

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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CHS students recognized at One-Act Play District competition

Austin White — Best Performer

Emma Isom — All-Star Cast

Oliver Roberts — Honorable Mention All-Star Cast

Maggie Grasser — Individual All-Star Tech

Best Tech Crew — Maggie Grasser, D'Andre Harrison, Abigail Knight, Samuel Arrant and Graham Knight

No other tech crew was awarded this honor.

Joyce Sample — Co-director

Lillian Jones — Student intern director

Karri Anderson — Director

One-Act Play headed to Bi-District

After capturing second place at the District UIL one-act play competition on March 6, the CHS cast and crew advanced to the next round. The Bi-District match up will be held on March 20 at Denison High School. The play is titled *Shipwrecked? An Entertainment!* by Donald Margulies.

CHS had several students recognized for their excellent performances. See the list on the left.



Band program brings home top honors

In every competition undertaken this year, the CMS and CHS bands have excelled at the highest level. The Jazz Cats made 1st division at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest. Band members brought home 31 first division medals. Four students advanced to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest.



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Congratulations to ACW MLK Jr. award winners

Principal Lisa Palazzetti was happy to congratulate her students and staff who were named as Martin Luther King Leadership Award winners. Shown are Dr. Palazzetti, Cindy Pierce,



Detra Shamlin and Kaitlin Lunceford. Students chosen were Josiah Price, Malcolm Sheffield, Colten Alderman, Rachel Nelle and Johanna Trejo.

The honors are awarded annually to individual who exhibit good citizenship and humanity.



Sam Gossett



Fernando Medrano



Michael McWhorter

Three CHS students named to ATSSB All-State Band

Sam Gossett, Michael McWhorter and Fernando Medrano have earned the prestigious honor of being named Texas All-State Musicians by the Association of Texas Small School Bands.

Over 50,000 students from around the state initially entered the audition process and 1860 students have been selected for 2021. This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 33 Texas Music Educators Association Regions. Individual

musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advances from their Region to compete against musicians from other areas in eight TMEA Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to a TMEA All-State music group.

This is McWhorter's second time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization. The students are under the direction of Kara Wallace and each studies privately.

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Robotics program excels

In early February, CHS Tigers in Motion robotics team placed third overall in the VRC, Red Alliance, Change-Up Robotics Invitational Tournament in Austin. Team coach Earvin Larry said the team including Guya Nobles, Rossy Ramirez, Ashlynn Anderson and Paxton Roden took the field against some very talented teams from the Austin area.

The team participated in 14 matches and made it to the semi-finals before coming up short. They finished the day with 10 wins and four losses.

Both Commerce teams have advanced to the State competition in Houston.

Texas Public Schools Week celebrated

CISD schools had to find new ways to show off their skills and talents during Texas Public Schools Week because of the pandemic. Check out special campus highlights on the following links:

CES <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gktqofwJKyk>

ACW <https://youtu.be/D9XJDCUg1KA>

ACW art show <https://www.artsonia.com/schools/media.asp?id=10608&media=9670>

CMS serves community

Students in Leanne Bryant's CMS art classes made colorful cards for residents of Commerce nursing homes.

