



## *The Clark eNews 11-Sept-09*

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### 1. NIGHT SCHOOL

Registration for Fall Night School is open now through Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Registration packets for Fall Night School are available in the counseling office. You can also register online once your counselor has approved the course you want to take.

Classes begin September 22, and end December 10. Night School meets two nights a week at Plano Senior High from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m.

If you did not pass one of the following classes, you can make up the credit at Night School!

What a fabulous opportunity to recover credit!

Both semesters of the following classes are offered at this time:

English 1 and 2

U.S. History

World Geography

Algebra 1

Second semester only will be offered at this time for:

Geometry

Algebra 2

The cost for Fall Night School is \$200 per semester course. **Payment plans are available.** You can speak with someone regarding your particular situation when you turn in your completed application to Gary Wilson at the Administration Building.

Detailed information on Night School can be found on the [district website](#).

## 2. ATTENDANCE

State law requires that students attend each class 90% of each semester in order to receive credit. More than eight absences in the fall semester or ten absences in the spring semester (excused or unexcused) may result in make-up time being assigned or credit being denied in that class. The Department of Public Safety requires an attendance verification form reflecting concurrence with state attendance law from your school to get a driver's license or a provisional driving permit. If you have any questions, please contact the attendance clerk or one of the administrators.

Absences will be recorded as Unexcused until the student brings in a parent note when he/she returns to school following the absence, even if the parent phoned the school to report the absence. **EMAILS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN PLACE OF A NOTE CONTAINING A PARENT'S SIGNATURE.**

If your child is sick -

Call 469-752-7200 and press option 3 to report the absence. Leave a message with your child's name, Student ID#, your name and reason for absence. Make sure that your child brings in an absence note to the attendance office upon their return. All absence notes must be turned in within three (3) days of the student's return.

If your child is late for school -

If your child is late due to a doctor's appointment, please have him/her bring in a note from the doctor's office. If your child is late due to illness, please send him/her in with a note stating that he/she was ill. Please note that three tardies are the equal to one unexcused absence.

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment -

Write a note and have your child give it to the attendance office in the morning. The note should state the time that your child must leave school, a number we can call to confirm the note and the reason that they are leaving early.

If your child is leaving school early or will miss time due to travel plans –

You must submit a note at least 5 school days prior to the absence.

Attendance questions are welcome anytime- call 469 752 7204 and ask for Carol or Helen.

## 3. BOWLING

We will have our first bowling meeting on Thursday, October 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the Top Cat Cafe which is located in the back of the Plano East cafeteria. We will discuss tryout dates/times, expected fees/equipment/balls and other necessary information on the upcoming bowling season.

## 4. IH

General Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Clark library

Come and meet Clark staff and the IH Board members! Our guest speakers will be Mrs. Kathy Witcher, IB coordinator, and students from PESH.

Gala Picnic, a social event for IH students and their families:

Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Russell Creek Park

Tickets: \$10 for member, \$15 for non-member

Admission tickets will be sold in advance only before the IH general meeting on September 15.

Raffle tickets: \$1 at the event, no advance sales

Breakfast:

Coming up in October! Date to be determined.

\$5 for non-members, \$3 for basic members and free for full members.

Students who have not yet picked up their IH passes should do so in the library from 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. or, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Ask for Mrs. Shah.

The club is always in need of enthusiastic parents. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the booster club president, Tami Ishii 's at [ibclass2012@gmail.com](mailto:ibclass2012@gmail.com)

#### 5. SOPHOMORE VOLLEYBALL

On Wednesday night the Clark's sophomore volleyball team played a mammoth three set match against William's team. There was some outstanding volleyball played by both teams, with girls flying all over the floor, chasing after, bumping and spiking the ball. Maddie Helms had a tremendous serving match while Courtney Folkes played a tremendous match as a middle. Maren Cain, Beth Strobel, and Emily Hysell played throughout the entire match, barely getting a break in any game, and showed outstanding setting, hitting and defensive skills. Emily Miller played weak side hitter, and with the help of Cody Gackle, the two of them really got after the blocking. All of the girls on the team played extremely hard but unfortunately the team came up short losing the match two games to one. The final scores were: 23-25, 25-18 and 21-25.

