



Dear Clark eNews Subscriber:

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#### 1. 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>.

#### 2. RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA

As reported in previous eNews and in the letter that was sent home with students, the U. S. Department of Education (USDE) has new guidelines regarding the collection of data on race and ethnicity for public school students.

As stated in the letter (copy attached), 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. Please complete the form as soon as possible.

If you have already completed either the online or paper form, thank you for your cooperation. We appreciate your assistance in helping Plano ISD comply with this federal requirement.

### 3. EAST CLUSTER FOOTBALL NIGHT

Tonight is East Cluster Football Night. Invite all your friends and neighbors with students in East Cluster schools to attend the game as PESH takes on Jeuit at Kimbrough Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

All East Cluster elementary and middle school students wearing their respective school shirts will be admitted free through the main gate with a paying parent. High school students will need to purchase a student ticket.

East Cluster schools are: (High Schools) Clark, Williams; (Middle Schools) Armstrong, Bowman, Carpenter, Hendrick, Murphy; (Elementary Schools) Barron, Beverly, Boggess, Christie, Dooley, Forman, Harrington, Hedgcoxe, Hickey, Hunt, McCall, Meadows, Memorial, Mendenhall, Miller, Rasor, Schell, Stinson, Thomas

The cost of tickets:

Reserved: \$8.00 at the gate (2 & up need a ticket)

Adult General Admission: \$7.00 at the gate (kindergarten & up need a ticket)

Student General Admission: \$7.00 at the gate (kindergarten & up need a ticket)

### 4. FEEDER SCHOOL ALIGNMENT INFORMATION

The Plano ISD Board of Trustees has appointed a Feeder School Alignment Committee and established a process for realigning the school district's three senior high school feeder patterns in keeping with the 2002 Blue Ribbon Boundary Committee recommendations. The committee, composed of district and community representatives, will also make recommendations for Otto Middle School and McMillen High School opening in 2010 and 2011, respectively.

Having completed planning sessions in preparation for public hearings, the Feeder School Alignment Committee is now considering several feeder scenarios which can be found at <http://www.pisd.edu/feeder>. This website serves as a resource for the community. Please direct questions to the email address <mailto:askpisd@pisd.edu>.

Plano ISD is holding three public hearings at three locations and dates to gather community input regarding the feeder school alignment. The same information will be presented at each hearing. Multiple meeting dates and locations allow attendees more scheduling flexibility and are not cluster specific.

Public Hearings:

Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Plano East Senior High School Cafeteria, 3000 Los Rios Blvd., Plano, 75074

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Plano Senior High School Cafeteria, 2200 Independence Pkwy., Plano, 75075

Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Plano West Senior High School Cafeteria, 5601 West Parker Road, Plano, 75093

Following the public hearings, the committee will reconvene to form its recommendation to the Plano ISD Board of Trustees for consideration on November 3 at the regularly scheduled board meeting.

### **Información sobre la Alineación de Escuelas Tributarias**

La Mesa Directiva del Distrito Escolar (ISD) de Plano ha nombrado un Comité de Alineación de Tributarias y establecido un proceso para realinear las pautas para las tributarias de las tres escuelas preparatorias (senior high) del distrito escolar, de conformidad con las recomendaciones del Comité de Lindes Blue Ribbon de 2002. El comité, conformado de representantes del distrito y la comunidad, también hará recomendaciones para la Escuela Media Otto y la Escuela Secundaria McMillen que abrirán sus puertas en 2010 y 2011, respectivamente.

Habiendo completado las sesiones de planificación en preparación para las audiencias públicas, el Comité de Alineación de Escuelas Tributarias está considerando ahora varios escenarios para las tributarias, que se pueden estudiar en [www.pisd.edu/feeder](http://www.pisd.edu/feeder). Este sitio Web sirve de recurso para la comunidad. Favor de dirigir cualquier pregunta a la dirección de correo electrónico [askpisd@pisd.edu](mailto:askpisd@pisd.edu).

El ISD de Plano convocará tres audiencias públicas en tres lugares y fechas, para escuchar las reacciones de la comunidad sobre la alineación de las escuelas tributarias. Se presentará la misma información en cada audiencia. Las fechas y lugares múltiples de la reunión ofrecen más flexibilidad de horario para los asistentes y no son específicos al grupo escolar.

#### **Audiencias Públicas:**

Lunes, 5 de octubre de 2009 Audiencia Pública sobre la Alineación de Escuelas Tributarias - Plano East Senior High, 3000 Los Rios Blvd., Plano, 75074, 7:00 p.m., Comedor

Miércoles, 7 de octubre de 2009 Audiencia Pública sobre la Alineación de Escuelas Tributarias – Plano Senior High School, 2200 Independencia Pkwy., Plano, 75075, 7:00 p.m., Comedor

Jueves, 8 de octubre de 2009 Audiencia Pública sobre la Alineación de Escuelas Tributarias – Plano West Senior High School, 5601 West Parker Road, Plano, 75093, 7:00 p.m., Comedor

Después de las audiencias públicas, se volverá a reunir el comité para formular su recomendación a la Mesa Directiva del ISD de Plano, para consideración el día 3 de noviembre, en la reunión regular de la mesa directiva escolar.

#### **5. SCHOOL PICTURES**

Picture proofs will be distributed to students early next week. The packet will contain proofs and instructions on ordering pictures and student ID's. ID's are required at many school events, such as Boo Ball, Powder Puff, and the formal dance, so be sure to order the ID with pictures.

Orders and payment should be put in an envelope and submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Orders may be turned into the front office or room 122.

