

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Senior vocalist earns spot in All-Region Mixed Choir

Meagan Jones, a senior at CHS, has earned a chair in the All-Region Mixed Choir. She placed 11th in the competition and has advanced to pre-Area auditions. At pre-Area, only the top eight sopranos will advance to Area and then have a chance to audition for the All-State Choir. Fine Arts Director Kara Wallace said this is Meagan's first time to audition for the high school All-Region Choir and after graduation Meagan plans to pursue a degree in choral studies to become a high school choir director.



Lucas Condor, Michael McWhorter, Fernando Medrano and Ben Angel participated in the All-Region Jazz Band contest during fall break.

Jazz Cats advance to Area auditions

Four CHS students virtually auditioned for the All-Region Jazz Band during fall break and three are advancing to the Area jazz audition. Michael McWhorter, trumpet, placed second. Fernando Medrano, trumpet, placed sixth. Ben Angel placed first on the trombone and Lucas Condor placed first on drum set.

McWhorter, Angel and Condor advanced to Area jazz auditions which will be recorded on November 2. At the Area competition, they will tape their performance in hopes of winning a spot in the ATSSB All-State Jazz Band later this school year.

The All-State Jazz Band has a limited number of musicians--only five trumpets, five trombones, five saxophones, two drum set players, a pianist, a guitarist and a bass player. Congratulations Tigers!

Pope named special ed coordinator

Mike Pope has joined the district as special education coordinator, under the direction of Dr. Patricia Tremmel, assistant superintendent.

Pope was most recently a special education teacher at Bland ISD and comes with 20 years of experience in the field.

Tri County SSA will continue to provide services to the district. Pope will monitor compliance requirements.



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Homecoming with COVID-19

Homecoming 2020 was one for the books. COVID-19 changed plans for several activities throughout the week, but administrators and staff worked to ensure each senior had special memories of the honored tradition.

J'Den Wilson and Savannah Scott were chosen Homecoming King and Queen.

The Commerce Tigers football team came out on top after soundly defeating the Howe Bulldogs 49-0.

The 2020 Homecoming Court included (front row, left to right) Zykeria Thomas, Savannah Scott, Yessica Trejo, Sydney Martinez and Kayla Gossett. Back row includes D'Andre Harrison, Omahri Davis, Roy Gaffney, J'Den Wilson and Jackson Gossett. Not shown are Shannon Pel and Ryan Huynh.



► ACW students joined in Homecoming Week fun as they dressed up each day. Although they look like bandits with their face coverings, students and staff were being careful as required by COVID-19 guidelines



▼ Commerce Middle School cheerleaders made their Friday night cheer debut on October 2 at the varsity football game against Mt. Vernon. Middle school cheerleaders are Patience Smallwood, Mattie Ritchie, Shiloh Cameron, Paisley Sloan, Emily Chappell, Kylie Cuna, Emma Gossett, Bri Swinson, Ashton Davis, Kylee Moore, Emily Carter, Kennedy Roman, and Dixie Jones. The spirit leaders helped CHS varsity cheerleaders cheer on our high school varsity tigers!!!



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CHS students learn skills to help map their future

CHS students are developing job skills as well as learning the benefits of volunteerism while delivering meals on wheels weekly to Commerce senior citizens. The students are mastering following maps using GPS and verbal navigational directions.



CES students named Students of the Month

Commerce Elementary School Students were chosen for Students of the Month for October in recognition of their hard work, dedication to learning and their leadership. Pictured in order from left to right

Students seek donations for gardening project

CHS and CMS life skills classes and ACE are seeking donations for gardening projects in the CMS courtyard.

Contact CHS teacher Alexandra Kirkoff if you wish to donate used or new items or gift cards to Home Depot or Lowe's. Specific items include canvas planters, large bags of soil, potatoes and yams with eyes, garden trowels, herb seeds, large rocks, heat-treated lumber, thick plastic wrap, chalk paint, plexiglass, or shovels. Kirkoff can be emailed at Alexandra.kirkoff@commerceisd.org



Pre-K ; Jessie Neal; Kindergarten: Boston Snyder; First Grade; Jace Stein; Second Grade ; Joey Weatherbee



Pre-K; Katherine Frank; Kindergarten; Kailyn Mills; First Grade; Cora Baker; Second Grade; Ashlynn Gant

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Texas teachers continue to give

Area organizations continue to generously support CISD teachers through grant awards.

With an emphasis on STEM instruction, the Texas Retired Teachers gave third-grade teachers books for their classrooms through their Classroom Assistance Grants.

Another grant, provided by the local Beta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, gave STEM reading materials for classrooms.



Paula Massey, center, presented third-grade teachers Cindy Pierce, Saicy Lytle and Kyla Coke with books for their classroom. Principal Lisa Palazzetti is pictured in the back.



▲ *Fifth-grade teachers Whitney Vaught, Massey, Kaitlin Lunceford, Kim Bruister and Laura Massey were awarded grants from Delta Kappa Gamma.*

◀ *CMS Principal Tina Bronson accepts books along with teachers Amy Smith and Esmeralda Sanchez. Students showcase their new additions to their classroom libraries. Paula Massey, right, presented the books as president of the Beta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.*



CMS cross country continues sweep

The CMS Boys Cross Country won its fourth straight meet at the Chapel Hill Invitational on October 10. First place finisher was Alonzo Rios (pictured on the left), second Chase Gossett and fifth Jared Buchanan.

MS Girls got second place team with Ashley Shipman coming in third, Dixie Jones fourth, Emma Gossett fifth and Shaila Garner, eighth.

