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1. TIME CHANGE

Remember to "fall back" this weekend and change your clocks on Sunday. A good home practice to do is check/change your batteries in all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on the time change Sunday.

2. VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE

Mark your calendar for the annual Volleyball Challenge!!

Clash of the Classes – ninth grade teachers versus tenth grade teachers.

Teams will be coached by students.

When: Monday, November 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Clark Gym

Tickets: \$2 students/\$3 adults

Come out to cheer for the Clark teachers in this fun competition.

3. SWIMMING

Congratulations to the Plano East swimmers. Varsity girls, JV girls, and JV boys teams all won against Plano West Tuesday night. Please join them next Tuesday for their dual in the pool against JJ Pearce starting at 5:30 p.m. at Rowlinson Natatorium.

4. SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKES

School picture re-takes will be done on Thursday, November 12 before and after school and during study hall in the seminar room.

To have a picture re-taken the student must bring the original proof to the re-take. The cost for a re-take is \$5, unless the problem with the original picture was due to photographer error.

If your student was absent the day pictures were originally taken, they will be contacted about what time to come to have their photo taken on the 12th. There is no cost to have the picture taken for the first time on the 12th.

5. 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 for admittance. Admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

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.

6. ALCOHOL AND AWARENESS PROGRAM

All East Cluster parents of teens are invited to a Parent Awareness Session on Teen Drug and Alcohol Use hosted by Plano East on November 10th at 7 pm in the Cafeteria

7. IH

November 11 - 6:30 p.m. - ClarkLibrary

Lead counselor, Mrs. Blum, will talk about how students can start preparing for college. This will be followed by a panel discussion style Q&A session with university representatives.

North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad – registration is now open for the February event. Details can be found on the NACLO website - <http://www.naclo.cs.cmu.edu/>.

8. WAC

Upcoming Meetings:

Nov. 10th (last chance to pay dues!)

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 a pass to attend the morning meetings.

9. FFA

FFA will be selling meat products such as hams, turkeys, and even breakfast items as well as cookies to raise money for competitions. The products will be delivered to Clark before Thanksgiving. If you would like to order items, please contact Mr. Eberly in room 110B or via email at jarrod.eberly@pisd.edu.

10. JROTC

The JROTC booster club has a tradition of taking cadets and parents to DFW airport and welcoming returning servicemen and women back home. This year we are going on Saturday, November 21 to say "Thank You" and show them how much we appreciate what they do for our country. I hope you will put this date on your calendar and join us for this worthwhile service project.

11. 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 if you would like more information.

12. 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>.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.** Faxes will be accepted there is a parent signature (FAX number -(469)752-7201)

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.

16. 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.

17. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Winter Break

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Sincerely,

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