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FINAL EXAMS

Final exams will be held on Monday, January 14th through Thursday, January 17th. School will begin at 9:00 a.m. and students will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. There will be two tutorial sessions each afternoon. Buses will run daily. Please read the attached flyer for further details and schedules.

EXAM WEEK LUNCH

Sack lunches will be available on all four exam days. The deadline to order was Friday, January 11th. The regular price is \$2.55. Students on the Reduced lunch program will pay \$.40 and those on the Free lunch program will incur no cost for the sack lunch.

The choices of entrees are Deli Club Sandwich (bun, 2 oz. ham or turkey with 1 oz. cheese) or a Cheese Sandwich (1 oz. cheese, 2 slices bread). The sides are a 1 oz. bag of chips, pickle spears, fresh fruit and one milk choice. Lunches must be picked up by 1:00 p.m. Students must remain on campus to eat lunch.

TENTH GRADE STUDENT/PARENT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Academic conference for current sophomores and his/her parent/guardian will begin on February 4th. Online registration for conferences will be available from January 10th through February 1st. Visit the Clark website for additional details and [instructions for online registration](#).

MAKE-UP HOURS

Any student who made up class hours must turn in his/her log sheets by January 17th. Failure to do so will result in loss of credit for the course. The course will have to be retaken. Contact Mr. Johnston for additional information.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

The community is invited to Plano ISD's annual tribute event to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program, *Let Freedom Sing*, will be free and open to the public and held from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 24th at Plano Centre. The talent of Plano ISD students will be showcased through a Parade of Nations, reading of original letters to Dr. King, musical performances and the presentation of Diversity Leadership Awards and MLK Art Contest Awards. Read more about the upcoming [Plano ISD & City of Plano MLK Events](#).

CASH FOR TRASH

Did you or someone in your family receive a new cell phone over the holidays? The CLARK PTA will gladly recycle your old phone. Just drop off the phone, along with any empty inkjet or toner cartridges, in the designated box across from the school's front office. Help us earn "cash for trash" through our recyclable fund-raising program!

TOWN HALL MEETING

The Plano ISD Board of Trustees will host a town hall meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2008, at the Dr. Allan K. & Carolyn H. Bird Education Center, 1300 19th Street, Plano 75074. Trustees invite all Plano ISD residents to the meeting to hear a presentation on the district's Student and Family Services initiative. Joining the Trustees will be Plano ISD Council of PTAs as district partners in reaching the community with the important message of parent involvement. The forum will also provide the public with the opportunity for informal conversation with members of the Board.

BAND

Seven Clark students competed at the Area level for Texas All-State Band. We are excited to announce that three students advanced out of Area to the Texas All-State Band. Trevor Ball came in third for the tenor trombone, Sarah Kang was third on the horn and Scott Nguyen was first on bass trombone. They have been working extremely hard since the beginning of the school year and it is a great honor to make All-State, especially as a sophomore.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the baseball team will begin on Tuesday, January 25th at 4:30 p.m. Students must have a physical form on file prior to trying out. Please contact Coach Gill in Room 123B, or via email (Preston.Gill@pisd.edu) for a form or if you have any questions.

COUGARETTES

The Cougarettes will be performing at halftime of the January 23rd basketball game. Tip off of the game is 6:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the show and the game.

COUNSELING NEWS

If you are moving at the end of this semester, please notify the counselors' office as soon as possible at 469-752-7215. If you have moved outside of Plano ISD boundaries, you must withdraw from Clark High School and enroll in your new school after January 17th. If you still reside within the Plano ISD boundaries, you may finish up the academic year at Clark or transfer to your new home campus. In order to change your home address, you will need to provide the counseling office with a current GAS or ELECTRIC bill showing parent's/guardian's name and service address.

FORMAL DANCE

PALS will be hosting the annual Clark formal dance on Saturday, February 9th from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This year's theme is *The Forbidden City*. Tickets will be \$15 and will be on sale before school, during lunch, and after school the week of February 4th through the 8th. A valid student ID must be presented at the door. Students may bring a guest from another school after filling out a guest form (additional details will be provided in an upcoming edition).

FORMAL DANCE DRESSES

The PTSA is sponsoring a "Formal Dresses Donation" for the upcoming formal dance on February 9th! We need you to donate a "gently used" formal dress and bring it to the Clark office as soon as possible. We will then be "renting" out the dresses for \$10 for the night, \$5 of which will be returned to the renter when the dress is brought back dry-cleaned. We want to give all our female students the chance to attend the Clark formal this year, but we need your help to do it!

JROTC

The JROTC booster club will be holding a fund-raiser on Tuesday January 15th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at McDonald's on Spring Creek & Alma. Dine in, take out or drive thru - just leave your receipt and JROTC will receive 15% of all sales. Grab a burger, fries and drink before you head home to study for final exams.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

NHS members can earn drive credit working for Habitat for Humanity on January 19th or 26th, or on February 2nd or 9th. Members can get service credit by helping the Clark speech and debate team with their tournament on January 18th and 19th.

PESH CHEERLEADING/MASCOT

Attention all sophomores!! Are you interested in trying out to be a member of the JV Plano East cheerleading squad or to be the JV Panther mascot? If so, please attend the mandatory tryout meeting on February 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the PESH cafeteria. Your parent and/or guardian must attend the meeting with you. All tryout information will be handed out at the meeting.

