



The Clark eNews 28-SEPT-07

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HONORS TO REGUAR SCHEDULE CHANGES

All honor class to regular class changes must be made by the end of the first six weks, October 5th. After that date, students must remain in honor classes until the end of first semester.

Remember, students, your grade in the honors class is the grade that will transfer to the regular class.

TESTING

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has chosen Clark High School 9th grade class to participate in a National Comparative Data Study (NCDS). The purpose of this study is to provide national

comparative data on student performance, as required by the Texas Education Code. The Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED) is the norm-referenced test that will be used to compare the performance of Texas students, such as our Clark freshmen, to the performance of students in other states. Clark will administer the ITED on Wednesday, October 10th. Students may use a calculator for the mathematic section of this test. Encourage your freshmen to bring one on October 10th.

To inform our tenth grade class about the benefits of the PSAT that will be given on Wednesday, October 17th, they will be attending a PSAT information session during the ITED testing on October 10th.

Our freshman will then take the Cog AT and our sophomores the PSAT on Wednesday, October 17th from approximately 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Please make sure that your student has #2 pencils and arrives at school by 8:45 a.m. Testing will begin at 9:00 a.m. Calculators may be used for PSAT but not Cog AT. Sophomores will need to provide their own calculator for testing.

The PSAT will ask sophomores for their Social Security number. However, giving out their Social Security number is optional.

Students will not attend morning athletics, but the afternoon athletic programs will continue as normal. It is critical that students are present to take advantage of both of these testing opportunities.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Does your student need help staying organized? Then a Clark Planner is just what he/she needs. Planners are for sale for \$5.00 in the counseling center before and after school or during lunch. Cash or checks made payable to Clark PTSA.

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 e-mail at chs.cougars@yahoo.com and we'll add you to our e-mail list.

FFA

Tickets are now on sale for the Friends and Family of Plano FFA fundraiser lunch to be held on Saturday, October 20th. The PISD FFA students are hosting the lunch at Outback Steakhouse at the NW corner of 15th Street and U.S. 75. Tickets are \$8 per person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are limited and there will be no ticket sales at the door.

Lunch will include a choice of grilled chicken or sirloin steak, both served with Caesar salad and garlic mashed potatoes. For the little Joeys, there will be chicken fingers and fries. For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit The Friends and Family of Plano FFA website at: www.planoffa.org or contact Maryann Ullrich at maryann.ullrich@verizon.net or cell 214-317-0652. Please specify which sitting you prefer: 11:00 a.m. or 12 p.m.

FBLA

The first meeting of the Clark Future Business Leaders of America club will be on Monday, October 8th at 4:30 p.m. in room 110A. Membership is open to any student currently enrolled in a business or computer technology course, and sophomores who completed such courses as freshmen.

LASER

LASER will meet in B211 on Tuesday, October 2nd at 8:20 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. to discuss the research plan and paperwork that is due. Please bring dues and any paperwork that you have not yet turned in.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Freshman rep elections will be held after the regular meeting on 4:20 p.m. meeting on October 3rd. Officer meetings will be held every Tuesday afternoon at 4:20 p.m. Sophomore applications and dues must be submitted at the November meeting.

Congratulations to the recently elected 007-2008 NHS officers.

President- Ramisa Rahman

Vice President- Allison Hymel

Secretary - Naina Singh

Service- Sarah Kang

Special Events- Albert Chen

SOCCER FUNDRAISER

The PESH men's and women's soccer teams will be selling Chef Pierre pies and Camden Creek cookie dough to arrive in time for Thanksgiving. Team members have order forms for both pies and cookies. Orders and payment will be due Monday, Oct. 8th.

There are seven varieties of cookie dough in 3 lb. boxes of 48 -1 oz. preformed ready to bake frozen cookies. They cost is \$13 per box. There are eight varieties of frozen pies selling at \$15 each.

For more information contact Dawn Janowski at dawnjanowski@tx.rr.com or at 972.578.8475

THEATRE

The fall show, Love of a Pig, has been postponed until the spring due to student conflicts.

The Masquerade, a Bravo! event, is scheduled for October 30th. To attend you must be a Bravo! member or the guest of a member. Each member and their one guest will be given a wristband the day of the event. If you do not have a wristband, you will not be allowed in to the event. There are still memberships available to join Bravo! Don't miss the party!

