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TAKS

TAKS testing will be conducted on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, April 29th, May 1st and 2nd.

Tuesday - 10th grade Math

Thursday - 9th grade Math and 10th grade Science

Friday - 10th grade Social Studies

BEFORE test day, each student should check the testing rosters to see where his/her testing room is located. Testing rosters are posted throughout the building.

On test days, students should arrive at school by 8:45 a.m. so they will have ample time to get to the testing room by 9:00 a.m.

If your student brings a sack lunch on test day, he/she must take it to the testing room. Students will not be allowed to go to their lockers to get their lunch.

Students should leave cell phones and any other electronic devices at home. Any cell phone or electronic device that is in the testing room will be delivered to the front office and will have to be retrieved by a parent after school. If a student brings a cell phone or any other electronic device to school by mistake, they should put it in his/her locker prior to entering the test room.

Students should bring two sharpened #2 pencils to the testing room. Highlighters, colored pencils, and colored overlays may be brought for use during testing. Calculators will be provided. Students should not bring calculators to the testing room.

A novel may be brought into the test room to read after testing is completed.

TAKS BREAKFAST

Complimentary breakfast will be provided for all students the morning of the tests. Breakfast will be served between 8:15 and 8:40 a.m.

RISING STARS PERFORMANCE

The Clark theatre department Rising Stars will perform *Love of a Pig*, a show about the pitfalls of dating, by the Emmy Award writer of "Everyone Loves Raymond". Performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25th and May 9th. Admission is free, but seating is limited.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

You have one more chance to order a yearbook before the price goes up to \$60! The cost for the 172 page, full color 2008 yearbook is \$55 through April 30th. Orders will be taken in the cafeteria during all lunches on Monday, April 28th and Wednesday, April 30th. Payment may be made by cash, money order, or check made payable to Clark High School. Please include your student's ID number in the memo section of the check. Order forms are available outside of rooms 116 and 124, in the main office and attached to this email. You can still order online as well at jostensyearbook.com. Please email the yearbook advisor at Catherine.Faught@pisd.edu if you have any questions.

BAND

This past weekend all three performing bands competed in the American Classic Music Festival in Dallas. All three bands received a Superior rating. In addition to the Superior rating, the wind ensemble also received a trophy for Overall Outstanding Performance and another trophy for Best Overall for the entire festival.

The symphonic band and wind ensemble performed last week at the Region 25 UIL Competition in McKinney. The symphonic band received an Excellent Rating on Stage and a Superior Rating in Sight-reading. The wind ensemble received a Superior Rating for both their Stage and Sight-reading performances. Bravo!!

FRENCH

Congratulations to all who participated in the prestigious National French Contest. Clark had two national winners who are in the 95th percentile and will receive National Laureate certificates:

Crystal Chen (French 2 PIH) – 4th place
Yasmina Chalhoub (French 3 PIH) – 5th place

Bravo et Félicitations!

LATIN

Clark students recently participated in the state Latin competition. Over 2050 students competed. Congratulations to our students for their achievements at the event.

Sarah Clark - Latin I:
2nd - Open certamin
5th - Miscellaneous
Magna cum laude - Pentathlon

Andrew Nunnally - Latin II
10th - Latin Literature
Maximum cum laude - Pentathlon

ORCHESTRA

This past weekend, the Clark Orchestra traveled to San Antonio to participate in the Bluebonnet Classic Music Festival. Our orchestras were combined into three performing groups for the festival, and despite a 5:30 a.m. meeting time and a long bus ride, the students gave everything they had in their performances, and all three groups received a Superior rating from the judges, the highest rating possible. Throughout the weekend our students represented our school with incredible class and the orchestra directors received many compliments on the behavior of their students. Congratulations to the students on their hard work, poise, and maturity.

REFLECTIONS RECOGNITION

All students who participated in Reflections are invited to a party in the library on Wednesday, April 30th from 4:15 until 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Mrs. Rowley by April 28th.

SCIENCE FAIR

Six months of research paid off for numerous Clark scientists and their teachers. The students earned \$3140 in prizes and three \$1200 trips at the Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science Fair Awards Banquet. Mrs. Bambenek was awarded \$500 and Mrs. Reeves \$100 for being Toyota Teacher Award winners. Please congratulate these outstanding teachers and their students on their hard work and success. Good luck to the students who will continue on to the International Science and Engineering Fair in May.

Kent Bhupathi: \$300 – 1st place, certificates from the Hoover Library and Professional Engineers
Ramisa Rahman: \$300 – 1st place, certificate from the Army
Jeremy Chang: \$200 – 2nd place
Rich Thakur: \$300 – 1st place, \$1200 trip to Houston from ISWEEP, certificates from the Army, Scientific American, and the Assoc. for Women Geoscientists, medal and pin
Siddharth Patel: \$200 – 2nd place, \$100 from Safety Engineers
Shruti Saveri: \$200 – 2nd place
Sirish Kamarajugadda: \$200 – 2nd place

Param Jaggi: \$200 – 2nd place
Monica Nelson: \$200 – 2nd place
Erin Popovich: \$200 – 2nd place
Varun Sambhariya: \$100 – 2nd place,
Trevor Greer: \$100 – 3rd place
Ryan Alkexander: \$1200 trip to Houston from ISWEEP, rain gauge, hail meter, induction into the Meteorological Society, \$20,
Suhith Shivani: \$150, laptop bag, certificate from Texas Tech, Water Env. Federation, Stockholm Junior Water Prize, ISWEEP t shirt
Keith Heacock: \$200 from Rockwell Leadership Assoc., foam airplane
Hari Raman: \$100, certificate from the Industrial Engineers
Tej Gigvani: \$50, certificate from the Navy

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Congratulations to Rohun Ati, Maya Sachdeva and Nikki Sachdeva on their performance at the NFL district competition. Rohun is the 5th alternate in foreign extemporaneous speaking and Maya is 3rd alternate in domestic extemporaneous speaking. Nikki will be going to Nationals in Las Vegas, Nevada in June.