If the student and/or his/her your parent/guardian are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Summer Simmons at summer.simmons@pisd.edu or at 469-752-9207.

PESH COURSE APPLICATIONS

Application for Culinary Arts, Theatre Major Studies, Art, Early Childhood Professions, Newspaper, and Yearbook at PESH are now available in the counseling center or with a teacher of a related course at Clark. Applications are due in February and early March so come by soon to get your application.

REFLECTIONS

Nicole Nguyen's drawing "It's Your Life/Choice" and Hayley Thornton's story "Making a Difference to Save a Life" received Awards of Excellence from the Plano Council of PTAs. These entries have been sent to District 15 for judging. Congratulations!

SCIENCE FAIR

Science Fair is on Friday January 25th from 9:00 to 12:00. If you can help us judge this , we would really appreciate this. We are expecting 90 projects so we need you to help us out. You would get a free subway lunch and our utmost gratitude. Please contact Cbamben@pisd.edu , teresa.reeves@pisd.edu , or usula.gross@pisd.edu . Thanks in advance.

YEARBOOK ORDERING

Haven't ordered your 2008 yearbook yet - it's not too late! Parents have the ability to order directly from Jostens through January 31st. You may order by phone or on the Internet. To order online, go to www.jostensyearbooks.com. To order by phone, call toll free 1-866-282-1516.

The Clark Yearbook is 176 pages of vibrant all-color memories of the 2007-2008 school-year. The cost for the yearbook is \$50.00, a \$5.00 reduction from the cost of last year's book. You have the opportunity to customize the book by adding the student name and icons to represent individual student activities as well. Additional autograph pages also are available so you'll have plenty of room for all your friends to sign your yearbook. Don't let your student miss the opportunity to buy a yearbook at this pre-sale price. Prices go up in January!

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Faught, the Clark yearbook adviser, at Catherine.Faught@pisd.edu.

YEARBOOK PICTURES

Students who haven't had their picture taken for the 2008 Clark yearbook will have an opportunity to do so on January 23rd and 24th. Times for photo shoots will be in next week's edition.

NURSE'S NEWS

If you received an immunization letter from the school nurse, please return your child's updated shot record to the nurse before the due date indicated on the letter. Failure to do so, may prevent your child from attending school.

Free immunizations will be given at two Care Van locations:

Plano Children's Medical Center

1407 E. 14th

Plano, TX 75074

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday – January 12th, Feb. 9th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th

Mckinney :

#1 Duvall St.

Mckinney, TX 75069

5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Thursday : January 24th, March 27th, May 8th

You must bring your child's immunization record. No appointment necessary.

SPIRIT WEAR

Have a closet full of old elementary and middle school spirit wear. Outgrown last year's Clark spirit wear? If you have and would like to donate these items, drop them off in the ISR room (113). Items will be laundered and given to students who cannot afford new spirit wear.

TEA/VOE FORMS

Students needing a TEA/VOE form for Driver's Ed, Permit, License or renewals should SIGN UP IN THE MAIN OFFICE. Sign up 3-5 days before you need the form. Students doing home school Driver's Ed should also sign up before testing for the Permit. Forms are good for 30 days.

TEA/VOE forms will be ready on Friday of each week (or the last school day of the week). They may be picked up in the main office before 1st period, during lunch, or after 7th period.

LUNCH/BIRTHDAY PARTIES

According to the Texas Public School Nutrition Guidelines, parents may provide lunch and snacks for their own children without restrictions. However, parents "may not provide food items to other children at school." For example, parents may not bring pizzas, birthday cakes, cupcakes, or other food items during the school day.

DELIVERY POLICY

Due to limited staff and security personnel, the receptionist and office staff will not be able to deliver any messages or items (lunches, books, homework, etc) to students during the school day. If your student asks you to bring something, it is the student's responsibility to check with the office to see if it has been delivered. No flowers, balloons, gifts, etc. will be accepted in the office during the school day. Please go over this policy with your child.

Because state law prohibits interruptions of classes, no student's names will be announced over the PA system during class time.

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

Any prescription or over the counter medication that must be administered during school hours should be accompanied by a written request from a parent/guardian. For student safety, all medications should be transported to and from school by a parent/guardian. All medications must be in their original, properly labeled containers. Students should NEVER carry medication on their persons, in their book bags or purses, or store it in their lockers. A parent should sign the medication administration form as well.

If you have any questions regarding PISD'S Medicine at School policies, please refer to the [2007-2008 Student/Parent Policy Guide](#) or contact the school nurse.

SPORTS UPDATES:

COUGARS PRIDE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Are you a football, volleyball, basketball parent -- or a Clark Cougar fan who wants to stay tuned into what's going on to support our athletic teams? Then become a member of the Cougars Pride Athletics Booster Club! Send us an e-mail at chs.cougars@yahoo.com and we'll add you to our e-mail list.

Information on PISD sports can be found on the [Plano ISD Athletics website](#).

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Jan. 12th 10th Girls Basketball @ Vines, 10:00 a.m.
Jan. 14 – 17th First semester final exams

Jan. 18th 9th Boys Basketball @ Williams, 6:00/7:00 p.m.
10th Boys Basketball @ Jesuit, 6:00p.m.
9th Girls Basketball vs. Jasper, 6:00/7:00 p.m.
Jan. 18 -21st Student Holiday
Jan. 22nd Start of second semester
Feb. 9th Formal Dance

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Sincerely,

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