



The Clark eNews 8-Feb-08

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FORMAL DANCE

PALS will be hosting the annual Clark formal dance on Saturday, February 9th from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This year's theme is *The Forbidden City*. Tickets will be \$15 and will be on sale before school, during lunch, and after school the week of February 4th through the 8th. A valid student ID must be presented

at the door. Students may bring a guest from another school after filling out a guest form. Guest forms can be picked up in the front office. There are two forms, one for guests who attend another PISD campus and a second form for nonPISD guests. Be sure to fill out the appropriate form.

FBLA

FBLA members participated in the area competition held at PESH last Saturday. The events that the students competed in were Business Procedures, Business Math, Client Service, Desktop Publishing, Job Interview, Management Decision Making, Management Information Systems, Parliamentary Procedures and Website Development. There were four first place winners, one second, two third and three fourth. The next level of competition will take place at the state conference in April.

GERMAN

Clark German students competed in the North Texas Winterfest competition last weekend. Many students placed and will go on to compete at the Texas State German contest at UT Austin on February 23rd. Sehr gut!!

ORCHESTRA

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

On Saturday, February 2nd members of the orchestra participated in the PISD East Cluster Solo and Ensemble Contest hosted at Clark. Students prepared solos or small ensembles to play for a judge for comments and a rating. Our students represented the school well, both in their performances and in their work hosting the contest. Students who performed were:

"Good" rating:

Lauri Sulewski, violin solo

Torri Bradshaw, bass solo

"Excellent" rating:

Ruth Bentley, violin solo

Emma Brazeal, violin solo

Rebecca Okerson, violin solo

Nav Ravindranath, violin solo

Jennifer Varavithaya, violin solo

Sabrina Boss, viola solo

Rizwan Jagani, viola solo

Victor Chen, cello solo

Cara Spidle, cello solo

Nikita Ahmed, Eddie Bouchan, Michelle Ng, & Paul Shim, violin quartet

"Superior" rating (highest rating):

Kishore Bharadwaj, violin solo

James Han, violin solo

Ashley Miller, violin solo

Catherine Tsao, viola solo

Crystal Chen, cello solo

Colin Howe, cello solo

Arnold Liao, cello solo

Siyang Li, cello solo

Heather Richardson, cello solo
Shelby Tidwell, cello solo
Ester Gomez & Lauren Woods, viola duet
Stephanie Greene, Anna Kopinska, & Carmen Tinker, misc trio
James Han, Carmen Tinker, Catherine Tsao, Jennifer Varavithaya, & Shannon Wey, quintet

In addition, James Han and Arnold Liao both earned an "Exemplary" designation, meaning the judge thought their performance was exceptional and deserved recognition beyond the highest "Superior" rating. Please congratulate these students on their outstanding performances.

SCIENCE FAIR

Special thanks to all parents and friends that came out in the freezing cold on Friday, Jan. 25th to help judge our science fair. There were 35 judges and 126 students at the event. We could not have done it without you.

SPEECH AND DEBATE

The speech and debate team traveled to Amarillo for their latest tournament. The many individual awards won by the students helped the team earn sweepstakes at the event.

TENNIS

The team defeated Williams seven matches to six on Tuesday. The matches were close, but Clark prevailed. Two matches were lost in tense tie-breakers!

STUDENT FEATURED IN WFAA COLUMN

Clark High School ninth grader, Matan Michaeli was recently featured in Chris Clark's WFAA column. His column is titled, "TiKi Cocktail" which stands for T.K...people in The Know...living in The Now." It focuses on fun, interesting, and/or newsworthy events around the metroplex, as well as inspirational people doing amazing things.

You can read Matan's story at <http://www.beloblog.com/tikicocktail/2008/01/>. Scroll down to the January 28th article. Matan is a true inspiration on how he lives his life. He and his family give high praise to the staff and students at Clark High School for all of their support.

BASKETBALL BATTLE FOR THE EASTSIDE

The Clark sophomore boys basketball team will be taking on the Williams' sophomores in the first "Battle for the Eastside" this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the Plano East gym. Come support your Cougars as they fight for bragging rights in this Eastside rivalry.

POWDER PUFF GAME

The Powder Puff game will be played on Monday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. at Clark Central. Admission for everyone will be \$5.00. Gates open at 5:00 p.m.

There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in participating in the game on Thursday, Feb. 14th at 4:30 p.m. in the library.

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 14th. Yearbook applications are due on March 4th.

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 18th 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 13th. 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 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 22nd 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 23rd. Contact Christine Sorenson at (972) 424-7484 or CEMSorenson@gmail.com to sign up.

PESH JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

The Plano East Jazz Ensemble will perform three sets of jazz music at the 5th annual Jazz Band/ Mardi Gras Event on Saturday February 9th in the Plano East Cafeteria from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. The public is invited to this fun event, which will include a silent auction, food, dancing, and casino style games. Authentic, homemade Cajun cuisine will be available for purchase as well as other delectable food items. The cost is \$5 per person at the door. This will be an incredible jazz concert event for everyone.

Come support the PESH Band Program and enjoy an evening of fun, food and entertainment! If needed contact Pam Harrison, 972-517-2907, tul.time@tx.rr.com or John Brennan, Associate Director of Bands, 469-752-9193, john.brennan@pisd.edu.

SOCCER 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.

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 28th through Wednesday, February 13th.

Sunkist Fruit, sells for \$25 a case. Apples, oranges & grapefruit are available. Selling dates are Monday, February 11th through Wednesday, February 27th.