PESH SOUND INVENTION AND TREBLEMAKERS AUDITIONS

Auditions for Sound Invention and TrebleMakers, will be held on Tuesday, May 6th. Students will need to prepare two pieces of contrasting styles for this ensemble. Suggested repertoire would include jazz standards and pop literature.

The auditions will be held in the choir room at Plano East. Auditions will begin at 4:30 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet outside of the choir room doors beginning April 28th. Students who do not attend Plano East can come by Plano East or have his/her director e-mail Mr. Knight to set up an audition time.

All auditions must be accompanied. Students may use an mp3 player, CD, tape, piano, or guitar. Students who are auditioning will not be allowed to accompany their own audition. The judges may or may not hear the entire selection due to time constraints.

All auditionees will be considered first for the slots available for Sound Invention. Once those slots are filled, the remaining females will be screened for placement into TrebleMakers.

Call backs are set for Wednesday, May 7th. These auditions will start at approximately 4:45 p.m. This audition will feature a dance portion and will last about an hour. Please wear appropriate footwear for the dance rehearsal. Please plan accordingly so that you do not have conflicts with other commitments. You will need to reserve both dates if you are interested in these superior ensembles.

Please bring with you to the audition a current picture (this will not be returned), a copy of your fifth six-week report card, and your accompaniment materials. Dress attire should be appropriate for an audition.

MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?

Parents - if you think you may be moving over the summer, please stop by the counseling center to complete an "Intent to Withdraw" form. The form does not withdraw your child from Plano ISD, but helps us locate you next year in the event you do not return to Clark or Plano East. If you have any questions, please call the counseling center at 469-752-7215.

PESH MASCOT TRYOUTS

Any sophomore interested in being the Plano East Panther JV Mascot for the 2008 - 2009 school year should pick up a tryout packet from Ms. Luckey in Room 115. Applications must be returned to Summer Simmons at PESH by 4:00 p.m. on May 5th. No late applications will be accepted.

Tryouts will be held on May 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the **Top Cat Cafe**. Candidates will have to perform a two to three minute skit, which includes music and props. The skit will be a solo performance. Please email Miss Simmons at Summer.Simmons@pisd.edu for additional information.

IMMUNIZATIONS

If you receive an immunization letter from the nurse, please return your child's updated immunization record to school before the due date indicated on the letter to ensure your student's continued enrollment in school. If your child has shots due during June, July, or August you must bring the updated immunization record to schedule pick-up. Your child will not be given his/her schedule if the immunization record is not presented.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Carter BloodCare mobile unit, Mission:Possible, will be at Clark's east parking lot on Wednesday May 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Teachers, parents and students who are at least seventeen years old may donate blood. Sign up sheets and additional information is available in the front office.

SUMMER BOWLING CLINIC

The Texas Bowling Centers Association will be conducting a one day Summer High School Bowling Clinic at Plano Super Bowl on Friday, July 11th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The \$20 cost includes instruction and lunch. Please read the *attached flyer* for all the details.

FIRE – RESCUE CAMP

The Collin County Community College Fire Academy will hold its Fire-Rescue Camp June 9th through June 13th. The camp is designed for boys and girls between fourteen and eighteen who are interested in the activities of fire-rescue personnel. Teenagers will participate in hands-on training exercises learning the skills of professional fire fighters. Camp participants should be in good physical condition, willing to learn, and enjoy working as a team member. The program concludes with a skills demonstration for family and friends.

Date: June 9-13

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday

Cost: \$150.00 (includes camp T--shirt)

Attire: Campers should wear blue jeans, athletic shoes, and leather work gloves. Fire-fighting gear and camp t-Shirt provided.

Camp participants should bring a sack lunch each day. No one will be allowed to leave the training grounds unless accompanied by a parent.

The registration fee required to reserve your place in the camp. Camp enrollment is limited to eighteen participants so submit your application in as soon as possible.

Please call Leslie Thetford or Monica Wright at 972.548.6836 for registration information. Application forms are available in the counseling center.

IH (formerly Pre-IB)

The end of year student party will be held May 9th in the cafeteria. The general meeting will be May 12th in the library.

2008-2009 SCHEDULE PICK-UP

Schedule pick-up for next year will be held on August 14th and 15th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Incoming tenth grade students will pick up their schedules on Thursday the fourteenth and ninth graders on Friday the fifteenth. Additional information will be sent out in a special edition of eNews later this year.

OFFICE DEPOT

Office Depot has a program that gives 5% of your qualified purchase total back to Clark High School when you use the Clark ID# when you check out. The ID number is **70100135**. If you participate in the Office Depot Worklife Rewards or Star Teacher program, you will still receive credit for those programs, as well as earning credits for Clark. Purchases made at any store in the U.S. or Canada, by phone (1-800-GO-DEPOT) or online (www.officedepot.com) qualify for the program.

FCA

FCA will meet on Friday mornings at 8:15 a.m. in room 102A (detention hall – across from counselor's office). You do not have to be an athlete to attend, all are welcome!

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.

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 16th - July 3rd

Session 2: July 7th – July 24th

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 24th through May 23rd

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.

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 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

Apr. 29th TAKS testing
May 1st TAKS testing
May 2nd TAKS testing
May 26th Student/Teacher Holiday
May 30 – June 4th Final Exams

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Sincerely,

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