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**TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

Congratulations to Clark's Teachers of the Year, Nicole Vickerman and Lauren Reeves.

Ms. Vickerman, our Experienced Teacher of the Year, attended Clark as a student and has spent her entire career teaching all levels of world geography at Clark. She co-wrote and teaches PISD's online eSchool World Geography course and is Clark's representative on the PISD district curriculum committee. She sponsored the National Honor Society from 1997 until 2007, and this year founded the Junior World Affairs Council student group. This group will compete in the World Quest competition, promote an understanding of current events and international understanding, and raise money for international charities.

Ms. Vickerman earned a bachelor's degree at UT Austin and master's at UNT. She was selected to travel to both Germany with the Transatlantic Outreach Program and then Japan with the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Program on study abroad scholarships with teachers from around the country.

The Beginning Teacher of the Year, Lauren Reeves, teaches English II and English II Honors/Pre-AP.

Ms. Reeves graduated from Texas A&M University in 2004. While at A&M, she majored in Speech Communication and minored in English. After graduation, Lauren returned to her hometown of Dallas to pursue her teaching certificate. She received a masters of eEducation from the University of North Texas in May of 2007.

Ms. Reeves completed her student teaching experience in PISD at Clark High School and Schimelpfenig Middle School. She also was an intern in the Counseling Department at Clark High School.

Clark is honored to have such outstanding teachers on our staff. Good luck to Ms. Vickerman and Ms. Reeves as they compete for the titles of District Teachers of the Year.

### MCDONALD'S COUPONS

Students who have passed ALL of their classes during the second six weeks should stop by the counseling center before or after school, or during lunch to pick up their FREE McDonald's coupon. Way to go students!

### CREDIT BY EXAM

The deadline for registering for the January 5<sup>th</sup> Credit by Exam is December 14<sup>th</sup>. Students interested in taking one of these exams should see their counselor as soon as possible.

### 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.

### CHIP

CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, is a low-cost insurance program covering children from birth through age 18. The plan is designed for families who do not qualify for Medicaid and cannot afford private health insurance. CHIP covers expenses for checkups, immunizations, hospital visits and dental care. For additional information on qualifications and applications, please call CHIP at 1-800-647-6558, visit their website at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/chip/index.html> or see the school nurse.

### WAC

The next meeting of the Clark WAC (World Affairs Council) will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 8:20 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. in room 234.

### VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE

The first annual Clark Volleyball Challenge will be held on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The freshmen and sophomore faculty will play first, followed by the sophomore boys playing the sophomore girls team. Come to the gym and have some while supporting the teachers and students as they compete against each other. Admission is \$3.00.

## FFA

Ranch House Candles has teamed up with the Plano FFA and is donating 40% of your purchase to the PISD FFA students. Visit [planoffa.ranchhousecandles.com](http://planoffa.ranchhousecandles.com) (no www.) and order from their selection of American grown soy candles, potpourri, and candle accessories. If your order is placed by December 17<sup>th</sup> it will arrive in time for the holidays. For more information, visit our website at [www.planoffa.org](http://www.planoffa.org).

Plano FFA Fundraiser Day at The Spaghetti Warehouse in Plano will be on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Visit the Spaghetti Warehouse during these times, turn in your \$8.00 ticket, and then choose from their 15-layer lasagna or any Original Recipe spaghetti meal (see menu at [www.meatballs.com](http://www.meatballs.com)). For kids, there will be a choice of chicken fingers or spaghetti. To purchase your tickets, contact Maryann Ullrich at [maryann.ullrich@verizon.net](mailto:maryann.ullrich@verizon.net) or 214-317-0652. Please visit our Website at [www.planoffa.org](http://www.planoffa.org) for more information about the Plano FFA.

## IH

There will be an IH breakfast on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in room 106. Free for booster club members - \$3 for non club members. It's not too late to join! Check with your English teacher for a membership form.

Parents of Clark sophomores IH (formally known as Pre-IB) are invited to a parent meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Clark Library. We will be discussing information about the registration process for the IB program at Plano East Senior High for the 2008-2009 school year. A preliminary registration will occur at Clark on December 21<sup>st</sup> through the students English 2 IH classes. Academic conferences will be held at Clark February 4<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

You are invited to join the Clark High School band and orchestra programs for the Clark Symphony Orchestra concert on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark cafetorium. The group is comprised of members from the chamber orchestra, concert orchestra and band. They will be performing an exciting collection of new works, orchestral standards, and holiday favorites. Admission is free!

## CHOIR

The choir Winter Concert is tomorrow at St. Andrew United Methodist Church (Plano Parkway between the Dallas N. Tollway and Preston).

Rehearsal for the men's concert will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m., followed by the performance at 11:30 a.m. Rehearsal for the women's concert will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m., followed by the performance at 4:30 p.m.

Students going on the San Antonio trip need to turn in the \$150 deposit and trip contract by Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## THEATRE

The District One-Act Play contest will be held tomorrow at Plano East Senior High. All five high schools will be performing. Shows begin at 10:00 a.m., with shows on the hour. Clark High School will be performing *Still Life With Iris* at noon. Those attending should be seated a few minutes early as the doors will be closed when the shows begin. Admission to the contest is \$3.00, payable at the door. Since this is a contest, audience members are reminded to leave babies at home and to turn off all cell phones during the shows.

