



The Clark eNews 05-OCT-07

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MAJOR MANIA

Clark students and parents are invited to Major Mania at Plano West Senior High School on Tuesday, October 9th from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. Professors from colleges and universities such as SMU, UTD, TCU, Austin College, UNT, UD, Sam Houston State University, University of Tulsa and CCCO will cover topics such as: academic strengths needed to be successful, listing of courses required for particular majors, the basics along with specific prerequisites for the major, and types of jobs and salaries gained by specific majors.

Participants will be able to attend two sessions on college majors and then attend a third session on financing a college education. The times of the sessions are:

6:30 - 6:55 p.m.	First Breakout Session
7:00 - 7:25 p.m.	Second Breakout Session
7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Paying for College

TOWN HALL MEETING

October 15 Town Hall Meeting on University Readiness

The Plano ISD Board of Trustees will host a town hall meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, October 15, at Jasper High School (Presentation Room), 6800 Archgate, Plano 75024. Trustees invite all Plano ISD residents to the town hall meeting for presentations related to the district's University Ready initiatives. These include career, academic, personal, financial and admissions readiness. The forum will also provide the public with the opportunity for informal conversation with members of the Board.

LIBRARY

Students should stop by the library to pick up one of the new orange bookmarks that contain information for using the PISD Research Tools at home.

TESTING

Additional Information:

Room Assignments for both the October 10th and October 17th testing days have been posted. Each student should find his/her name on these alpha listings by grades. If there are any questions, the student should see a counselor.

Students will not be allowed to go to their lockers to get their lunch sacks while the PSAT is being administered on the 17th. If students are bringing lunch from home they should bring them to the test room at the start of school.

A bus will take Clark students who are on the PESH football team to practice at East at 4:15 p.m. on the October 10th testing day. On the October 17th testing date, all 7th period athletics will be conducted in the normal fashion.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has chosen Clark High School 9th grade class to participate in a National Comparative Data Study (NCDS). The purpose of this study is to provide national comparative data on student performance, as required by the Texas Education Code. The Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED) is the norm-referenced test that will be used to compare the performance of Texas students, such as our Clark freshmen, to the performance of students in other states. Clark will administer the ITED on Wednesday, October 10th. Students may use a calculator for the mathematic section of this test. Encourage your freshman to bring one on October 10th.

To inform our tenth grade class about the benefits of the PSAT that will be given on Wednesday, October 17th, they will be attending a PSAT information session during the ITED testing on October 10th.

Our freshman will then take the Cog AT and our sophomores the PSAT on Wednesday, October 17th from approximately 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Please make sure that your student has #2 pencils and arrives at school by 8:45 a.m. Testing will begin at 9:00 a.m. Calculators may be used for PSAT but not Cog AT. Sophomores will need to provide their own calculator for testing.

The PSAT will ask sophomores for their Social Security numbers. However, the use of the Social Security number is optional.

Students will not attend morning athletics, but the afternoon athletic programs will continue as normal. It is critical that students are present to take advantage of both of these testing opportunities.

BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB

The Plano East Baseball Booster Club supports the Clark freshmen baseball team, as well as the Williams, Plano East JV and Plano East varsity teams. We encourage the parents of freshmen and sophomore baseball players from Clark to get involved. The next booster club meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9th at 8:00 p.m. in the Top Cat Café at Plano East. Contact Ron Barrentine at rbarrentine@sbcglobal.net or 972-727-3810 for more information.

FFA

Friends and Family of Plano FFA will be hosting a Pumpkin Patch on Saturday and Sunday, October 13th and 14th from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the south parking lot of the PISD Transportation Center (Bus Barn) on Alma Drive between Legacy and Spring Creek, across from the water towers.

Large-sized Jack-O-Lantern pumpkins will be sold at well below competitor prices. Please help support the PISD FFA students and buy your pumpkin from us. All money raised will be used to support the PISD FFA students at the Collin County Junior Livestock Show in January 2008.

Tickets are now on sale for the Friends and Family of Plano FFA fundraiser lunch to be held on Saturday, October 20th. The PISD FFA students are hosting the lunch at Outback Steakhouse at the NW corner of 15th Street and U.S. 75. Tickets are \$8 per person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are limited and there will be no ticket sales at the door.

