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### CAMPUS CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

We would like to introduce you to a new system called V-soft that PISD has acquired to help protect your children. V-soft helps track visitors, students, faculty, contractors and volunteers at our school, thus providing a new tool that assists us in protecting our student environment. Please read the attached letter for additional details. A copy of this letter was sent home with students on Wednesday.

### NINTH GRADE GPA

Ninth grade students can pick information on their GPA and class rank from the Clark registrar's office, room 103A. Students should come by before first period, during their lunch times, or after school--not during class time.

## ART

Good luck to the thirty-four art students who will participate in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event on Saturday, February 23rd. The students were chosen because of their hard work and willingness to take risks in their art. They will be competing against all Region 10 high schools.

## BASEBALL

The Clark Cougar baseball team won their opening game over Southlake Carroll on Tuesday night with a 8-6 victory. The team will be out of town this weekend for a tournament in South Grand Prairie.

## BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the sophomore boys' basketball team on their second place finish in the district tournament last Saturday. They began the tournament as the seventh place team (out of eight), and had upset wins over number two, Shepton, and Jesuit, number six. Those wins put them in the finals against Williams, the best team in the district, with an undefeated record in district play. The team tried their best, but fell short; however, the East side of Plano was well represented in the championship game!!

## CHOIR

A pre-UIL event will take place at Plano East on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. UIL competition will be held on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lowery Freshman Center in Allen during the school day.

## FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Clark will meet on Friday February 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in room 102 (morning detention room across from the counselor's office). All are welcome - you do NOT have to be an athlete to participate.

## LATIN

On Saturday Clark High School Latin students participated in the Area JCL Competition held at Hebron High School. Each student from Clark won. They should be congratulated. There were about 40 schools present at the competition.

Andrew Nunnally:

Latin Derivatives – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Roman History -10<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Schultz:

Mythology – 8<sup>th</sup>,

Sight Recitation – 10<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Clark:

3 Dimensional Art – 1<sup>st</sup>

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on March 5th. Members can receive Drive Credit by bringing five ole t-shirts to the meeting.

Volunteers are needed for the Skaggs Elementary School silent auction on February 23rd from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Contact Suzanne Judkins at (972) 712-3634 to sign up.

## STEP TEAM

The Clark High School Step Team will meet on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in Room 206.

Past, present and future members should attend this meeting. Bring your signed permission slips.

Contact Mrs. Johnson in Room 206 for additional information and to obtain permission slips.

## STUDENT PORTRAITS

Proofs of the student portraits taken in January have been returned to the students. To order portraits, please return the proofs and payment in the envelope provided with the proofs to room 116 before or after school, or to room 124 during lunch.

## THEATRE

*High School Musical* is coming! Make plans to attend and see the wonderful cast of Clark students, one basketball coach and one performer from the administration building in the production. Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for \$10.00. All tickets are for reserved seats, so buy early to get the seat you want. To purchase tickets call Michelle Spangler at (972) 786-4015 or email Ms. Turney at [Rebecca.Turney@pisd.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Turney@pisd.edu).

## THEATRE REHEARSAL

A full show rehearsal (in costume) for High School Musical will be held on Saturday, March 1st from noon until 5:00 p.m. This is a very important rehearsal due to TAKS and open house, so please make plans to attend!

## WHIZ QUIZ

Congratulations to the members of the Whiz Quiz team. Thirteen members of the team qualified for the Nationals to be held in June.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

If you are want (or need) to attend summer school this year, stop by the counseling center to pick up a summer school packet. They are also available on the large shelf outside the counseling center.

Session 1: June 16<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Session 2: July 7<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>

Hours: 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Tuition: \$200 per session (NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

Payment may be made by cash, cashier's check, money order, MasterCard, Visa, or Discover Card.

Locations:

Plano East Sr. High School - Math, English, ESL, Spanish, Speech classes

Plano West Sr. High School - Science, Social Studies, BCIS, Health, Keyboarding, and PE classes

Transportation: Bus service is available from Clark H.S. to both Plano East and Plano West.

Pre-enrollment: March 24<sup>th</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**DO NOT RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO CLARK HIGH SCHOOL. IT MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO:**

Summer School  
Plano Independent School District  
2700 W 15th Street  
Plano, TX 75075

**NOTE:** Many classes fill up very quickly, so please register early! Your counselor needs to sign off on your registration form before you submit it to the district summer school office.

## COUGARETTES

The Cougarette tryout clinic will be held from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. on February 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Tryouts in front of the judges will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Other important information can be found on the Cougarettes website at [www.clarkcougarettes.org](http://www.clarkcougarettes.org).

#### PANTHER PRE-SCHOOL

Registration for enrollment in the 2008 – 2009 Panther Pre-school will begin on Friday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in room B2-140 at Plano East (3000 Los Rios Blvd).

The program is for children aged three to five and is taught by certified/degreed teachers. High school students enrolled in Early Childhood Professions assist classes.

The program is designed so that each child may develop to his/her fullest potential at an individual pace. The emphasis is on the growth and development of the whole child: physical, emotional, social and intellectual development. Children learn best by doing, whether at center time, group discussion or outside play with their peers. The curriculum includes: phonics, language & literacy, science, math, art, music & movement, social skills, building a positive self-esteem, and lots of fun! These years are very important in giving a preschool age child a sense of themselves and how to relate to their peers. Come join us for an enthusiastic, educational year of exploration!

