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**STUDENT ID PICK-UP**

Any student who had his/her picture taken during schedule pickup and has not already done so should pick up his/her ID in the cafeteria before school or during lunch on Tuesday, September 25th.

**PICTURE RE-TAKES**

Picture retakes for I.D., yearbook and picture packages will be done before school and during lunches on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost for ID retakes is \$5.00. Retakes for photographer errors will be done at no cost, but the original picture package must be returned the day of the retakes.

Picture packages range from \$12.00 to \$54.00. Picture envelopes will be available in the front office.

#### PARENT MEETINGS

There will be a meeting for the parents of Humanities students on Wednesday, September 26th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Clark Library.

The meeting for the parents AP Human Geography students will be on Wednesday September 26th from 8 - 8:45 p.m. in room 227

#### SEVERE WEATHER DRILL

State law mandates that all schools conduct fire, severe weather and lock down drills. Clark High School has monthly fire drills. The required severe weather drill will be conducted on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> during 3<sup>rd</sup> period. The lock down drill will be carried out on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> during 5<sup>th</sup> period.

#### TESTING

On Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the counselors will be speaking to the sophomores about the benefits they will receive from the PSAT testing that will occur in two weeks. They should come home with information to share with parents.

On Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be testing all of our students from approximately 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Ninth graders will take CoGAT, while our tenth graders will take a PSAT. Students will not attend morning athletics, but the afternoon athletic program will continue as normal. It is critical that students are present to take advantage of both of these testing opportunities.

#### TOPCAT

The Texas Online Preparation for College Admissions Test (TOPCAT) website (<http://testprep.collegefortexans.com>) is a free site offering many resources to prepare students for taking the SAT and Act. The site includes:

Test prep tutorials - all subjects- SAT and ACT

Practice session - sessions adapt to user ability level and include feedback

Times sample tests - pacing and simulated test conditions

Test-taking tips - strategy tutorials including "when to guess" ga.m.e

#### ART CLUB

The first meeting of the art club will be on Monday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in room B127. All Clark students are welcome to attend and discover the artist within them. Possible projects the club will work on are:

painting college logos on the walls of room 102b

creating a mural for the art wing hallway

starting an art/literary newspaper, which will take submissions from the student body

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## BOWLING TEAM TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the PESH bowling team will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> : 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> : 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The sign up sheet is in the front office.

## CHOIR

The choir began its annual fund raiser this week. Support the choir by ordering delicious cookie dough.

On Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> our local CiCi's has graciously offered to hold a Clark Choir CiCi's night. Anyone eating at CiCi's during the day or evening on the 27<sup>th</sup> can place their receipt in the Clark Choir box. CiCi's will then donate 10% of the receipt total to the Clark choir.

## LASER

LASER, our science fair club elected the following officers for the 2007-2008 school year:

President: Jeremy Chang

Vice Presidents: Bryan David, V.R, N.M

Social Director: Ramisa Rahman

Secretary: Meredyth Grange

Congratulations to all of the officers.

## PTSA

We would like to invite everyone to the first PTSA general meeting to be held on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in room 106. Please come join us for bagels, coffee, and juice. Come see old friends and make some new ones.

The Clark PTSA is currently accepting ads for your business or service to be included in our Student Directory. Ad rates are as follows: business card size-\$25; half page (approx 4x5)-\$50; full page (approx 8x5) - \$75. Please contact Pam. Lane at [pa.m.lane04@yahoo.com](mailto:pa.m.lane04@yahoo.com) to place your ad. Ads should be submitted no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## SNACK SHOP AND SCHOOL SUPPLY STORE

The PTSA Snack Shop and School Supplies will open during lunch and after school. During lunch the store is located in the Cougar Den and after school in the cafeteria. The after school store will sell in the cafeteria.

## IB BOOSTER CLUB

The IB Booster Club has scheduled the following events for the 2007 – 2008 school year for IB program participants:

September 5: General Information Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

September 14: IB Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Room 106

October 5: Fall Party, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Library

October 18: IB Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Room 106  
October 29: General Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Library  
November 9: IB Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Room 106  
November 30: IB Party, 4:30-6 p.m., Library  
December 13: IB Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Room 106  
January 24: IB Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Room 106  
February 22: IB Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Room 106  
February 29: Spring Party, 4:30-6 p.m., Library  
March 10: General Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Library  
April 24: IB Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Room 106  
May 9: End of Year Party, 4:30-6 p.m., Cafeteria  
May 12: General Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Library

#### FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The PSHS Choir Booster Club will be holding its annual garage sale on Saturday October 27th. They will be renting out "parking spaces" so that other groups can have their own "garage sale" without all the hassles of making all the arrangements themselves.

When: Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Plano Senior High School, East Lot  
Times: 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Arrive and Set-Up  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Garage Sale  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tear-Down

#### Parking Space Rental Fees:

2 spaces - \$30  
4 spaces - \$55  
6 spaces - \$80  
8 spaces - \$105  
10 or more - \$130 and up

Your group can reserve a spot by sending a check, payable to PSHS Choir Booster Club to:

PSHS Choir Booster Club  
c/o Nancy Leas  
2200 Independence Parkway  
Plano Texas 75075

For additional information contact Nancy Leas at [nleas@msn.com](mailto:nleas@msn.com).

