

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Winter Arts Festival showcases student talent



### Congratulations Tiger Football!

Advancing to Regional Quarterfinals, the Tiger Football Team continued in the playoffs further this year than in recent years. Thanks to Coach Cody Farrell, coaches and the team of hard-working players for bringing the Tiger excitement back to Commerce!



*Clockwise from top left: The CHS Brass Ensemble performed.*

*The ACW Pride Choir, directed by Eilene Weimar, sang holiday songs to ring in the season.*

*The CHS Theater Department production of "Alice" delighted children of all ages.*

*Gus Kilgore looks over the artwork from every campus that was displayed in the library.*

*Senior Cody Wallace stands ready to explain his artistic endeavors.*

## CMS one-act play wins District competition

The Princeton High School auditorium was filled with shrieks and cheers as CMS was announced the winner of the District 10 3-A one-act play competition on December 2.

The play was the story about Jewish children in the Terezin ghetto who were awaiting transfer to Auschwitz. The play, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," was written by Celeste Raspanti.

Sponsor Shelbie Embro said Emma Isom was named Best Actress. Austin White made the All-Star Cast and Aubrey Clayton made honorable mention. Grayson Turner made All-Star Tech and Katie Chappell was named honorable mention tech.

The play was performed for parents and the community before the competition.



**The CHS National Honor Society** rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Walmart from 4 to 8 p.m. every night. The students always enjoy this time singing carols and also playing Christmas carols with their band instruments, according to their sponsor, Glenda Henderson.



## CES Students of the Month

Chosen for their hard work, dedication to learning and leadership were (back row left to right): Second grade, Wade Farrell, Carolyn Pawlow; First grade, Oliver Walden, Addison Willis. Front row: Kindergarten, Melvin Gabarette, Anastasia Tremor and PreK Caden Grey and Alyanna Sample.

## CES launches Watch DOGS program

CES kicked off its Watch DOGS (“Dads Of Great Students”) program with a “Dads and Kids Pizza Night” hosted by CISD Police Department, Family Services and CES Administration.

Watch DOGS is a father-engagement program that serves to increase school safety and security, offer dads a way to become involved in the day-to-day life of the school, and provide positive male role models for all students.



## Dual credit English class visits TAMU-C writing conference

CHS dual credit English 1301 classes spent the afternoon of December 5 on the TAMU-C campus enjoying their college student status and observing the Celebration of Student Writing hosted by the Department of

Literature and Languages.

Look for this same group at the end of the next semester when they will be presenting their own research at the CSW of Spring 2018. The activity teaches them to think critically, write academically

and understand the presentation forum. They took notes using a Padlet online program to compile their findings on what they want to model. Check out their results discussion at [Padlet.com/Mrs\\_Sample/CHSENG1301](https://padlet.com/Mrs_Sample/CHSENG1301)



## Around the District...



Brooklyn Talley (center) signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Austin College in Sherman. With Brooklyn are, left, Coach Shelley Jones and, right, Coach Jenna O'Neal.



As part of fourth-grade History, two local Texas Ranger law enforcement agents visited ACW. Students presented Rangers with special certificates of appreciation and they learned about the insignia on their boots and the nostalgic cinco peso badges. Rangers shown are Laura Simmons and John Vance.



ACW Student Council winners and sponsors



Eighth-grader Lucas Condor, left, and seventh-grader Ben Angel made the All-Region Symphonic Band. They play percussion and the baritone euphonium, respectively.



CMS students made Christmas tree decorations in the Wood Shop class at CMS. Students get to choose to participate in many different activities each semester during the 8th period enrichment class.