Tickets to *The Lion King* at Fair Park, including lunch and a tour of House of Blues are still available. This field trip is sponsored by theatre, but is open to any student who would like to see a wonderful Broadway show and experience the new House of Blues. Applications are located outside the theatre room door and were attached to prior eNews. Get your forms in to Ms. Turney to reserve your spot for Friday, October 19th!

PISD HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

Plano ISD is seeking your talent to assist the district in designing artwork for the school district's official 2007 holiday greeting card to be published in December. This year's contest theme is "From All of Us at Plano ISD." The Plano ISD School Board, Superintendent of Schools, and our corporate sponsor, Webb & Webb Attorneys and Counselors at Law, invite all Plano ISD students to enter the holiday greeting card contest by creating your own original artwork to be considered by our expert panel of judges for the cover of the official 2007 Plano ISD holiday greeting card.

Entries will be judged by Webb & Webb, prominent local artists, our superintendent of schools, art coordinator and other district administrators. Contest finalists will be selected from each of the school levels in Plano ISD, with the winning entry selected from the group of finalists, with cash awards as follows.

- (1) Elementary School (Grades PreK-5) Finalist - \$50 Savings Bond
- (1) Middle School (Grades 6-8) Finalist - \$50 Savings Bond
- (1) High School (Grades 9-10) Finalist - \$50 Savings Bond
- (1) Senior High School (Grades 11-12) Finalist - \$50 Savings Bond

To enter the contest, please read the attached (English and Spanish) Holiday Greeting Card Art Contest Rules carefully, submit your best artwork, and return the attached form to your school office or your school's art specialist by Friday, October 19th, or mail the form by October 22nd to:

Plano ISD Holiday Greeting Card Art Contest
c/o Plano ISD Art Coordinator
Cox Building
1517 Avenue H
Plano, TX 75074, by October 22.

REFLECTIONS

Hey Clark students! Now is the time to get creative! It's kickoff time for the 2007-2008 Reflections program. This year's theme is "I Can Make A Difference By..." Reflections is a national PTA sponsored program that encourages the arts and provides recognition for your creative talents! You can enter as many times as you'd like in six categories which include visual arts, photography, musical composition, literature, dance choreography, and film/video production. Artistic exploration and expression through the interpretation of the theme is the goal of Reflections. So have fun and get creative! Entry forms and rule packets are available in the library and on-line at www.txpta.org (<http://www.txpta.org/>). Deadline for entries is October 31st. Have questions? Contact Teresa Thornton at thorntons5@sbcglobal.net.

PTSA

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for membership in the Clark PTSA, please do so now. Without your support we would not be able to provide any of the special programs that enhance our students learning environment. There will be programs that guide parents and students in areas such as driving and college. Watch for information on specific programs.

Membership dues is only \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Your dues entitles you to receive a student directory.

Membership forms/envelopes are available in the front office. You may also submit your dues with the following information: member's name, address, phone number, email address, student(s) name & grade(s) to the front office. Cash or checks made payable to "Clark PTSA" are accepted.

The 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 pamlane04@yahoo.com to place your ad. Ads should be submitted no later than October 1st.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE

Health Insurance is available for your uninsured children who are under the age of nineteen.

Open Enrollment: Saturday, Oct 13th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Sack 'N Save
1332 S Plano Rd.
Richardson 75081

You'll must bring the following documents to the enrollment:

A copy of each child's birth certificate
Each child's social security number
Alien Registration Cards
Proof of income for all family members

IB BOOSTER CLUB

The Fall Party will be held on October 5th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the library. All IB students are invited to the party.

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

Art club will meet on Mondays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in room B127. All Clark students are welcome to attend and discover the artist within them.

BOWLING TEAM TRYOUTS

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

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3rd : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6th : 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 9th: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 10th : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13th : 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The sign up sheet is in the front office.

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.

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 27th
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.

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 1st period, during lunch, or after 7th 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. 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](#).

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 27/28th 10th Volleyball Tournament @ Allen
Sept. 28 9th Volleyball @ Jasper, 6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1st 10th Volleyball @ Jasper, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2nd 9th Volleyball @ Vines, 6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
Oct. 4th 10th Football vs. Shepton @ Kimbrough Stad., 7:00 p.m.
9th Football @ Allen
Oct. 5th 9th Volleyball @ Richardson, 6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
End of first six week grading period
Oct. 17th CoGAT and PSAT testing

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Sincerely,

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