



The Clark eNews 07-SEPT-07

Dear Clark eNews Subscriber:

This message includes the following information:

1. Counseling Center (*New!*)
2. Mascot Tryouts(*New!*)
3. College Nights(*New!*)
4. Theatre (*New!*)
5. Choir (*New!*)
6. FFA (*New!*)
7. Teen Volunteer Fair (*New!*)
8. International Essay Contest(*New!*)
9. T.E.A/V.O.E. Forms (*Revised!*)
10. TBEC Honor Roll
11. Open House
12. National Honor Society
13. Parent Volunteers
14. AVID Tutoring
15. Elevator Keys
16. Parent Viewer
17. Sports Updates
18. Important Upcoming Dates

COUNSELING CENTER

Credit Alert: Students should see their counselor if they are currently enrolled in a class that they already have credit for passing. You do NOT receive credit for taking a class that you have already passed ... even if you earn a higher grade!

MASCOT TRYOUTS

Anyone interested in trying out to be the 2007 – 2008 Cougar mascot should see Ms. Luckey in room 115 before Wednesday, Sept. 12th. Come by before or after school, or during lunch.

COLLEGE NIGHTS

Plano East and Plano West senior highs will host College Nights on September 10th and 11th. All PISD students and parents are invited to attend these events, where more than 200 colleges and universities will be represented.

Monday, September 10

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Plano East Senior High School

3000 Los Rios Boulevard

Plano, Texas 75074

Tuesday, September 11
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Plano West Senior High School
5601 West Parker Road
Plano 75093

THEATRE

Bravo! a student club for theatre is accepting memberships until September 15th. Membership is \$5.00 and is open to anyone at CHS. Our major event for the year is the Masquerade on October 30th, and everyone wishing to attend should join Bravo! and get their costume ready! We have had a great time every year and this year will be no exception! But, wait! That's not all! Your Bravo! membership will get you one free concession stand item at each theatre performance.

Theatre is sponsoring a field trip to see The Lion King. The trip will be October 19th, departing Clark at 10:00 a.m.. Students who wish to attend should see Ms. Turney in the theatre room for a form with the details and pricing. Included in the price will be your ticket, transportation and meal. Tickets are limited to first come, so if you would like to attend the matinee on Friday, October 19th, please turn your paperwork and money in to Ms. Turney in room 144 ASAP.

CHOIR

Celebration, Clark's show choir, will be holding auditions on Thursday, Sept. 13th, at 4:30 pm. Interested choir students should complete a contract and then sign up for an audition time. Contact Mrs. Laughter for additional information.

FFA

The PISD FFA students are hosting a fundraiser night at Baskin Robbins on Friday, September 14th from 5:00 until 10:00 p.m. The store is located at the southwest corner of Legacy and Independence. You must say "Plano FFA" when you make your purchase!! For more information visit contact Maryann Ullrich at maryann.ullrich@verizon.net. Be sure to come and enjoy an ice cream while supporting the FFA.

TEEN VOLUNTEER FAIR

The Volunteer Center of North Texas in partnership with Strikz Entertainment Center will hold its annual Teen Volunteer Fair on Saturday, September 15th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Strikz Entertainment Center, 8789 Lebanon Road, Frisco, TX. Teens from Plano ISD are invited to attend the volunteer fair to learn about volunteer opportunities and meet nonprofit representatives from organizations such as AIDS Services of North Texas, The Samaritan Inn, CITY House and more.

In addition to learning about various ways to get involved, teens will also enjoy fun entertainment, including a FREE game of laser tag or bowling. The first 75 teens who visit agencies will also receive a FREE t-shirt. Don't miss this opportunity to help students explore the many ways they can impact their community through volunteerism!

INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

The World Affairs Council is sponsoring an International Essay Contest. First prize is \$1000 and publication in the Dallas Morning News! Additional cash prizes will be awarded, finalists will receive a six month free rental card from Blockbuster, and ALL participants will receive a free cd/dvd holder.

To enter, students must write a 750 to 1,000 word essay on one of three topics. Essays must be submitted by October 1st. The topics are:

Does the United States have a moral obligation to assist the world's exploited children?

How do you plan to compete in a global workforce?

How have America's past military and political actions in the Middle East region helped or hindered Iran?

Students interested in entering the contest should see Miss Vickerman in 234 for help. Additional information can be found in the World Geography section of the ecc website

TBEC HONOR ROLL

Clark High School has made the Texas Business and Education Coalition (TBEC) Honor Roll for 2007! This is the second time that Clark has been honored by TBEC, the first time being in 2005. This most prestigious award is given to schools for sustained, academic excellence and performance in each grade and in each subject based on data as it relates to comparisons of demographic peer groups across the state. Clark students, parents and staff have truly earned their place on this honor roll through hard work, dedication, and student achievement over time. Of the more than 8,000 public schools in Texas, less than 5% will be so honored in Austin. WAY TO GO, CLARK HIGH SCHOOL!!!!!!!!!!

