

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Rotary Club honors CHS top 5 percent scholars

The Commerce Rotary Club continued its annual tradition of honoring the CHS top five percent scholars at a luncheon in April. Parents beamed as their child's name was called to accept a certificate.

The guest speaker, a businessman and pilot, encouraged students to design a plan for their lives but be flexible as new challenges arise to take them in a new direction of success.

Drum majors chosen for 2016–2017

The CHS Band held tryouts for drum majors for the next school year this spring. Leading the band will be Rachel Scarcelli, head drum major, and Alan Galicia, assistant drum major. The students will attend drum major camp this summer to learn the tricks of the trade.



Senior top 5 percent students include (left to right) Jackson Singleton, Courtney McCloney, Emily Gruver, Aaron Ferrell, Chelsey Beane and Sierra Patterson.



Representing the Junior class were Nicole Barrett, Riley Davidson, Claire Dobbs, Luke Hooten, Rachel Scarcelli and Madison Shaw.



Top 5 percent scholars from the Sophomore class include Vineet Nippani, Ernesto Balderrama, Alan Galicia, Joseph Jang, Lily Selvaggi and Brooklyn Talley.



Freshmen scholars include Sarah Anthraper, Connor Green, Summer Hanson, Ashley Lopez, Jacob Scarcelli and Grace Tolly.



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Making Egyptian studies come alive

Sixth-grade students traveled to Ancient Egypt with their guide Shelbie Embro, CMS social studies teacher. They picked from eight different projects including topics like pyramids, the Nile River and King Tut. Students wrote the name in hieroglyphics and researched using the many books and maps available in the ancient tomb. At the end of the week, students participated in an Egyptian Party and met Cleopatra. Throughout the week, sixth graders gained a broader knowledge of world cultures.



Mother's Day masterpieces

CES students decorated cakes especially for their mothers in celebration of Mother's Day.

Special Events Calendar

- May 17 Second Grade Family Picnic, CES, 11:15 a.m.
- May 17 Love and Logic Parent Workshop, CES, 5:30 p.m.
- May 18 First Grade Family Picnic, CES, 11:15 a.m.
- May 18 CHS Advanced Art Show, TAMU-C
- May 19 Kindergarten Circus, CES, 9 a.m.
- May 19 Kindergarten Family Picnic, CES, 11:15 a.m.
- May 19 CHS/8th Grade Band Concert, TAMU-C, 7
- May 20 Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament, Sand Hills Country Club, Benefiting Tiger Football, Contact Coach Cleveland at CHS
- May 20 Pre-K Family Picnic, CES, 11 a.m.
- May 21 Prom
- May 23 Top Ten Graduate Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

- May 23 CHS Honors/Awards Night, CHS, 6:30 p.m.
- May 24 Senior Walk at CES
- May 24 CHS Band Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
- May 25 Retirement reception for Trish King and Deanna Hays, CAB, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
- May 26 Retirement reception for Superintendent Blake Cooper, CAB, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
- May 26 FFA Banquet, 6 p.m.
- May 26 CMS Spring Band Concert, 7 p.m.
- May 30 School Holiday
- May 31 NJHS Induction, CMS, 6 p.m.
- June 2 CMS Awards Ceremony, 9:30 a.m.
- June 2 Last day of school — Early release
- June 3 Teacher workday
- June 3 Graduation, TAMU-C Fieldhouse, 8 p.m.

Bi-District Champion Tiger Softball Team

Coach Jenna O'Neal's Lady Tiger softball team advanced to area competition after beating Grand Saline 8-0 to clinch the Bi-District title. At Area. Hooks proved to be a tough opponent defeating the Lady Tigers in two games.



We love our teachers!

Central Office staff treated staff on all four campuses to Sonic drinks in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week. We appreciate Sonic Drive-in for donating cups for the treats.



Manning the drink cart at CES were Heather Kilgore, district instructional technologist, and Assistant Superintendent Charlie Alderman. Teacher JenAnne Dolkos welcomed the cool gift.

