

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Homecoming 2017 — celebrating the past and the present



*Selected by the student body, the 2017 Homecoming royalty were Tatiana Crosby and Cody Wallace.*



*CISD Hall of Honor inductees included (left to right) Chris Clark, 1991 CHS graduate; Janet John, 41-year CISD teacher; Dr. Mary Thomas, CHS graduate and former teacher; and Charlie Wilson, former teacher, coach and CHS principal. Back row: Board president Kathleen Hooten and Superintendent Charlie Alderman.*

Homecoming 2017 followed tradition closely. Week-long activities at all campuses led up to the big game on Friday night. Door decorating, special dress days and the pep rally added to the spirit of excitement.

On Thursday, four individuals were inducted into the CISD Hall of Honor. They shared inspiring stories of the time they spent here and the people who made a difference in their lives. Chris Clark, Janet John, Dr. Mary Thomas and Charlie Wilson were honored.

[Click here for their biographies.](#)

The Tigers capped off a great week with a 26-21 win over Grand Saline.



*Skits and tricks were the highlight of the homecoming pep rally. The award-winning CHS Cheer Squad put on a high-flying show.*



## Gift celebrates a legacy in Commerce and beyond



While in Commerce for her Hall of Honor induction, Dr. Mary Thomas presented several books to the AC Williams Elementary School library. Fourth-grade students learned that she was the niece of the school's namesake and how Williams encouraged students to excel while he was a principal in the 1960s in Commerce.

An educator herself, Thomas gave books to foster cultural awareness.

Dr. Thomas' grandchildren (shown at right) attended the presentation along with their parents and other family members.

## FFA has a busy fall, y'all

FFA sponsor and CHS Ag teacher Dustee Daugherty reports that the FFA is busy at the State Fair and at other opportunities to learn and grow.



*Left, 18 FFA members received their FFA jackets.*

*Bottom left, seven Greenhand FFA members attended the Area V Greenhand Camp at Anna High School in September.*

*Bottom right: the FFA float won Grand Marshal's Choice trophy at the Bois d'Arc Bash parade.*



## National Honor Society inducts 44



The CHS Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 44 new members during ceremonies held on October 2. Sponsor Glenda Henderson said students are busy attending community events and getting service hours as required. So far this fall they have

helped with the Reading and Writing Night at CES, the CES Back-to-School Bash and the Bois d'Arc Bash. Expect to see them ringing the bell at the Salvation Army kettle outside Walmart during the holidays.



*Senior football players treated the CHS staff to a pancake breakfast on homecoming morning. Coach Cody Farrell (back) said his players are working hard and getting better each week.*



*On September 29, CHS Tiger Cheer hosted a GOLD OUT pep rally to raise awareness of childhood cancer. Students from ACW and CHS campuses wore gold from head to toe in honor of two students from CISD that have battled with childhood cancer or battling with it now, Zach Madden and Sam Duckworth.*



## Hustle and Heart!

The VHS Varsity Volleyball team 10-1 in District play, at publishing time. The float above was their entry in the Bois d'Arc Bash parade.

## Cooking class or STEM class?



Students in Patricia Nelle's STEM enrichment class used old Chromebook boxes to create solar ovens. The students learned how solar energy is used to help developing countries create energy independence. Students followed the steps to create their own solar ovens. They tested their creation by making "nachos" in the ovens on a hot Texas day!

CMS enrichment classes offer students many options so they can explore their interests. Choices include dancing, crafts, woodshop, Bible study, ACT/SAT prep, outdoor living, book club, theater and Spanish Club to name a few.



## Commerce Elementary School Students of the Month

The following students were chosen for their hard work, dedication to learning, and leadership.

Pictured in order from left to right: Back Row: Second Grade: Samuel Baker and Greenlei Bailey  
First Grade: Aidan Allen and Tessa Alderman  
Front Row: Pre-K: Aaron Bolin and Asia Williams  
Kindergarten: Eli Rattan and Sariah Nelson