



Dear Clark eNews Subscriber:

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1. 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.

2. REFLECTIONS CONTEST

The Reflections Program is a National PTA Arts program that offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students are recognized at local, council, state and national levels. This year's theme is "Beauty Is..."

Students are encouraged to create and submit original works of art in any or all six categories- literature, musical composition, photography, dance choreography, film production and visual arts.

Entries may be created at home or in the classroom. Students may enter as many times as they want--there is no limit.

Entry Forms and Rules may be found at <http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections> or in the Clark library. The entry deadline is Friday, October 30.

3. SCHOOL PICTURES

If you did not return your proof packet by the October 12 deadline and still want to order school pictures and student ID's please mail the packet and payment directly to Blunck's. The address is on the packet. Be sure to include the \$10 late fee.

4. FLU SHOT CLINIC

The flu clinic scheduled at Rasor Elementary on October 31 has been canceled due to a shortage of vaccines.

5. SPECIAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING

Monday, October 19, is the first day of early voting for the November 3, Special Elections. Early voting continues through Friday, October 30.

For early voting and Election Day polling locations, dates and times, please visit:

http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections/election_information/index.jsp

6. BAND

Last Saturday the Clark band performed in the East Marching Contest held at Clark Stadium. The students had an incredible performance and were rewarded with trophies for: Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Percussion Performance, Outstanding Marching Performance, Outstanding Auxiliary Performance, and Outstanding Drum Major Performance. The band also received a division 1 rating, the top rating given by judges. The Clark Band was the ONLY band in our division to win all six of these awards!

Thank you for continuing to support your students and the Clark band. We have our U.I.L. performance tomorrow at Clark Stadium. The Clark band performs at 5:45 p.m. and I know the students would love to see you there.

7. ANIME CLUB

Anime club will meet on Tuesday, October 20 in Room 210 from 4:30 -5:30 p.m.

8. FFA

FFA will be selling meat products such as hams, turkeys, and even breakfast items as well as cookies to raise money for competitions. The products will be delivered to Clark before Thanksgiving. If you would like to order items, please contact Mr. Eberly in room 110B or via email at jarrod.eberly@pisd.edu.

Please join us on Sunday, October 25, for the 2nd Annual Rewarding Rings Roundup Livestock Show hosted by the Friends & Family of Plano FFA at Myers Park & Event Center in McKinney. Admission is free. Showmanship shows begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by livestock competitions.

Come out and support the Plano FFA students who will be competing with their heifers, steers, hogs, lambs, and goats. FFA chapters from around Texas will be in attendance competing as well. For more information and a map to the show, visit www.planoffa.org. All proceeds from the livestock show will go to support the PISD FFA (Future Farmers of America) students.

9. HOSA

There will be a HOSA competition meeting on Wed., October 21 at 4:30 p.m. in portable X1. Only those students who wish to and are eligible to compete need attend this very important meeting.

10. JROTC

Upcoming activities:

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

Come 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. This year we are going 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.

11. ORCHESTRA

Join us for the Clark High School orchestra's first concert of the year! The Fall Concert is Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark Cafetorium. Admission is free!

12. TENNIS

The tennis team competed at Frisco Heritage this week and did Clark proud - lost some, but won some with some fantastic play! Clark won four double matches and two singles.

13. WAC

Upcoming Meetings:

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 a pass to attend the morning meetings.

14. TECHNOLOGY CONTEST

High school and college computer sophisticates will get a chance to show off their prowess in competitions that lead to trophies, prize money—and possibly even job offers—at an information technology conference for students to be held at The University of Texas at Dallas.

The Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) expects 300 school-age participants to register for its annual Region 3 Student Conference, which this year takes place October 22, 23 and 24 in the School of Management on the UT Dallas campus in Richardson.

The attached flyer contains all the details on this exciting competition.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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. Admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

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

18. 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 for admittance. Admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

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.

19. 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.

20. 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

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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>.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 19: 10th Volleyball @ Jasper, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 20: 9th Volleyball @ Wylie, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 22: 10th Football vs. Jasper @ Kimbrough, 6:00 p.m.

9th Football vs. Jasper @ Clark East, 5:30/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 23: 9th Volleyball @ Allen, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 22- 24 10th Volleyball District Tournament

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Sincerely,

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