

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Constant improvement is goal for CISD



*The new Coordinator of College and Career Readiness at Commerce High School, Sarah Fielden, works with students to ensure they are on track to complete college entrance requirements and testing.*

Heading into the second six weeks, Commerce ISD administrators are pleased with the direction the district is headed...enrollment is up, the Tiger teams are winning and students are engaged in learning activities designed to jump start their thinking processes.

CISD's enrollment is climbing, up 93 students from the first day of school to a total of 1551. Last year's enrollment topped out at 1512 in December.

Superintendent Blake Cooper says the word is getting out about all the positive things happening in the District. "While core subjects remain our primary focus, our online classes in American Sign Language and Latin, extensive use of technology and the career certification opportunities in health science, welding and electrical increase our ability to prepare students for life after high school," Cooper said.

To further strengthen our efforts to prepare students for college and career, Sarah Fielden has been assigned as Coordinator of College and Career Readiness at CHS. She will continue coaching the volleyball team, but she will also help students "prepare for their future," she says.

"I can help increase their awareness of what they have to do to go to college, like taking the SAT and ACT, through social media and direct communication," she said.

Helping students build resumes, apply for scholarships and attend College Fairs are ways she plans to get students to think about a successful life after high school.

"At CHS, we want students to feel it's a big deal to go to college," she added. "And we can help with that."

## 2014 Hall of Honor Inductees

Harriet Williams, Donna Crosby and Conner John were inducted into the CISD Hall of Honor September 26. Williams is a former CHS student and staff member. Crosby is a CHS graduate who works as an attorney in Austin. John is a former CHS agriculture teacher.

For more information about the event:  
[http://www.commerceisd.org/default.aspx?name=gal\\_Hall\\_Honor\\_14](http://www.commerceisd.org/default.aspx?name=gal_Hall_Honor_14)



## TIGER SCOREBOARD

Varsity Football . . . . 4-2

Varsity Volleyball . . 25-8

as of 10/15/14





## BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTHEAST TEXAS

On Thursday, October 23 from 5 to 6 p.m., the Boys & Girls Club of Commerce will host a Lights on Afterschool event to raise awareness of programs across the nation that provide a safe and positive place for kids to go after school. Visit ACW to see the Club Choir perform, watch a tournament played by the BGC Sports Club, view work by the Art Club, read the Club Newspaper written and created by our Photography Club, sample some cookies decorated by the Cooking Club, and take a tour led by the BGC Council.

*The Commerce Boys & Girls Club located in A.C. Williams Elementary School participated in the Bois d'Arc Bash parade. It was a great opportunity to spread the word about the club and have a blast doing it, according to Kara McLeroy, local director.*



## Ag students transform mower



Students in Tommy Marshall's welding, ag mechanic and power systems classes last year took a retired riding lawn mower and made it into a miniature fire truck for Sulphur Springs firemen to use in their fire safety skits for children.

Marshall said the project snowballed from when he agreed that he and his students would "give it a whirl" to what it is today, a miniature red fire truck.

"I think it turned out better than we originally thought it would. We ended up stretching the frame and building the entire body of the truck, including the floorboards in with the fenders," Marshall said.

*CHS students, along with ag teacher Tommy Marshall (center), transformed a lawn mower into a miniature fire truck for Sulphur Springs firefighters Shane Jones and Danny Haywood.*

## WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

Thursday, December 11  
6.00 p.m.  
Commerce High School

Vendors are invited to sell commercial products and handmade items with no booth fees. Make reservations by calling 903 886-3755

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## Elementary fun!



CES students enjoyed a visit from the Kona Ice truck. CES received money back for every snow cone sold totaling \$160.75. The product meets nutritional guidelines.



Superintendent Blake Cooper enjoys pizza with CES students as a reward for their Tiger Spirit door decoration.



Fourth-grade teachers Jeanie Putman and Jessica Duckworth hosted a book tasting where all students could browse different genres and create lists of books they are interested in reading this year. Mrs. Duckworth was excited to see students using their lists to check out books.



Working together, students learn that in a community everyone works as a group to get a job done. Above, students in Teresa Robinson's fifth-grade class use only the supplies given to stack the cups without touching them with their hands.



Little scientists in Sara McCarthy's pre-kindergarten class experimented with liquids, gases and solids.

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## Rock artist brings message to CMS

Marty Breeze (right) brought his anti-bullying, drug and alcohol prevention message to Commerce Middle School. He asked teachers to show their support for students and commit to being a listening ear for any problems a student might have. The CMS auditorium resembled a rock concert as Breeze played his guitar and students swayed in the glow of their cellphones.



## CHS National Honor Society holds induction ceremony



Sponsor Glenda Henderson said an outstanding group of juniors and seniors were inducted into the CHS NHS chapter on October 16. Inductees must exhibit traits of the four pillars of the society—character, scholarship, leadership and service.