#### STUDENT PLANNERS

Due to a delay at the printer, delivery of the student planners has been rescheduled to September 28th. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

#### THEATRE

Theatre is sponsoring a field trip to see a live Broadway production of *The Lion King*. The trip will be October 19<sup>th</sup>, departing Clark at 10:00 a.m. An information packet is attached or students who wish to attend can pick up a packet from Ms. Turney in the theatre room. 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 19<sup>th</sup>, please turn your paperwork and money in to Ms. Turney in room 144 ASAP.

#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Freshmen representatives will be elected at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### LOST AND FOUND

If your student has misplaced an item at school, he/she should check for it in the lost and found in room 113.

#### UNIVERSITY READINESS

Plano ISD is committed to college readiness for all students. The University Ready program is designed to aid Plano students and parents as they prepare for all aspects of post-secondary experience. It's never too soon and never too late to start down the University Ready path.

Follow this link to access hundreds of resources regarding college readiness on the districts' new "University Ready" Web site: <http://ur.pisd.edu/> .

#### 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 3-5 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 1<sup>st</sup> period, during lunch, or after 7<sup>th</sup> period.

#### 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.

#### 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](mailto:parentviewer@pisd.edu). Questions regarding grades and attendance can be directed to your child's teacher or principal.

#### SPORTS UPDATES

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

#### TENNIS

Want to see some incredible tennis? Then come see the Clark young men and young ladies play! They played in the Wakefield Tournament on Wednesday and brought home several trophies. It was a full day which began at 6:30 a.m. and did not end until we returned at 8:30 p.m.. There were a lot of tie-breaker matches and most of the Clark participants advanced to the semi-finals, some in the consolation bracket

Our next match will be at Jasper on Wednesday, September 26th beginning at 4:15 p.m.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Sophomore:

The Clark Cougars sophomore volleyball team took on the Bishop Lynch freshman team on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at home. Dorentina Cakaj had some great spikes and Claire Young contributed with some awesome blocks, spikes, and serving aces. Unfortunately, after going to three games, Clark lost the match (13-25, 29-27, 25-23).

Clark then participated in the Crowley JV tournament this past weekend. The first game against Paschal was neck and neck and the second game was a little easier victory (20-18 and 15-7). Aubree Seiferman assisted in some un-returnable spikes. Next the Cougars played Duncanville. The ladies got a little flustered as they lost (10-15 and 5-10). In the last match in the pool, against Irving Macarthur, the Cougars won the match (15-8 and 15-10) with over 10 service aces by Claire Young, Missy Thole, and Becky Theander. They took second place in the pool placing them in the Gold Bracket.

The first ga.m.e of the Gold Bracket was against Fossil Ridge. The Cougars were playing awesome as Courtney Blacknall aided with some splendid blocks, spikes, and tips. The Cougars won (25-16 and 25-20). The tea.m. then played Nolan Catholic. The first ga.m.e was very close (21-25) and in the second, the Cougars sputtered out with a loss (11-25). Over all the Cougars did an awesome job taking home 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Crowley JV tourna.m.ent.

On Monday, the Cougars played the Bishop Lynch sophomore tea.m. at home. It was a very exciting, nail biting match. Emily Jimerson contributed to the Cougar's first ga.m.e win (23-25) with some hard hitting spikes. In the second ga.m.e Hannah Gant made some great saves and service aces. It was a close ga.m.e but the Cougars lost (26-24). The Cougars won the final ga.m.e (21-25), taking the match. All three ga.m.es were close, but finally the Cougars win a match against Bishop Lynch! Way to go Cougars!!!

Freshmen A team:

Our girls put up a GREAT fight and took Lake Highlands by surprise in their matchup last week. We lost the first match 25-19, won the second game with a score of 25-20 and lost the third game 25-21. The girls were down 10-0 in the beginning of the third match, but dug their heels in and decided to make a play for it!!! This team did an AMAZING job against a very tough opponent.

On Friday, the girls lost the first game against Wylie by a few and then decided failure was not an option, winning the next two games. The girls showed incredible skill and execution and got the job done. They are talking, the setters are pushing hard and the hitters are getting everyone's attention with some incredibly hard swings!!!! We run a 6-2 which means ALL six of our girls are potential attackers/hitters. It is hard to do and requires everyone to be on their toes, but we do a great job of it!!!!

Freshmen B team:

The team is doing great and have a winning record. In their last games they ran what is called a 5-1. It is very difficult to run effectively because it requires an incredibly accurate and incredibly mobile setter, but Coach Sibley's girls not only ran it successfully, they ran the other team right into the ground!!!

Tonight is volleyball triple header night at Clark. All three teams will be playing at home with all three teams competing. The sophomores start off against Williams at 4:30 p.m., followed by the freshmen at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.. Volleyball season will be over at the end of October so if you haven't seen us play, time is running out.!!!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES – add other dates

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> PTSA General Meeting, 9:00 a.m., room 106

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> :

Picture Re-takes

9th Volleyball vs. Berkner, 6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Tennis @ Jasper, 4:15 p.m.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>:

10<sup>th</sup> Football vs. Mesquite @ Clark Stadium, 5:30 p.m.

9th FB vs. Lake Highlands @ Clark Central, 5:30/7:00 p.m.

Sept. 27/28<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Tournament @ Allen

Sept. 28:

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

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>      End of first six week grading period  
Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>     CoGAT and PSAT testing

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Sincerely,

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