



Dear Clark eNews Subscriber:

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1. REPORT CARDS

Reports cards were distributed to students by their fourth period teacher today.

2. FFA FUN DAY

The FFA Fun Day scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday October 19, has been canceled.

3. SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture proof packets were distributed to students this week. Ordering instructions are included in the packet. The deadline to submit orders is Monday, October 12, not October 9 as indicated in the packet.

Students should drop off the proof and payment to either the front office or room 122 by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12 if they want to purchase pictures and/or a student ID. A student ID is required for admittance to many school events, such as BOO BALL, Powder Puff Game and the formal dance.

4. SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKES

School picture re-takes will be done on Thursday, November 12 before and after school and during study hall in the seminar room.

To have a picture re-taken the student must bring the original proof to the re-take. The cost for a re-take is \$5, unless the problem with the original picture was due to photographer error.

If your student was absent the day pictures were originally taken, they will be contacted about what time to come to have their photo taken on the 12th. There is no cost to have the picture taken for the first time on the 12th.

Put the **attached flyer** on the fridge as a reminder.

5. TESTING

Clark High School will administer the CogAT to all ninth graders and the PSAT to all tenth graders on Wednesday, October 14. There will be no off campus athletics that morning.

Students should arrive at school by 8:45 a.m. with several # 2 pencils. Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Tenth graders should also bring a calculator from home if they plan to use one on the test. The PSAT will ask sophomores for their social security number. However, giving out their social security number is optional.

No food or drink, including water bottles is permitted in the testing room. Cell phones and other electronic devices should be turned off and stored in the student's locker.

If your student brings lunch from home, he/she should take it to the testing room. Students will not be allowed to go to their lockers prior to lunch.

Students should bring a novel to the testing room to read after testing is completed.

6. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY

October 16 is a district parent/teacher conference day. It is a holiday for students. This If you would like to schedule a conference with one of your child's teachers, please contact the teacher as soon as possible to schedule a conference. Teacher email addresses can be found at

<http://www.pisd.edu/schools/secondary/clark/staff.shtml>

7. FLU SHOT CLINIC

PISD, in partnership with Collin County Health Department will be holding a Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic (NOT H1N1 flu shots) on Saturday, October 31 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Rasor Elementary School. To be eligible to receive a shot, you must complete and turn in a sign up form to the Clark school nurse by Friday, October 23. **A flyer containing all of the details and the sign up form is attached.**

8. 8th GRADE NIGHT

If you have a student currently in the eighth grade, mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 13, 2010. This is the night when Clark will host its annual 8th Grade Night to give future Clark cougars an opportunity to learn about the school.

9. CHOIR

Congratulations to Clark choir soprano Victoria Flores who will advance to the second phase of All-Region Choir auditions this week. Victoria ranked fifteenth at the phase one soprano auditions that

were held on October 6th at Wylie High School. The second phase takes place tomorrow at Shepton High School and will involve singers of all voice parts. Good luck to all Clark Cougar singers who plan to audition on Saturday.

10. HOSA

HOSA officers will meet on Monday, October 12 at 4:30 p.m.

There will be two general meetings on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 15 at 8:20 a.m..

Please plan on attending ONE of these meetings to discuss T-shirt orders, volunteer activities, PESH Homecoming parade, etc.

All meeting will be held in Portable room X1.

11. JROTC

Upcoming activities:

Booster club meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 13 in the PESH JROTC classroom.

Parents will get to hear Col. Aikens's college information talk. This is your opportunity to hear what your child hears in the classroom. I hope you will plan on joining us for this short business meeting and information session.

Carwash fundraiser: Wednesday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Tetco Station at 3951 Legacy Drive.

This is a drive through carwash. The booster club will receive 50% of all proceeds made those two days. So, get all of the mud and dirt washed off of your car and support your JROTC Cadets at the same time!

Garage sale: Saturday, Oct. 24 at Clark High School

Ccome and find your treasures between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Anyone wishing to donate items for the garage sale should contact Karen Miller at <mailto:klmiller9905@hotmail.com> or Annette VanHecke at <mailto:annette.vanhecke@tx.rr.com>.