#### **6. TESTING**

Clark High School will be administer the CogAT to all ninth graders and the PSAT to all tenth graders on Wednesday, October 14. There will be no off campus athletics that morning.

Students should arrive at school by 8:45 a.m. with several # 2 pencils. Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Tenth graders should also bring a calculator from home if they plan to use one on the test. The PSAT will ask sophomores for their social security number. However, giving out their social security number is optional.

#### 7. 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.

#### 8. SIX WEEK GRADING PERIODS/PROGRESS REPORTS/UIIL CHECK DATES

The dates for each six weeks grading period, progress reports and UIL checks are included in the Report Dates attachment.

#### 9. SPIRIT WEEK

Show your Cougar spirit by participating in Clark Spirit week. Each day has a dress theme:

Monday – college day

Tuesday – super hero day (no masks)

Wednesday – pink day (in honor of October breast cancer awareness month)

Thursday – Clark gear Friday – PESH gear

#### 10. PEP RALLY

Put on your Clark spirit wear and get revved up the football game against Williams at the Pep Rally on Thursday morning. Activities begin at 8:20 a.m. in the gym. Go Cougars!!!

#### 11. ANIME CLUB

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 210.

#### 12. BOO BALL

The Cougar Pride Athletic Booster Club is preparing for the annual Boo Ball event which kicks off the 2009 basketball season! It will be on Wednesday, October 28 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. in the Clark gymnasium. There will be games, door prizes, a silent auction, shooting contests and much more.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Nicole McQuarry at (972)352-8870.

#### 13. FFA

Fun Day at the Barn:

Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.. Bring your white t-shirt

General and Parent Meeting:

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. at PESH

Dinner will be served.

Heart of Texas:

Cattle – October 9 – 11

Lamb – October 15 & 16

LDE practices will begin soon. If you are interested in being on a team, please see Mr. Eberly.

If you have not paid your FFA dues, please pay them ASAP.

#### 14. PUMPKIN PATCH

Buy your fall pumpkins and help support the East Cluster FFA students. All pumpkins are \$5.

Dates: October 17 and 18

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days

Where: 6600 Alma Drive parking lot – east side of street between Spring Creek and Legacy – by the PISD transportation building

#### 15. LASER

The next LASER science club meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6 at 8:20 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. in room B211. Topics to be discussed are: materials, logbook and social events.

#### 16. POWDER PUFF GAME

The annual Powder Puff game will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. for participants and 5:30 p.m. for spectators. Student ID will be required so be sure to order one with your school pictures (see item #5).

Students interested in participating in the game must attend one of the MANDATORY informational meetings that will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 4:20 p.m. and Wednesday, October 21 at 8:20 a.m. in Room 235 (across from the library).

Participation forms, which will be handed out at the meeting, must be returned by October 30. Teams will be posted on the door of Room 235 on Monday, November 1.

#### 17. LIVING FOR ZACHARY RACE

Please plan to participate in the first Living for Zachary fundraising event on Saturday, October 24 at Southfork Ranch. The festivities include a 5K run, 1K fun run, silent and live auctions, live music featuring Emerald City and Jaci Butler & Those Guys, buffet brunch, bounce houses, door prizes, and vendor booths.

The Living for Zachary organization has been created to honor the life of Zachary Schrah and to educate the public about SCA. Zachary was a Clark sophomore who passed away from Sudden Cardiac Arrest last school year. Funds raised by the run and other activities will be used to help provide screening for SCA (in conjunction with Heart Hospital Baylor Plano) and to educate the community about SCA.

The school that has the largest number of participants in the run will be awarded an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator).

Student registration is \$20 and adult is \$30. Each of these fees includes a t-shirt, Southfork tour and brunch!

The entire day will be a family fun event:

7:30 a.m. - Registration and live music

8:00 a.m. - Warm up

8:30 a.m. - 5K run

8:35 a.m. - 5K walk

9:00 a.m. - Fun run

9:30 a.m. - Brunch begins

9:35 a.m. - Awards

10:30 a.m. to noon - Live & silent auctions

12:00 to 2:00 p.m. - live music by Emerald City and Party

Living For Zachary

The race registration form is attached. Information on the race can be found on the organization's website or by contacting Yvette McLeod at [yvette@living4zachary.org](mailto:yvette@living4zachary.org)

#### 18. COUGAR PRIDE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Members - members - we're looking for more members! Membership is only \$10 and the club uses all the money it raises to purchase equipment, etc. to benefit all of the Clark teams. Please email us at [chs.cougars@yahoo.com](mailto:chs.cougars@yahoo.com) if you would like more information.

#### 19. PLANO EAST BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Plano East basketball coaches and players will be host a basketball clinic on Saturday, October 31 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The clinic is open to boys in grades two through six. Please read the attached flyer for additional details.

#### 20. IH

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](mailto:ibclass2012@gmail.com)

#### 21. WAC

Upcoming Meetings:

Oct. 13th – deadline to pay dues

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - WQ tryouts

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nov. 17th

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

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.

#### 22. 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>.

#### 23. 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.

#### 24. 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.

#### 25. 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.

#### 26. 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.

#### 27. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 5 10<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ Williams, 6:30 p.m.

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

Oct. 8 10<sup>th</sup> Football vs. Williams @ Kimbrough, 6:00 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup> Football vs. Shepton @ Williams, 5:30/7:00 p.m.

Oct. 9 10<sup>th</sup> Volleyball vs. Lewisville, 6:30 p.m.

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

Oct. 14 CoGAT and PSAT testing

Oct. 16 Parent/Student Conference Day

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Sincerely,

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