayburn Center