

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Lady Tigers advance to regional quarterfinals

The Lady Tiger volleyball team advanced to the regional quarterfinals after winning Area in three straight sets over Alba Golden.

In the regional quarterfinals, Callisburg proved to be a top notch opponent by sending the Lady Tigers home after three straight.

First-year head coach Shelley Jones celebrated the season with her team and commended them for their hard work and perseverance.



The Area champion Lady Tigers included Katie Peak, Landry Davidson, Elizabeth Singleton, Alyssa Redd, Maya Runnels, Coach Shelley Jones, Allie Wittkopf, Riley Davidson, Brooklyn Talley, Sarah Anthraper, Mya Wilson and Coach Jenna O'Neal. Claire Dobbs is kneeling.

► Riley Davidson (center) signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for Texas A&M University-Commerce. With Riley are (standing left to right) CHS Coach Jenna O'Neal, Riley's father Jeff Davidson, and CHS Principal Steve Drummond, Seated are CHS Head Volleyball Coach Shelley Jones, Riley and her mother Kristy Davidson.

▼ The Lady Tigers were cheered by fans lining the route as they departed for the Callisburg game in Anna.



CISD HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

11/18	Dismiss at regular time
11/21-25	District Closed
12/16	Early Release (3 hours early)
12/19-1/1	District Closed
1/2	Teachers report
1/3	Students report



Every day counts at CES



Because every day counts, CES students with good attendance get to parade through the school wearing their A-Team caps.

Below, like a pied-piper, CES Principal Diane Stegall leads students on the A-Team parade.



Tracy Crews's first graders had magnet races in their lesson about force and motion. They analyzed the push and pull of the magnets and used their findings to cross the finish line faster.

District Improvement Committee meets to scrutinize plan

The District Improvement Committee, headed by Assistant Superintendent Patricia Tremmel, met earlier this month to look at plans that focus on reaching the goals set by the Board of Trustees.

This site-based decision-making team was established by the Legislature in 1992 to decentralize decisions to improve the educational outcomes of each campus. Collaboration among principals, teachers, staff, parents, business and community representatives assess educational outcomes, determine goals and strategies and ensure that strategies are implemented and adjusted to improve student achievement.

The committee meets several times a year to provide input on a school calendar, consider staff development topics and other strategies that improve instruction.

ACW super readers outperform over the summer

Emilia Gonzalez, Ashley Shipman, and Diego Balderrama were the top three readers for Kortney Clayton's third-grade Summer Reading Challenge. Prizes for the top three readers were their choice from Scholastic.



CMS choir hits all the right notes in Mesquite competition

In their first appearance at a UIL Solo and Ensemble contest, the CMS choir's 11 members brought home the highest rating of a one for their performances. Miranda Price and Abigail Weimar were nominated for the Outstanding Performer Award. Weimar was then named the winner of the award.

Although in its infancy, the choir showed top notch performances, according to its director, Candace Clayburn.

The CMS choir, led by Candice Clayburn (right), a graduate student at Texas A&M University-Commerce, performed at the CMS Veterans' Day recognition on November 11.



Drama Club presents dinner theater

Teachers and students in the CHS Drama Club collaborated to write, direct and produce a play for the annual dinner theater production.

Teachers Amy Nolan and Karri Anderson came up with the premise of the play and club members wrote it. "Eight Ways to Write an Obituary" was about a 15-year reunion of a college sorority.

Community meetings held to define 'graduate profile'

What academic and life skills should a CISD student have when they graduate? What characteristics should a CISD student have when they graduate? What defines student success when graduates receive their diploma? What programs and enrichment opportunities does Commerce ISD need?

These questions were the focus of four community meetings held throughout Commerce by CISD administrators.

Even though it was a dark, rainy night – the first Monday since switching back to Central Standard Time, citizens were eager to listen and provide input at the Mount Moriah Baptist Church.

A second meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church. Subsequent



Superintendent Charlie Alderman listened as community members from the Norris Community expressed their ideas and concerns.



meetings will be held at Texas A&M University-Commerce and at the First Baptist Church.

After determining traits and skills that a CHS graduate should possess, administrators and the Board of Trustees will formulate goals and mission and vision statements.

“A clear direction set by our community will help us in the District to focus and not be sidetracked by additional initiatives,” Superintendent Charlie Alderman said.