Make plans to come to the next game to see some exiting live action volleyball!!

#### 6. PLANO DRUMLINE COMPETITION

The 18th Annual Plano Drumline Competition will be held at Clark Stadium beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26.

Come out and enjoy some of the premiere drumlines from Texas and surrounding states. Since its inception, the PdIC has been a leading influence in the promotion of drumline performance. This "Sport of the Arts" has gained much momentum in the last 25 years with the PdIC offering high school programs an opportunity to perform, compete, and perpetuate their music and percussion program through their most visible component, the marching percussion section.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and 5 yrs. and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the event.

#### 7. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Do you have a musical instrument gathering dust in a corner, closet or garage? There are students who need these instruments to participate in their school band or orchestra program. Consider donating your "pre-owned" instruments to Plano I.S.D. and make a difference in the life of student. All standard band and orchestra instruments will be accepted, however, we are in particular need of flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, violins and violas.

The donation of an instrument is tax-deductible and the district will have each instrument refurbished to restore it to playing condition.

Instruments can be donated through the Plano I.S.D. Fine Arts Office at the Cox Building (1517 Ave. H) 469-752-3085 or jeff.turner@pisd.edu.

#### 8. PLANNERS/AGENDAS

The Agendas/Planners have arrived. You may pick up your pre-paid planner or purchase one in the counseling center before or after school or during lunch.

#### 9. PLANO POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

The Plano Police Youth Academy begins on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in learning about CSI, self defense or riding on police patrol should see Officer Parker for an application. Snacks are provided.

#### 10. BAND GARAGE SALE

The Clark High School Band Boosters announce the Garage Sale fundraiser of the year.

This is your opportunity to purchase the finest gently used products that money can buy. Proceeds from the sale help to support band activities throughout the school year. There will be over hundred families bringing items for the sale. Don't miss out on the pot of gold you may find.

When: Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Clark High School, 523 W Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano

#### 11. NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The next general meeting for sophomores will be on Wed., Sept. 16 at 4:20 p.m. in the library. Office elections will be held at this meeting.

Check the listed posted outside the library for sophomore eligibility **SOPHOMORES ONLY!**

#### 12. WAC

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Global Fund for Children

Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 a.m. or 4:20 p.m., Meeting – sign up to run for officer positions

Tuesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:20 a.m., Meeting – elect officers

See Ms. Vickerman for to obtain a pass to attend the morning meetings.

#### 13. DESTINATION COLLEGE

The Destination College department at Collin College is gearing up for many informational workshops for parents and students this year.

Unless otherwise indicated, all Destination College Workshops will be at the Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano.

- Writing an Effective Application or Scholarship Essay 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, September 24, 2009  
Preston Ridge Campus Event Center, 9700 Wade Blvd., Frisco

- Princeton Review: Testing Strategies 10 a.m. - noon, Saturday, December 5, 2009
- Exploring Majors: How to Choose 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2010  
Central Park Campus Conference Center, 2200 W. University Dr., McKinney
- Destination College: The Parent Workshop 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, February 4, 2010
- Princeton Review: SAT/ACT Mini-Assessment 10 a.m. - noon, Saturday, February 20, 2010  
Preston Ridge Campus Event Center, 9700 Wade Blvd., Frisco
- Collin College Pre-admission Partnerships: Transferring to Universities 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
- From High School to College: A Time of Transition for Students and Parents 6:30 - 8:00  
p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2010
- How to Apply for Financial Aid 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 2010  
Central Park Campus Conference Center, 2200 W. University Dr., McKinney
- Getting Started at Collin College: For New Collin College Students 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.,  
Tuesday, April 8, 2010

Registration is required for these workshops. E-mail [destinationcollege@ccccd.edu](mailto:destinationcollege@ccccd.edu) or call 972.377.1772 to register or for more information.