OPEN HOUSE

We trust that the school year is off to a positive start for you and your family!

We have scheduled our annual parent Open House for the night of September 11th at 7:00 p.m. This night will give you the opportunity to meet each of your child's teachers and to learn about the expectations in each class.

Since you will be following your child's schedule, please ask your child to complete the **attached form** and bring it with you to the open house. For your convenience, maps of the school will be available at the front doors. We look forward to showing you our school and working with you and your child this year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The first meeting of the year for sophomores will be held on September 19th at 4:20 p.m. only. Officers will be elected so attendance is mandatory. This meeting will count as one of your 6 required meetings. No freshmen please.

Freshmen representatives will be elected at the October 3rd meeting. If you are interested in being a rep please see Mr. Seay in room 242. This is also a regular meeting for all sophomores and will count toward attendance.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Any parent who completed the online application to be a volunteer needs print out the final Volunteer Notary Form and bring it to the school. This form must be on file in the office manager's office before you can volunteer in the school. You have to have one on file for each school that you plan to volunteer in. Thanks for your help in this matter and your support of Clark High School.

AVID TUTORING

Tutoring positions are available in Plano ISD for fall 2007 – 2008. We are looking for college students and recent graduates to tutor in the AVID classrooms. Tutors will work with small groups of middle and high school students under the supervision of a teacher. Tutor training is provided and tutors will be paid for their training hours. Tutorial schedules vary during the school day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. We can arrange your tutoring schedule around your class schedule. Tutors are paid \$10.00 per hour. If interested, please contact Kristin Anderson at 469-752-8061 or Kristin.Anderson@pisd.edu.

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.

PARENT VIEWER

Online access to view your child's grades and attendance is available on our Parent Viewer web site. Reports available online will enable you to view details such as assignments, quizzes and tests along with the grade, score weights, due dates, and maximum values. Missing assignment reports are also an option for you to view.

You will also have the ability to sign up for automatic email subscriptions and will be able to schedule the following types of reports:

- Unexcused absence
- Detailed attendance
- Grade summary
- Detailed grade information
- Grade notification

New users may register for this service online at <http://parentviewer.pisd.edu> to setup individual account information for access. Registration will open August 28, 2007.

Beginning shortly after the start of school year, teachers will be updating their students' grades every Monday and attendance will be updated throughout each day. Exceptions may exist to this guideline due to a variety of factors which include holidays, major projects and teacher absences.

If you have questions involving registering for the Plano ISD Parent Viewer service, please email parentviewer@pisd.edu. Questions regarding grades and attendance can be directed to your child's teacher or principal.

SPORTS UPDATES

VOLLEYBALL

Both Freshmen A & B teams faced off with Allen girls in some intense matches on Tuesday night. A team came up short in both games to lose the match to Allen A but the score did not reflect the level of play. Our girls fought hard and learned a lesson on communication. On a

more positive note, our blockers on the net completely shut down attempted attacks from the Allen girls!!!

Freshmen B lost a heartbreaker in three games to Allen B. The girls fought a good fight and communicated well, but in the end Allen was just too strong ...this time! We are all looking forward to a rematch with the Allen girls.

We will be traveling to Williams tonight and on Saturday the Freshmen girls will be in a 3A JV tournament in Argyle. We appreciate everyone's support and thank you for coming to our games. If you haven't been to one yet, we would love to see you there.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 7th 9th Grade Volleyball @ Williams, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

Sept. 8th 9th Grade Volleyball Tournament @ Argyle

Sept. 10th 10th Grade Volleyball vs. Shepton, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 11th

High School Open House

9th Grade Volleyball @ Lake Highlands, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

Sept. 13th

10th Grade Football @ Rockwall Wilkerson Sanders Stadium, 5:30 p.m.

9th Grade Football vs. Rockwall @ Clark East, 5:30/7:00 p.m.

Sept. 13th/14th Progress Reports issued

Sept. 14th

9th Grade Volleyball @ Wylie, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

10th Grade Volleyball vs. Bishop Lynch, 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 15th 10th Grade Volleyball Tournament @ Crowley

Oct. 5th End of first six week grading period

Thank you for subscribing to our listserv. Encourage your friends and neighbors to subscribe to this service at: <http://elist.pisd.edu>.

Sincerely,

Chris Ristow
Clark eNews Editor