

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Seniors gather accolades at Honors Night



The Top Ten Scholars of the Class of 2018 were (top row left to right) Kendarius Williams, Nolan Myers, Raquel Medrano-Palacios, Jordan Miller, Lindsey Wiley, Ernesto Balderrama, Alan Galicia, Lily Selvaggi, Joseph Jang and Vineet Nippani.

At the CHS Honors night, seniors were recognized for their character, scholarship and talents displayed in a myriad of activities.

The top ten students were guests at a dinner with their parents prior to the award ceremony. These students invited their most influential CISD teacher to be their special guest.



Lily Selvaggi received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy from an Air Force officer and Jason Ross, district director for Congressman John Ratcliffe.



Dr. Ray Green, Dean of the Honors College at Texas A&M University-Commerce awarded entrance into the Honors College to Maquel Medrano-Palacios, Lindsey Wiley and Nolan Myers.



Jacee Buchanan (front center) has won a spot on the Texas A&M-University-Commerce cheer squad. Jacee is shown with her family and CHS cheer sponsors Colvin Sawyer and Jennie Reynolds.





*Pretty tightrope walkers, satisfied with the performance, land safely on stage.*



*Cowboys and Indians share the stage at the Kindergarten Circus.*

## Annual Kindergarten Circus always a treat



*Ringmasters run the show!*



*Mighty weightlifters show their prowess with the barbells.*

### Back to School Bash set for August 1

Commerce ISD Health, Safety and Family Services will host its annual Back to School Bash at Commerce High School on August 1.

Health and dental screenings, hair cuts, child ID fingerprinting, immunizations will be offered. School supplies assistance applications and free/reduced lunch applications will also be available. The event is free for CISD students and families from 1 to 6 p.m.

# TIGER BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH



*CHS National Honor Society members help CES students prepare for the circus.*



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## Elementary choral activities fill the year

ACW and CES choirs, led by Eilene Weimar, had many opportunities this year to show their talent at various events. These include:

- 5th-grade Veteran's Day program
- CES Christmas program
- ACW Choir at Winter Arts Festival
- 3rd-grade Solar System program
- ACW Choir spring concert
- CES "A Child of Good Character" program
- 4th-grade "A Taste of Texas"
- ACW Choir at CSEEF Boots and BBQ
- ACW Choir at Sandy Lake Fun Fest
- ACW Pride choir at end of year awards assembly
- 2nd-grade at end-of-year awards assembly

▲ ACW/CES music teacher Eilene Weimar proudly shows the Second Division trophy the ACW Pride Choir received at the Sandy Lake Fun Fest on May 4.



Families and friends filled the CMS auditorium for the CES musical performance of "A Child of Good Character."

## Stuff the Bus readies for 18-19

Organizers are preparing for the annual Stuff the Bus campaign to give new school supplies to students in need. Most needed items include crayons, markers, bottled school glue, glue sticks, map pencils, notebook paper, spiral/composition notebooks, highlighters, scissors, pencil boxes or zippered pencil bags and pocket folders with brads. Monetary donations are also encouraged. Items may be dropped off at Commerce Elementary School, Commerce Police Station or First United Methodist Church. Call Alison Walker, CISD Family Services Coordinator at 903 366-0642 with questions or to apply for assistance.





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## Special Olympics track meet 'takes a village' of volunteers

Commerce ISD hosted its annual Special Olympics track meet at Texas A&M University-Commerce's Ernest Hawkins Field in mid April. Teams from the northeast Texas area participated in various events with medals and ribbons awarded to the winners. The photo above shows the mass of volunteers required to accomplish the feat. Organizer Terry Buckley, a CHS special education department head, would like to thank the hundreds of students, teachers and community members who helped make the meet a success.

## Sophomore places at UIL state track

Alexis Morgan finished fifth in Class 3A pole vault competition at the UIL State Track Meet held in Austin. Alexis cleared 11 ft. She was coached by Shelley Jones and Colten Reynolds. Alexis is shown second from the right.



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## Ropes course challenges six graders

Teamwork, problem solving, creativity, imagination, empathy and patience are needed to succeed in school and beyond. Due to a Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation grant, sixth graders were able to experience the challenges of the Texas A&M University-Commerce Outdoor Adventure course to enhance and develop their skills and attributes.



*Students work together to solve a puzzle at the Outdoor Adventure course at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Students have the opportunity to bond with students outside their circle of friends.*

## Teachers awarded Delta Kappa Gamma grants

The Beta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma presented Early Career Educators Grants to CISD teachers who are just beginning their careers in education. Each teacher submitted a request for needed teaching materials and classroom supplies. The organization purchased \$200 worth of supplies for each teacher.

Teachers selected to receive the grants were Jesse Casarez, Chaz Dickerson, Pam Eilers, Kirby Gilbert, Brock Hunter and Amanda White at CMS and Shylo Faske, Alicia Gibson, Tiffany Otken and Amber Wagner from CES.

Paula Massey, representing Delta Kappa Gamma, presented the grant to Brock Hunter (right) and thanked Superintendent Charlie Alderman, CMS Principal Dr. Shenequa Miller and CES Principal Diane Stegall for their support.





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*The helicopter crew from Air Evac Lifeteam 67 from Greenville presented information about their service to the Criminal Justice classes at CHS.*



## Criminal justice classes learn about public safety

Students in Officer Dave Contreras's Criminal Justice classes at Commerce High School have learned from several different public service professionals this semester. Paramedic Chris Ritchie, the City of Commerce and Texas A&M University-Commerce Police Joint Special Response Team (SRT)- SWAT,

Commerce Police Communications Supervisor Amanda Escobedo, the helicopter crew from Air Evac Lifeteam 67 out of Greenville, and the Commerce Fire Department have all visited to share on-the-job experiences with students as they explore careers in the field of public safety.



## CES Students of the Month

*Back row: Second graders Darius Booth and Dixie Charland; First graders Izeah Shaw and Miranda Rios. Front row: PreK Tate Jones and Alona Campbell and Kindergarten Terrence Walker and Sameeha Mumshad*



## Taking a pie for the heart

*There were winners and losers in ACW's latest student competition. The losers were three faculty members who were chosen to get a pie in the face by students who collected more than \$200 in the Hoops and Jump Rope for Heart. The winner was the American Heart Association.*