Lunch will include a choice of grilled chicken or sirloin steak, both served with Caesar salad and garlic mashed potatoes. For the little Joeys, there will be chicken fingers and fries. For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit The Friends and Family of Plano FFA website at: www.planoffa.org or contact Maryann Ullrich at maryann.ullrich@verizon.net or cell 214-317-0652. Please specify which sitting you prefer: 11:00 a.m. or 12 p.m.

SOCCKER FUNDRAISER

PESH Soccer Coaches to Dish it Up: PESH varsity and junior varsity coaches will scoop ice cream at the Baskin Robbins in Murphy as a fund raiser for the soccer teams. The money raised will go towards the purchase of sideline shelters.

Men's coaches Rick Woodard and Carl Pointer and women's coaches Dawn Crow and Harold White will serve up your favorite flavor on Wednesday, October 17th from 6:00 -10:00 p.m. Members from all the teams will also be present to meet and assist customers.

The Baskin Robbins is located at 158 West FM 544, behind Panda Express. For more information contact Beth Robinson at 972.517.3608 or via email at beth.robinson@verizon.net.

The PESH men's and women's soccer teams will be selling Chef Pierre pies and Camden Creek cookie dough to arrive in time for Thanksgiving. Team members have order forms for both pies and cookies. Orders and payment will be due Monday, Oct. 8th.

There are seven varieties of cookie dough in 3 lb. boxes of 48 -1 oz. preformed ready to bake frozen cookies. They cost is \$13 per box. There are eight varieties of frozen pies selling at \$15 each.

For more information contact Dawn Janowski at dawnjanowski@tx.rr.com or at 972.578.8475

THEATRE

Students in Theatre I, II or Tech Theatre will not be required to complete a play critique during the second six weeks. However, the first critique of a play will be due Tuesday, December 11th, immediately after the One-Act Play. Students who are attending The Lion King may use that performance for critique. See Ms. Turney with any questions over the required play critiques.

The Masquerade, a Bravo! event, is scheduled for October 30th. To attend you must be a Bravo! member or the guest of a member. Each member and his/her one guest will be given a wristband the day of the event. If you do not have a wristband, you will not be allowed in to the event. There are still memberships available to join Bravo! Don't miss the party!

Tickets to *The Lion King* at Fair Park, including lunch and a tour of House of Blues are still available. This field trip is sponsored by theatre, but is open to any student who would like to see a wonderful Broadway show and experience the new House of Blues. Applications are located outside the theatre room door and were attached to prior eNews. Get your forms in to Ms. Turney to reserve your spot for Friday, October 19th!

STUDENT PLANNERS

Does your student need help staying organized? Then a Clark Planner is just what he/she needs. Planners are for sale for \$5.00 in the counseling center before and after school or during lunch. Cash or checks made payable to Clark PTSA.

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.

FBLA

The first meeting of the Clark Future Business Leaders of America club will be on Monday, October 8th at 4:30 p.m. in room 110A. Membership is open to any student currently enrolled in a business or computer technology course, and sophomores who completed such courses as freshmen.

PISD HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

Plano ISD is seeking your talent to assist the district in designing artwork for the school district's official 2007 holiday greeting card to be published in December. This year's contest theme is "From All of Us at Plano ISD." The Plano ISD School Board, Superintendent of Schools, and our corporate sponsor, Webb & Webb Attorneys and Counselors at Law, invite all Plano ISD students to enter the holiday greeting card contest by creating your own original artwork to be considered by our expert panel of judges for the cover of the official 2007 Plano ISD holiday greeting card.

Entries will be judged by Webb & Webb, prominent local artists, our superintendent of schools, art coordinator and other district administrators. Contest finalists will be selected from each of the school levels in Plano ISD, with the winning entry selected from the group of finalists, with cash awards as follows.