The JROTC booster club has a tradition of taking cadets and parents to DFW airport and welcoming returning servicemen and women back home. We will be doing this on Saturday, November 21 to say "Thank You" and show them how much we appreciate what they do for our country. I hope you will put this date on your calendar and join us for this worthwhile service project.

12. RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA

As reported in previous eNews and in the letter that was sent home with students, the U. S. Department of Education (USDE) has new guidelines regarding the collection of data on race and ethnicity for public school students.

If you have already completed either the online or paper form, thank you for your cooperation.

If you have not yet submitted the data, we would appreciate you doing so as soon as possible to help Plano ISD comply with this federal requirement.

The simplest method of submitting the data is to do so online at:

http://k-12.pisd.edu/Ethnicity_Race_English for the English version or

http://k-12.pisd.edu/Ethnicity_Race_Spanish for the Spanish version.

If you do not have online access, a paper form (attached) can be submitted.

If you submit the data online, DO NOT complete a paper form.

When submitting the form online, under the Race section, you must choose either yes or no for each race category. If you do not make a selection for each race category, you will not be able to submit the form.

Thank you for your assistance with the collection of this data.

13. COURSE CHANGES

The deadline for turning in a schedule change request form for dropping an Honors class will be Monday, October 19. You should be communicating with your teachers and parents if you are considering making this change to determine the best course of action for you. This will be your last opportunity to make a change in your schedule until the end of the semester.

14. BOO BALL

The Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club is preparing for the annual Boo Ball event which kicks off the 2009 basketball season! It will be on Wednesday, October 28 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. in the Clark gymnasium. There will be games, door prizes, a silent auction, shooting contests and much more.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Nicole McQuarry at (972)352-8870.

15. FFA

General and Parent Meeting:
Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. at PESH
Dinner will be served.

Heart of Texas:

Cattle – October 9 – 11

Lamb – October 15 & 16

LDE practices will begin soon. If you are interested in being on a team, please see Mr. Eberly.

If you have not paid your FFA dues, please pay them ASAP.

16. PUMPKIN PATCH

Buy your fall pumpkins and help support the East Cluster FFA students. All pumpkins are \$5.

Dates: October 17 and 18

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days

Where: 6600 Alma Drive parking lot – east side of street between Spring Creek and Legacy – by the PISD transportation building

17. POWDER PUFF GAME

The annual Powder Puff game will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. for participants and 5:30 p.m. for spectators. Student ID will be required so be sure to order one with your school pictures (see item #3).

Students interested in participating in the game must attend one of the MANDATORY informational meetings that will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 4:20 p.m. and Wednesday, October 21 at 8:20 a.m. in Room 235 (across from the library).

Participation forms, which will be handed out at the meeting, must be returned by October 30. Teams will be posted on the door of Room 235 on Monday, November 1.

18. LIVING FOR ZACHARY RACE

Please plan to participate in the first Living for Zachary fundraising event on Saturday, October 24 at Southfork Ranch. The festivities include a 5K run, 1K fun run, silent and live auctions, live music featuring Emerald City and Jaci Butler & Those Guys, buffet brunch, bounce houses, door prizes, and vendor booths.

The Living for Zachary organization has been created to honor the life of Zachary Schrah and to educate the public about SCA. Zachary was a Clark sophomore who passed away from Sudden Cardiac Arrest last school year. Funds raised by the run and other activities will be used to help provide screening for SCA (in conjunction with Heart Hospital Baylor Plano) and to educate the community about SCA.

The school that has the largest number of participants in the run will be awarded an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator).

Student registration is \$20 and adult is \$30. Each of these fees includes a t-shirt, Southfork tour and brunch!