Delivery date for both sales will be Sunday, March 9th from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. at Plano East.

Checks should be made payable to: Plano East Soccer Booster Club.

FUNDING COLLEGE WORKSHOP

Students and parents are invited to a free workshop with college experts Gen and Kelly Tanabe on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Jasper High School cafeteria.

Gen and Kelly Tanabe are the award-winning authors of Get Into Any College and Get Free Cash for College. Accepted by all of the Ivy League colleges, they won over \$100,000 in scholarships to graduate from Harvard debt-free. They'll help you:

Choose the perfect college

Write a powerful application and essay
Understand the importance of grades, test scores and activities
Learn how to win scholarships
Maximize your financial aid options

For more information, visit www.supercollege.com.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE (CHIP)

You can apply for CHIP or Children's Medicaid on Saturday, February 23rd 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

2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDER

On February 5, the Plano ISD Board of Trustees approved the 2008-09 School Calendar (Option A), which includes the conclusion of fall semester exams prior to the winter break student/teacher holiday. The calendar is posted online at: <http://www.pisd.edu/common/calendar/calendar.glance.0809.shtml>

STATE REVISES MARCH TAKS TESTING SCHEDULE

To alleviate security problems involved with administering the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) assessments on the same day as primary voting in Texas (March 4, 2008), the Texas Education Agency has developed a revised testing calendar. As a result of the changes, no test administrations will occur on March 4. Follow this link to Plano ISD's revised testing calendar:

<http://www.pisd.edu/common/calendar/testing.calendar.shtml>

This new testing schedule addresses the following:

- By moving the exit level social studies retest from Friday, March 7, to Monday, March 3, the fewest number of students are affected.
- Three of the four exit level retests - English language arts, mathematics and science - will be administered one day later but in the same order as originally scheduled.
- The grade 10 English language arts primary and make-up administrations are still separated by one day. The primary administration is now scheduled for March 5, and the make-up is scheduled for March 7.
- The Student Success Initiative (SSI) reading administrations are now scheduled for March 5, leaving March 6, 7 and 8 for make-up opportunities.

COUGARETTES

Cougarette Tryout Packets are out! See Mrs. Cooper to pick one up. Tryout clinic will be held from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. on February 25th through the 27th in the gym. Tryouts in front of the judges will be held on

Thursday, Feb. 28th and Friday the 29th at 6:00 p.m. Other important information can be found on the Cougarettes website www.clarkcougarettes.org

The Cougarettes will compete at R.L. Turner High School on February 9th. Come out and support your Cougarettes. For additional information visit the Courgarette website or email the sponsor at Stefanie.Cooper@pisd.edu.

COUNSELING NEWS

If your student needs a little help staying organized this semester, the PTSA still has several student planners for sale. Stop by the counseling center to pick one up for only \$5.00!

FCA

There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in joining FCA on Friday, February 15th at 8:15 a.m. in Room 102A. We hope to see you there.

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 is February 15th. Interviews will be conducted in late February and early March. Please email Catherine Faught at Catherine.Faught@pisd.edu if you have any questions.

PTA ENVIRONEMNTAL CONTEST

Clark will be participating in the Texas PTA's annual environmental contest. This year's theme is "What Can I Do?" Student entrants will write, draw, photograph, or produce a public service announcement related to the theme. One winner from each grade and category will advance to the Plano PTA Council judging in March. City Council winners will proceed to area and state judging in May and could receive recognition from the Texas PTA. Specific contest rules and student entry forms are attached to this email and are also available in the school library. Entries are due February 20th. Please see Ms. Reeves for additional information or contact her at Teresa.Reeves@pisd.edu.

PTSA

There will be a general meeting of the PTSA on February 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

PESH FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB

The Plano East Football Booster Club, also known as the Quarterback Club, will hold their annual election of officers and organizational meeting on Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Plano East Cafeteria. They will be sponsoring the Spring Game in May, so new officers and volunteers must be in place. If your son will play either varsity or junior varsity football at EAST in the fall of 2008, please plan to attend. Bring your checkbook so you can pay your membership dues and buy spirit wear. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Cregg at peshqbc2006@verizon.net.

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.

MOVING UP

PESH will hold “Moving Up” night on Tuesday, February 19th from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. in the PESH cafeteria. PESH faculty members will be available to answer questions about their programs. All sophomores and their parents/guardians are invited.

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 35 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 1st period, during lunch, or after 7th 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 and we'll add you to our email list.

Information on PISD sports can be found on the [Plano ISD Athletics website](#).

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 9th Formal Dance
Baseball Scrimmage vs. Grapevine/Burleson @ PESH, 10:00 a.m./3:00 p.m.

Softball JV Roundup @ East
Softball Scrimmage vs. McKinney North @ PESH
Feb. 7th – 9th 9th Boys Basketball District “B” Tournament
9th Girls Basketball District Tournament
10th Girls Basketball District Tournament @ Williams & Vines
Feb. 11th Student Holiday
Feb. 12th Baseball Scrimmage @ Rockwall, 5:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Rowlett @ PESH, 5:00/7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14 -16th Softball, Birdville Tournament
Softball, Allen JV Tournament
9th Boys Basketball District “A” Tournament
10th Boys Basketball District Tournament @ Jasper/Shepton
Feb. 18th PTSA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the library
Feb. 19th Moving Up to PESH Night
Feb. 29th End of fourth six weeks

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Sincerely,

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