- (1) Elementary School (Grades PreK-5) Finalist - \$50 Savings Bond
- (1) Middle School (Grades 6-8) Finalist - \$50 Savings Bond
- (1) High School (Grades 9-10) Finalist - \$50 Savings Bond
- (1) Senior High School (Grades 11-12) Finalist - \$50 Savings Bond

To enter the contest, please read the attached (English and Spanish) Holiday Greeting Card Art Contest Rules carefully, submit your best artwork, and return the attached form to your school office or your school's art specialist by Friday, October 19th, or mail the form by October 22nd to:

Plano ISD Holiday Greeting Card Art Contest
c/o Plano ISD Art Coordinator
Cox Building
1517 Avenue H
Plano, TX 75074, by October 22.

REFLECTIONS

Hey Clark students! Now is the time to get creative! It's kickoff time for the 2007-2008 Reflections program. This year's theme is "I Can Make A Difference By..." Reflections is a national PTA sponsored program that encourages the arts and provides recognition for your creative talents! You can enter as many times as you'd like in six categories which include visual arts, photography, musical composition, literature, dance choreography, and film/video production. Artistic exploration and expression through the interpretation of the theme is the goal of Reflections. So have fun and get creative! Entry forms and rule packets are available in the library and on-line at www.txpta.org (<http://www.txpta.org/>). Deadline for entries is October 31st. Have questions? Contact Teresa Thornton at thorntons5@sbcglobal.net.

PTSA

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for membership in the Clark PTSA, please do so now. Without your support we would not be able to provide any of the special programs that enhance our students learning environment. There will be programs that guide parents and students in areas such as driving and college. Watch for information on specific programs.

Membership dues are only \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Your dues entitles you to receive a student directory.

Membership forms/envelopes are available in the front office. You may also submit your dues with the following information: member's name, address, phone number, email address, student(s) name & grade(s) to the front office. Cash or checks made payable to "Clark PTSA" are accepted.

The PTSA is currently accepting ads for your business or service to be included in our Student Directory. Ad rates are as follows: business card size-\$25; half page (approx 4x5)-\$50; full page (approx 8x5) - \$75. Please contact Pam Lane at pamlane04@yahoo.com to place your ad. Ads should be submitted no later than October 1st.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE

Health Insurance is available for your uninsured children who are under the age of nineteen.

Open Enrollment: Saturday, Oct 13th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Sack 'N Save
1332 S. Plano Rd.
Richardson, 75081

You'll must bring the following documents to the enrollment:

A copy of each child's birth certificate
Each child's social security number
Alien Registration Cards
Proof of income for all family members

ART CLUB

Art club will meet on Mondays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in room B127. All Clark students are welcome to attend and discover the artist within them.

BOWLING TEAM TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the PESH bowling team will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3rd : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6th : 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 9th: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 10th : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13th : 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The sign up sheet is in the front office.

SNACK SHOP AND SCHOOL SUPPLY STORE

The PTSA Snack Shop and School Supplies will open during lunch and after school. During lunch the store is located in the Cougar Den and after school in the cafeteria. The after school store will sell in the cafeteria.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The PSHS Choir Booster Club will be holding its annual garage sale on Saturday October 27th. They will be renting out "parking spaces" so that other groups can have their own "garage sale" without all the hassles of making all the arrangements themselves.

When: Saturday, October 27th
Where: Plano Senior High School, East Lot
Times: 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Arrive and Set-Up
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Garage Sale
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tear-Down

Parking Space Rental Fees:

2 spaces - \$30
4 spaces - \$55
6 spaces - \$80
8 spaces - \$105
10 or more - \$130 and up

Your group can reserve a spot by sending a check, payable to PSHS Choir Booster Club to:

PSHS Choir Booster Club
c/o Nancy Leas
2200 Independence Parkway
Plano Texas 75075

For additional information contact Nancy Leas at nleas@msn.com.

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.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Any parent who completed the online application to be a volunteer needs print out the final Volunteer Notary Form and bring it to the school. This form must be on file in the office manager's office before you can volunteer in the school. You have to have one on file for each school that you plan to volunteer in. Thanks for your help in this matter and your support of Clark High School.

ELEVATOR KEYS

Students with a medical need for an elevator key should see the school nurse. There will be a deposit fee of \$10.00 per elevator key. The deposit will be returned if the key is returned on time. If the key is returned late and the key has been replaced by Clark, half of the deposit will be retained. The entire deposit will be retained if the key is not returned.