The entire day will be a family fun event:

7:30 a.m. - Registration and live music

8:00 a.m. - Warm up

8:30 a.m. - 5K run

8:35 a.m. - 5K walk

9:00 a.m. - Fun run

9:30 a.m. - Brunch begins

9:35 a.m. - Awards

10:30 a.m. to noon - Live & silent auctions

12:00 to 2:00 p.m. - live music by Emerald City and Party

Living For Zachary

The race registration form is attached. Information on the race can be found on the organization's website or by contacting Yvette McLeod at yvette@living4zachary.org

19. COUGAR PRIDE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Members - members - we're looking for more members! Membership is only \$10 and the club uses all the money it raises to purchase equipment, etc. to benefit all of the Clark teams. Please email us at chs.cougars@yahoo.com if you would like more information.

20. PLANO EAST BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Plano East basketball coaches and players will be host a basketball clinic on Saturday, October 31 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The clinic is open to boys in grades two through six. Please read the attached flyer for additional details.

21. WAC

Upcoming Meetings:

Oct. 13th – deadline to pay dues

Oct. 20th - WQ tryouts

Nov. 3rd

Nov. 17th

Dec. 2nd

Meeting will be held at 8:20 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. in portable Y-01. See Ms. Vickerman for to obtain a pass to attend the morning meetings.

22. YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$55. Order forms are available in the front office and in room 122 (before and after school). They can also be ordered online at

<http://www.jostensyearbooks.com>.

23. 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.

24. VOE FORMS

ABOUT TO START DRIVING?

Students will need a VOE (TEA) form when starting Driver's Ed and any time they go to the DPS until they are eighteen years old.

Please sign up in the front office several days before you need a VOE form. Completed VOE forms will be ready on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at lunch time. They may be picked up in the front office at lunch time and after school.

25. ATTENDANCE

State law requires that students attend each class 90% of each semester in order to receive credit. More than eight absences in the fall semester or ten absences in the spring semester (excused or unexcused) may result in make-up time being assigned or credit being denied in that class. The Department of Public Safety requires an attendance verification form reflecting concurrence with state attendance law from your school to get a driver's license or a provisional driving permit. If you have any questions, please contact the attendance clerk or one of the administrators.

Absences will be recorded as Unexcused until the student brings in a parent note when he/she returns to school following the absence, even if the parent phoned the school to report the absence. **EMAILS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN PLACE OF A NOTE CONTAINING A PARENT'S SIGNATURE.**

If your child is sick -

Call 469-752-7200 and press option 3 to report the absence. Leave a message with your child's name, Student ID#, your name and reason for absence. Make sure that your child brings in an absence note to the attendance office upon their return. All absence notes must be turned in within three (3) days of the student's return.

If your child is late for school -

If your child is late due to a doctor's appointment, please have him/her bring in a note from the doctor's office. If your child is late due to illness, please send him/her in with a note stating that he/she was ill. Please note that three tardies are the equal to one unexcused absence.

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment -

Write a note and have your child give it to the attendance office in the morning. The note should state the time that your child must leave school, a number we can call to confirm the note and the reason that they are leaving early.

If your child is leaving school early or will miss time due to travel plans –

You must submit a note at least 5 school days prior to the absence.

Attendance questions are welcome anytime- call 469 752 7204 and ask for Carol or Helen.

26. SPORTS INFORMATION

Links to Clark sporting events and directions to stadiums can be found on the [Clark website](#). There are also links to forms needed to participate in athletic activities. District wide sports information can be found on the [district's assistant coach website](#).

Prices for admission to all PISD athletic events are:

9th – 12th grade events (except varsity football):

Adults \$5.00/Students \$2.00

Middle school events:

Adults \$4.00/Students \$2.00

Varsity football:

Pregame: Reserved seats \$7.00 /General admission \$5.00 /Students \$4.00

At gate on game day: Reserved seats \$8.00 /General admission \$7.00

Teachers who present their PISD badge get a free general admission ticket.

27. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 12: Volleyball vs. Shepton, 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 15:

10th Football vs. Wylie East @ Kimbrough, 5:30 p.m.

9th Football @. Wylie, 5:30/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 16:

10th Volleyball @ Bishop Lynch, 5:30 p.m.

9th Volleyball vs. Vines, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 14: CoGAT and PSAT testing

Oct. 16: Parent/Student Conference Day – Student Holiday

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Sincerely,

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