*High School Musical* is coming! Clark High School will be the first one in the Plano ISD to perform this popular musical! Ms. Turney will have the audition packets out before Thanksgiving. If you have always wanted to be in a musical ... well.... come and audition on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to have photos from this year's Masquerade in the 2008 Clark yearbook. If you have photos you would be willing to share, please email them to Ms. Turney ([Rebecca.turney@pisd.edu](mailto:Rebecca.turney@pisd.edu)) or to Mrs. Ristow ([christne.ristow@pisd.edu](mailto:christne.ristow@pisd.edu)).

## BASEBALL

Tryouts for the Clark and Plano East baseball teams begin January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Plano East Baseball Booster Club supports the Clark freshmen team, as well as the Williams, Plano East JV and Plano East varsity teams. Parents of freshmen and sophomore baseball players from Clark are encouraged to get involved. We need help preparing the field, running concession stands during games and other activities.

The next booster club meeting will be Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Top Cat Café at Plano East. Contact Ron Barrentine at [rbarrentine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rbarrentine@sbcglobal.net) or 972-727-3810 for more information.

## BAND

Congratulations to all the band members who auditioned for the TMEA All-Region Band on Monday night. Clark had twenty three students make All-Region Band, seven of whom will advance to Area. These students have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

### TMEA All-Region Concert Band:

Cynthia Heisch – 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Flute  
Graeme Johnson – 10<sup>th</sup> Chair Clarinet  
Amanda Praestholm – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Bass Clarinet  
Tori Korson – 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Bassoon  
Amber Bhargava – 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair Bassoon  
Nick Ware – 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Tuba

### TMEA All-Region Symphonic Band:

Susan Lee – 7<sup>th</sup> Chair Flute  
Albert Chen – 16<sup>th</sup> Chair Clarinet  
Robin Berkstresser – 9<sup>th</sup> Chair Clarinet  
\*Marissa Miller – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Bassoon  
\*Jeremy Chang – 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair Tenor Saxophone  
Kat Grotowski – 6<sup>th</sup> Chair Trumpet  
David Lee – 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Horn  
Ashley Taylor – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Horn  
Scott Jones – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Trombone  
Tanner Webb – 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Euphonium  
Emma Chase – 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Euphonium  
Michael Burwell – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Tuba

### TMEA All-Region Wind Ensemble:

\*Tony Gonzalez – 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Bari Saxophone  
\*Sarah Kang – 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Horn  
Max Weaver – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Horn  
\*Trevor Ball – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Trombone  
\*Scott Nguyen – 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Bass Trombone

\* Students advancing to Area. Good luck!!

## FRENCH CLUB

Congratulations to the Officers and members of the French Club who organized a very successful and tasty French breakfast last week. Great food and fun were had by all.

## DANCE CLASSES

Freshman dance classes are scheduled to perform at halftime of the freshman basketball games on December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>. Game times are 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. both nights. Come out and support the freshman dance classes and basketball teams!

## POWDER PUFF GAME

The fourth annual Clark Powder Puff game will be held on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Clark Central Stadium. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the gate for spectators and participants.

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Again this year Clark High School is sponsoring a food drive to help local food banks. Each student who wishes to participate may bring canned food to room 113 where it will be boxed for donation. Good choices of non-perishables include powdered milk, peanut butter, baby food and formula, dried peas and beans, and canned vegetables and meats. Let's all share a bit of holiday cheer with those who are in need.

Any student assigned an Administrative Detention may bring 5 CANS of food to the ISR ROOM 113 BEFORE 8:20 A.M. ON THE DAY THE DETENTION IS TO BE SERVED and be exempted from the detention. Likewise, students assigned to FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE can bring 25 CANS of food to ISR ROOM 113 BEFORE 3:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE to be exempted. Canned food must be IN DATE and NO RAMAN NOODLES will be accepted. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Chappelle or Mr. Welsh in the cafeteria during your lunch period.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

The Clark National Honor Society and Clark Orchestra have teamed up to collect toys for this year's DFW Toys for Tots drive! Please help us brighten the holidays for some of the area's children by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to either Mr. Seay in Room 242 or Mr. Goins in the orchestra room. Donations can also be given to any NHS or orchestra student, or left in the Toys for Tots box in the main office. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.

## YEARBOOK

Yearbook ordering information was mailed by Jostens the first week in October. Parents have the ability to order and pay for a yearbook by credit card over the phone or Internet, or by check, money order or credit card with a paper order form (see page 1 of attachment). To order online, go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://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](mailto:Catherine.Faught@pisd.edu).

## PESH BASKETBALL CLINIC

The PESH coaches and players will be conducting a clinic for girls in grades two through six on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Exciting skills and drills will be taught in the PESH gym. Check in will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The fee for the clinic is \$35.00. Attendees will receive a t-shirt and basketball. The clinic is limited to 200 players, so early registration is recommended. A downloadable registration form is attached (see page 2 of attachment).

Please contact Gary West at [jwfox5@tx.rr.com](mailto:jwfox5@tx.rr.com) or 214-334-6686 for additional information.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> period, during lunch, or after 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### SPORTS UPDATES:

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

The freshmen girls team won 3rd place honors at last week's Skyline McDonald's Invitational Tournament. Kaylie Bell and Madison Hunter received All-Tourney honors. Way to go Lady Cougars!!

##### 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](mailto: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

Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball vs. Wylie, 6:00/7:00 p.m.
	9 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball @ Wylie East, 6:00/7:00 p.m.
Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball @ Jasper, 6:00 p.m.
	10 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball @ John Paul II., 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Powder Puff Game

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball vs. Allen, 6:00/7:00 p.m.  
10<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball vs. Jasper., 4:30 p.m.  
9<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball @ Allen, 6:00/7:00 p.m.  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball @ McKinney Boyd, 12:00 p.m.

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Winter Break

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Sincerely,

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