



Dear Clark eNews Subscriber:

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1. RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA

As reported in the special eNews on Monday, the U. S. Department of Education (USDE) has new guidelines regarding the collection of data on race and ethnicity for public school students. A letter detailing the new guidelines was handed out to all Clark students on Tuesday and a copy of the letter is **attached**.

As stated in the letter, the simplest method of submitting the data is to do so online. If you do not have online access, a paper form can be submitted. If you submit the data online, **DO NOT** complete a paper form.

2. HUMANITARIAN ASSOCIATION OF CLARK

The Humanitarian Association of Clark, "HAC", will be having its first meeting on Thursday, October 1 at 8:30 a.m. and 4:25 p.m. in room B118.

The club is dedicated to community service while working towards the presidential volunteer service award. Ms. Stewart is the sponsor.

3. LASER

The following students were elected as LASER officers for 2009-10:

President: Shayan Mohanty and Hiroshi Ishii
Vice President: Ritish Patnaik and Kapil Karrah
Secretary: Shobhita Gupta and Aradhana Sahoo
Social Director: Rick Ling and Puneet Patel

4. FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL

The ninth grade girls A and B volleyball teams defeated Wylie on Friday night, September 18 at home. Both A and B teams went to three games to obtain a district win and did a fantastic job playing. Both teams have been working very hard and their determination was evident during the game on Friday. Make plans to come to the next game to see some exiting live action volleyball!!

5. COURSE CHANGES

The deadline for turning in a schedule change request form for dropping an Honors class will be Monday, October 19. You should be communicating with your teachers and parents if you are considering making this change to determine the best course of action for you. This will be your last opportunity to make a change in your schedule until the end of the semester.

6. THEATRE PRESENTATION

The Clark theatre department will be presenting "Roomers" by Jerome McDonough on Tuesday and Wednesday September 29 and 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the newly renovated Clark cafetorium. Admission is \$3.00.

7. YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$55. Order forms are available in the front office and in room 122 (before and after school). They can also be ordered online at <http://www.jostensyearbooks.com>.

8. IH

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:

October 9, 8:00 – 8:45 a.m., room 100W!

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

Membership:

The club is still accepting membership forms. IH students who have not yet picked up their IH passes and/or are submitting their membership forms can do so in the library, from 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. or 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Ask for Mrs. Shah.

Directories will be out in early October. The directories are free for members and \$6 for non-members. ALL MEMBERS will be receiving a binder from the club in preparation for the upcoming meeting in November.

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

9. WAC

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, Sept. 29th – officer elections

Oct. 13th – deadline to pay dues

Oct. 20th - WQ tryouts

Nov. 3rd
Nov. 17th
Dec. 2nd

Meeting will be held at 8:20 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. in portable Y-01. See Ms. Vickerman for to obtain a pass to attend the morning meetings.

10. TESTING

Mark your calendars. Clark High School will be administering the coGAT test to all ninth graders and the PSAT to all tenth graders on Wednesday, October 14.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. PLANO POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

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

15. 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.

16. 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 5th 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>.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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](#).

Prices for admission to all PISD athletic events are:

9th – 12th grade events (except varsity football):

Adults \$5.00/Students \$2.00

Middle school events:

Adults \$4.00/Students \$2.00

Varsity football:

Pregame: Reserved seats \$7.00 /General admission \$5.00 /Students \$4.00

At gate on game day: Reserved seats \$8.00 /General admission \$7.00

Teachers who present their PISD badge get a free general admission ticket.

20. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 28 10th Volleyball @ Vines, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 29 9th Volleyball @ McKinney Boyd, 6:00/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 1 10th Football @ Jesuit, 5:30 p.m.

9th Football vs. Vines @ Clark Central 5:30/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 2 10th Volleyball @ Wylie East, 6:30 p.m.

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

Oct. 14 CoGAT and PSAT testing

Oct. 16 Parent/Student Conference Day

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Sincerely,

Chris Ristow

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