Contact Cynthia McCutchan at 469-752-9082 or via email at [Cynthia.Mccutchan@pisd.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Mccutchan@pisd.edu) for additional information.

#### 2008 YEARBOOK STAFF

Do you like taking photographs, talking to new people and attending school events? If so, and you have good time management skills, can meet deadlines and are a strong writer, then yearbook might be the course for you. Applications for the 2008 - 2009 Clark High School yearbook staff are now available in the counseling office and room 124. The deadline to submit applications has been extended to March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Interviews will be conducted in early March. Please email Catherine Faught at [Catherine.Faught@pisd.edu](mailto:Catherine.Faught@pisd.edu) if you have any questions.

#### ORCHESTRA

Mark your calendars for the Mid Winter Concert which will be held on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark Cafetorium. Admission is free.

#### PESH COURSE APPLICATIONS

Applications for Student Senate, Teen Court, Auto Tech, Auto Paint & Body (PSHS), Culinary Arts, Theatre Major Studies, Art, Early Childhood Professions, Newspaper, and Yearbook at PESH are available in the counseling center.

Deadline to submit Culinary Arts applications is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Yearbook applications are due on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### PESH THEATRE MAJOR STUDIES

Audition applications for Theatre Major Studies at PESH are available from Ms. Turney. Ms. Hale, Theatre Director at PESH will be at Clark on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> to speak with interested students. The workshop will be held in the theatre room at Clark from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m.

Auditions for the 2008-2009 Theatre Major Studies class will be held on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Incoming juniors and others not in current theatre classes will audition after school in A109. The audition consists of two contrasting monologues and an improvisation. An application (attached) and current transcript are required. See Ms. Turney or contact Ms. Hale at [Lisa.Hale@pisd.edu](mailto:Lisa.Hale@pisd.edu) or (469) 752-9247 for additional information.

## STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Christie Elementary needs student volunteers to help set-up and work at the Christie Carnival. Set-up is on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to work either from 9:30 until 12:30 or 12:00 until 3:00 on the day of the carnival, Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Christine Sorenson at (972) 424-7484 or [CEMSorenson@gmail.com](mailto:CEMSorenson@gmail.com) to sign up.

## SOCCKER FUNDRAISER

PESH Soccer teams are selling cookie dough and fruit as a fund raiser. If you would like to purchase either item look for a soccer player or contact Dawn Janowski at 972.578.84.75 or [dawnjanowski@tx.rr.com](mailto:dawnjanowski@tx.rr.com).

Cinnamon Tree (Aphrodite) Cookie Dough, 3-lb preformed cookie dough sells for \$13 a box. There are twelve varieties to choose from. Selling dates are Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sunkist Fruit, sells for \$25 a case. Apples, oranges & grapefruit are available. Selling dates are Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Delivery date for both sales will be Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. at Plano East. Checks should be made payable to: Plano East Soccer Booster Club.

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE (CHIP)

You can apply for CHIP or Children's Medicaid on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Carnival store located at 3320 Ave. K in Plano. CHIP now offers a full twelve months of coverage for \$50 or less.

CHIP and Children's Medicaid benefits cover regular doctor's visits, immunizations, eye exams and glasses, emergency and hospital care, dental check-ups, prescription drugs and mental health services.

You must bring the following documents to apply:

A copy of each child's birth certificate

Each child's social security number

Alien Registration Cards (1-551)

Proof of income for all family members: one of your latest pay check stubs or a letter from your employer stating how much you are paid and child support check stubs

Receipt for child care, disabled adult care, or child support payments

## CLARK NIGHT OUT AT CHILI'S

Enjoy the "Sizzlin Fun" at Chili's and help support our school at the same time. Chili's will donate 3% of your total bill to Clark High School if you dine there after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Just write Clark High School and the name of one of your teachers on your receipt and return it to the waiter. The PTSA will have a teacher raffle once a month to select the "Chili's Teacher of the Month". Your teacher will win gift passes and have his/her name placed on a plaque at Chili's. You can call 9728819100 ahead of time to put your name on the waiting list. Chili's is located at 3601 N. Central Expressway in Plano. We hope to see you all there on Tuesday evening.

## TEA/VOE FORMS

Students needing a TEA/VOE form for Driver's Ed, Permit, License or renewals should SIGN UP IN THE MAIN OFFICE. Your student should sign up about a week before he/she needs 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.

## 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 [20072008 Student/Parent Policy Guide](#) or contact the school nurse.

## 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 email at [chs.cougars@yahoo.com](mailto:chs.cougars@yahoo.com) and we'll add you to our email list. Information on PISD sports can be found on the [Plano ISD Athletics website](#).

## ADD Security Letter ATTACHMENTS WHEN TRANSMIT

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Softball, Allen Varsity Tournament @ Allen Station  
Softball, Flower Mound JV Tournament  
Baseball vs. Southlake Carroll @ East, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Baseball @ Southlake Carroll, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Softball @ Flower Mound, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Boy's Track vs. Vines @ PSHS, 4:15 p.m.
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Softball, McKinney Varsity Tournament @ Gabe Nesbitt  
Baseball, Plano 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament @ PESH
- Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> End of fourth six weeks

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Sincerely,

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