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March 2013

Recognition season underway

As spring arrives, students take advantage of opportunities to show off their talent and hard work. At its regular monthly meeting, the CISD Board of Trustees recognized students who have excelled in band, powerlifting and academics.



The CHS Tiger Band brought home the Sweepstakes trophy for the third year in a row. Shown with drum majors William Bowes and Bernadette Peltier (left) are band officers Wesley Jensen, Erin Jensen, Ashley Grubert and Ben Montgomery.



Recognized by the Board for qualifying for the State UIL Powerlifting Meet were Stacy Clark, Cortez Crosby and Isaiah Martinez. State qualifier Erin Ledbetter is not pictured. Martinez went on to place third at the meet.



Senior Audrey Anderson was recognized for receiving a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



Members of the CHS Tiger Band qualified for Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest and were recognized by the CISD Board. Pictured front row: Elizabeth Bialecki, assistant director; Bernadette Peltier, Abel Arce, Tanner Brenn, Amelia Martin, Kaitlyn Nicholson and Erin Jensen. Second row: Director Dave Polk, Jackson Singleton, Ashley Grubert, Wesley Jensen and William Bowes. Back row: Jacob Fairweather, D.J. Armendariz, Nathan Burt, Dustin May and Mac Robinson. Not pictured are Aimee Adams, Marco Castaneda, Andres Cadena, Rebekah Shumway, Nikolas Scarcelli, John Naizer and Jonathan Mendoza.



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Teachers of the year honored

Campus Teachers of the Year were recognized by the Board in March.

Representing CHS was Trecia Harrell. CMS was represented by Celia Reid. Keiondra Simpson was selected from A. C. Williams Elementary School and Misti Gardner was chosen from Commerce Elementary School.

Teachers write essays and are interviewed by a committee who selects an elementary teacher and secondary teacher to represent CISD at the Region 10 competition. They will be recognized at a Texas Rangers game and also treated to lunch with all Region 10 teachers of the year in August.

Teachers of the year (left to right) Trecia Harrell, CHS; Celia Reid, CMS; Keiondra Simpson, ACW and Misti Gardner, CES were honored by the Board.

Yearlong effort to enhance college readiness wins recognition for TAMUC



What began in September as a concerted effort by CISD and TAMUC to familiarize students with opportunities available “just across the street” at Texas A&M University-Commerce has blossomed into a full-fledged program that informs parents and students about the ins and outs of post-secondary admissions and expectations.

Wendy Gruver, director of Student Assessment, College Readiness and Retention, led parent and student informational meetings to discuss financial aid options and then arranged for seniors to apply using the Apply Texas app. Juniors worked on writing scholarship letters. Freshmen were introduced to post-secondary options and the emphasis for sophomores was on the importance of rigorous academic preparation.

CHS students toured the university campus to eat in the cafeteria and visit the library to become familiar with the campus.

Gruver said the cooperation between the university and CISD administrators has resulted in a line up of 32 semester hours credit possible for next year’s juniors before the graduate high school.

Julia Robinson, CISD director of Curriculum, Special Programs and Grants, said Gruver had arranged to provide GED testing in Spanish for students enrolled in the Commerce Community Plaza, avoiding the long lines and full testing venues in the metroplex. A total of 20 to 26 graduates are expected in the Plaza’s first graduation class next fall.

Superintendent Blake Cooper thanked Dr. Ricky Dobbs, Wendy Gruver and Jody Todhunter of Texas A&M University-Commerce for their work to ensure CHS students have all the information needed to apply and enter the university.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 • 3315 Washington

Monday April 15
Monday May 20
Monday June 17
Monday July 15