#### 14. COLLEGE NIGHTS

Plano West Senior High School and Plano Senior High School will host College Nights September 14 and 15, respectively. All Plano ISD students and parents are invited to attend these events, where more than 200 colleges and universities will be represented. Additional information can be found on the [PISD website](#).

#### 15. CELL PHONES

The use of cell phones is prohibited during academic hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.). Failure to comply with this policy may result in the phone's being taken from the student and turned in to the front office.

#### 16. DRESS CODE

Students' dress and grooming are expected to be in keeping with accepted community standards. The following statements are guidelines:

Shoes must be worn at all times.

Students in grades K-2 may wear regular shorts. Students in grades 3-12 may wear shorts, but they must meet the following standards:

- Must be loose fitting: no biking shorts, cutoffs, boxer shorts, or combination thereof.
- Must be hemmed or cuffed.
- Length must be to the fingertips or longer.
- Top of slits in skirts or shorts must be fingertip length.

Dresses or skirts must be longer than fingertips.

Modestly cut tank tops and sundresses are acceptable, but tube tops, halter-type blouses, and mesh shirts will not be permitted. Jersey type shirts must be worn over a sleeved shirt. Shirts must overlap the waistband of skirts, shorts, or pants at all times.

Items with provocative offensive, violent, or drug-related pictures or slogans will not be permitted. Items advertising alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will not be permitted.

No hats, caps, bandannas, headbands, unnatural hair color, hoods, chains, or sunglasses.

No pajamas or “pajama-like” attire, house slippers, or shoes that look like house slippers will be allowed.

No type of clothing that has been torn or has holes will be allowed.

No sagging pants or shorts will be allowed.

No gang paraphernalia will be allowed.

No visible pierced jewelry other than earrings will be allowed.

All students are expected to meet community standards and school policies with regard to health, cleanliness, and appearance. All safety rules must be obeyed at all times.

#### 17. 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.

#### 18. FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

Students must submit a new application each school year to qualify for free and reduced price meals. If an application is not received and processed by October 5<sup>th</sup> the previous year’s status will be changed to full pay.

Meal Prices:

Secondary: Breakfast (Where Served): \$1.35 Lunch: \$2.55

District Adult & Guest: Breakfast (Where Served): \$1.55 Lunch: \$3.00

PayPAMS: The district has an on-line payment option. PayPAMS allows parents to make credit card payments to their child’s lunch account via the Internet. Parents can find the PayPAMS link on the PISD website at: <http://pisd.edu>.

#### 19. VOE FORMS

ABOUT TO START DRIVING?

Students will need a VOE (TEA) form when starting Driver's Ed and any time they go to the DPS until they are eighteen years old.

Please sign up in the front office several days before you need a VOE form. Completed VOE forms will be ready on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at lunch time. They may be picked up in the front office at lunch time and after school.

#### 20. COUNSELOR ALPHA ASSIGNMENTS

The counselor alpha assignments for the 2009-2010 school-year will be:

Jan Moody: A-F, AVID

Marcie Woodrow: G-N

Cindy Dakota: O-Z, ESL

Sharon Blum: IH, Testing Coordinator

## 21. SPORTS INFORMATION

Links to Clark sporting events and directions to stadiums can be found on the [Clark website](#). There are also links to forms needed to participate in athletic activities. District wide sports information can be found on the [district's assistant coach website](#).

## 22. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 14 10<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ Lovejoy, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 15 9<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ Vines, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

Sept. 17 10<sup>th</sup> Football vs. Shepton @ Clark Stadium 7:30 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup> Football vs. Vines @ Kimbrough Stadium, 5:30/7:00 p.m.

Sept. 18 10<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ Shepton, 6:30 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup> Volleyball vs. Wylie, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

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Sincerely,  
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