PARENT VIEWER

Online access to view your child's grades and attendance is available on our Parent Viewer web site. Reports available online will enable you to view details such as assignments, quizzes and tests along with the grade, score weights, due dates, and maximum values. Missing assignment reports are also an option for you to view.

You will also have the ability to sign up for automatic email subscriptions and will be able to schedule the following types of reports:

- Unexcused absence
- Detailed attendance
- Grade summary
- Detailed grade information
- Grade notification

New users may register for this service online at <http://parentviewer.pisd.edu> to setup individual account information for access. Registration will open August 28, 2007.

Beginning shortly after the start of school year, teachers will be updating their students' grades every Monday and attendance will be updated throughout each day. Exceptions may exist to this guideline due to a variety of factors which include holidays, major projects and teacher absences.

If you have questions involving registering for the Plano ISD Parent Viewer service, please email parentviewer@pisd.edu. Questions regarding grades and attendance can be directed to your child's teacher or principal.

SPORTS UPDATES

FOOTBALL

The 10th grade Clark football team is now 4-1 after its 38-18 win over cross-town rival Shepton, in a game that was over by halftime (38-8). The offensive amassed over 400 yards, lead by WR Nyalls Carlton (5 rec. - 78yds), RB Tre Hinton (3 rush TDs), and RB Jordan Shannon (1 rush TD). The defense caused 7 turnovers with interceptions by Carlton (2), Shannon, Agrin Abdollahkur, and a fumble returned for a touchdown by Rondrae Roberts. Roberts also started the game with a 98 yard kickoff return.

Clark, looking to defend its District Championship, is now 2-0 in district and plays Vines next week.

On September 27th the team had an impressive 18-6 win over Mesquite's J.V. team. The offense was led by WR Rondrae Roberts (1 rushing TD for 83 yards), RB Tre' Hinton (1 receiving TD), and QB Ryan Foster. The defense had an outstanding night allowing only one touchdown. The defense was lead by CB Kyle Chaney (1 INT for a TD), CB Josh Moore (1 INT), LB Jordan Shannon, & DT Braylon Porter.

VOLLEYBALL

Clark Cougar's sophomore volleyball team played Vine's on Monday, September 24th at home. The games were close, with the Cougars gaining another victory (18-25 & 21-25).

The girls participated in the Allen Texas Open JV Jamboree Tournament this past weekend. They competed in the Challenger Bracket against some really good teams. They lost against Marcus High School (20-25 & 20-25) and won against Lakeview (25-7 & 25-20) and Frisco Centennial (25-18 & 25-19). They played in the consolation finals against JJ Pearce High School. Even though it went to a three game match, Clark ended up with the loss (19-25, 25-19, & 16-25).

The ladies played hard throughout the day. Some of the highlights included some awesome spikes by #11 Erica Essenburg #11, outstanding serving and spiking by #12 Missy Thole, and great blocks and spikes by #3 Courtney Blacknall.

Monday night the Cougar's played at Jasper. Kelly Looney, #2, had some great digs and spikes and #5, Hannah Gant, did an awesome job with defense. They played hard and went 3 games (14-25, 25-21, & 14-25). It was a really exciting match even though they didn't pull off the win!

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 27/28th 10th Volleyball Tournament @ Allen
Oct. 6th 10th Volleyball Double Header vs. Wichita Falls and Notre Dame @ Clark 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 8th 10th Volleyball vs. Williams, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 9th 9th Volleyball vs. Vines, 6:00/7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11th 10th Football vs. Vines @ Kimbrough Stad., 6:00 p.m.
9th Football vs. Berkner @ Clark East, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
Tennis @ J.J. Pearce, 4:15 p.m.
Oct. 12th 10th Volleyball vs. Greenhill, 5:30 p.m.
9th Volleyball @ Shepton, 6:00 /7:00 p.m.
Oct. 10th ITED Testing
Oct. 17th CoGAT and PSAT testing
Oct. 26th Student Holiday – Parent/Teacher Conference Day

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Sincerely,

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