Reaching goals at CES

The CES stage could hardly contain all of the students meeting their Accelerated Reader goals. Each grade level has a certain number of books set to receive gold and blue shirts. Students who receive gold shirts meet the highest standard.



Representatives of the Sigma Chi fraternity at Texas A&M University-Commerce presented ACW PE teacher Sarah Looney with a check for \$105 to purchase equipment for PE classes.



On April 22, CISD hosted the Annual Special Olympics Track Meet. Commerce High School and Commerce Middle School had the privilege of working the track meet and had the joy of working with these amazing kiddos! Around 115 students represented

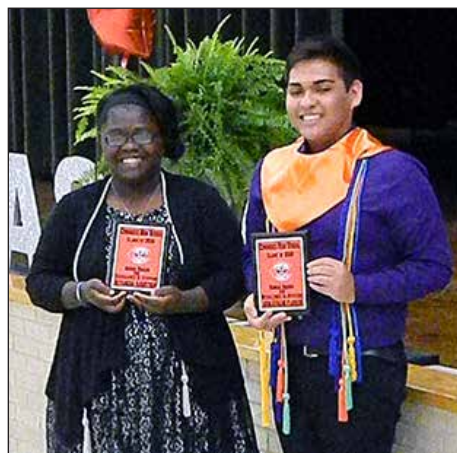
CHS and around 25 students were there from CMS. Many teachers, administrators and board members also helped with the activities. We also had the privilege of having our "First Responders" award the students their awards.

Senior/Parent Banquet celebrates accomplishments

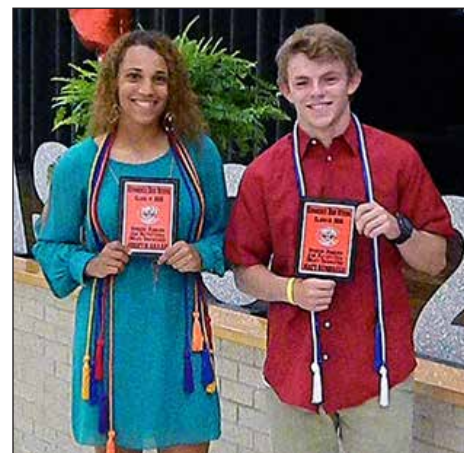
Over 200 seniors and parents attended the 2016 Senior/Parent Banquet held May 9 in the CHS cafeteria. Seniors were awarded their cords and received awards and honors for their high school activities and accomplishments.



Salutatorian Jackson Singleton and Valedictorian Emily Gruver



Excellence in Attitude — Keyandra Robertson and Jonathan Flores



Activities Award — Jordyn Sharp and Matt Rumbaugh



Citizenship — Megan Eborn and Trey Grubert



Leadership — Chelsey Beane and Zane Belcher



Service — Michael Elwell and Mariah Miles



Presidential Service Award — Aislinn Jones, Student Body President



Presidential Service Award — Ciara Perozzi, National Honor Society President



Presidential Service Award — Alician Abrams, Senior Class President



Miss CHS Sierra Patterson and Mr. CHS Sam Rasberry

Google all around at CES

CES students had the rare experience of piloting the new Google Expedition program. The Google cardboard viewers allow a 360-degree view of different locales around the world. Squeals of delight were heard throughout the campus as the visuals changed in the viewer, which is powered by an iPod or any mobile phone. The Google staff asked students what they liked and didn't like during the demonstration of the product.



Googling up and down...I can almost touch it



A&M-Commerce/ETSU alumni welcomed

The Alumni Association of Texas A&M University-Commerce hosted an alumni reception at the CISD Central Administration Building on April 28. Guests received their choice of university swag and a welcome from the Derryle Peace, director of alumni relations for A&M-Commerce.



Master's degrees in a row — Susann Roden, Diane Stegall, Trish King, Wanda Beane and Tina Bronson.

► *Dr. Martha Foote and CMS Principal Patrick Just*



Dr. Mark Reid and CES Counselor Belinda Miller

