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1. JROTC

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>.

Carwash fundraiser: 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!

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.

2. 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.

3. BAND

The Clark High School Marching Band received an overall Division I (Superior) rating from all three judges for their performance, which is the highest possible score at the Region 25 UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, October 17.

Please join us in congratulating the CHS Band students on their success. They have represented you well and we really thank you all for your support throughout the marching season.

4. BRAVO!

Bravo!, the student club for theatre, will hold its annual Masquerade on October 30 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This event is for BRAVO! members ONLY. All members are encouraged to wear costumes because a masquerade is just a big costume party! Members should be prepared for a great evening of events including contests, food, dancing and karaoke.

Membership cards are printed and can be picked up in the theatre room from Ms. Turney during 4th period.

5. FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the members of the Clark sophomore football team on their victory over Jasper last night at Kimbrough Stadium. The win completes a sweep of the Plano schools, and earns our sophomores the title of Plano City Champions for the third consecutive year. Congratulate coaches Preston Gill and Blake Spivey as well, for a job well done. WAY TO GO COUGARS!!!

6. HOSA

Competition meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m. in Portable X1. All students who wish to participate in competition should plan to attend. To be eligible to participate in HOSA competition you must currently be enrolled in or have taken Introduction to Medical Science or Medical Science.

7. IH

IH binders and IH directories will be distributed on Oct. 29 in the library from 8:00-8:45 a.m. and 4:15-4:45 p.m. Binders will also be on sale before and after the Prep for College Night meeting on November 11.

It's free for members, so don't forget to come by. For non-members, binders are \$10 and directories are \$6.

8. ORCHESTRA

On Saturday, October 17, students from Clark High School participated in the TMEA Region 25 All-Region Orchestra auditions. Students auditioned on a prepared set of music against students in grades nine through twelve from not only Plano, but the surrounding areas, vying for an extremely

limited number of spots in the two select All-Region Orchestras. Students earning spots in the All-Region Orchestra are: Iris Zhuang, violin (who earned second chair in the region); Ellen Kim, violin; Annie Lehman, harp; Kyle Han, violin; Eddie Zhao, violin; Allison Beck, violin; and Tiffany Mourlam, viola. Congratulations to all of these students and all who auditioned!

9. WAC

Upcoming Meetings:

Nov. 10th (last chance to pay dues!)

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.

10. PREP FOR COLLEGE NIGHT

November 11 - 6:30 p.m. - ClarkLibrary

Lead counselor, Mrs. Blum, will talk about how students can start preparing for college. This will be followed by a panel discussion style Q&A session with university representatives.

11. FLU CLINIC

Plano Independent School District and Collin County Health Department are canceling the clinic for seasonal influenza vaccinations, scheduled for October 31 at Rasor Elementary School.

During this difficult flu season, the demand for flu shots is significantly overwhelming the supply. Therefore, Plano ISD and Collin County health officials are unable to obtain more vaccine at this time.

Please read the attachment (English and Spanish) for additional information.

12. 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.

13. 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

14. 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.

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. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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>.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.** Faxes will be accepted there is a parent signature (FAX number -(469)752-7201)

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.

23. 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.

24. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 27: 9th Volleyball vs. Shepton, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 29: 9th Football @ Allen, 5:30/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 29-31: 9th Volleyball District Tournaments

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Sincerely,

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