

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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Homecoming day chocked full of activities

It was a action-packed day as Commerce ISD celebrated Homecoming 2016. Activities included the Hall of Honor induction ceremony and luncheon, a gym-packed pep rally attended by CHS, CES and ACW students, recognition of first responders at the game and announcement of homecoming queen and king.



Homecoming Queen Sammy Wallace and King Juan Olivio



Fun at the pep rally for CHS students

Topping off the evening was a Tiger win over Edgewood 45-38.

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▲ *New members of the CISD Hall of Honor were inducted during a luncheon September 9. Left to right are Neal Stewart, Sharice Henry Chasi, Dr. Jerry Lytle and Steve Lineweaver. Each one has served CISD well as a former student or staff member. They were also recognized at the CHS pep rally and later they were honorary co-captains for the homecoming game.*



All elementary students were transported to CHS for the homecoming day pep rally.



First responders were recognized during a special 9/11 remembrance at the Tiger football game.



Libraries get makeovers for a new look and feel

Just as she did for her own classroom last year, Jessica Duckworth, the District's new Library/Media Coordinator has transformed libraries at CMS and ACW into bright, inviting areas that encourage students to find a comfortable spot to read and explore.

After countless hours of planning and designing the spaces, Duckworth enlisted volunteers to produce murals and help with remodeling.



Bistro sets (right) and theater seating (above) offer options for students in the CMS library. The library had served students well since it opened at Commerce High School in 1967.



▲ Janice Angel's talent can be seen upon entering the newly designed CMS library.



◀ Jessica Duckworth, CISD's new library/media coordinator, stands ready to help students in the newly designed CMS library. Former student Lacey Worley designed the tiger art for the welcome desk at CMS.

HOMECOMING 2016

Elementary students with good citizenship are chosen to run through the Tiger tunnel at each home game.



CMS and CHS choir students performed the national anthem at the homecoming game. The choir program was reintroduced to CISD secondary students after a long absence. A partnership with Texas A&M University-Commerce made the arrangement possible. The choir is directed by Candace Clayburn, an A&M-C graduate student.

CES learning on the move



◀ *Giant tinkertoys stir imagination and compel movement in the CES gym. PE teacher Samantha Bland's solid experience as a kindergarten teacher connects academics with physical exercise.*

◀ **Sink or float** — *Students in Sara McCarthy's pre-kindergarten class try to guess which items will sink or float.*

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Rachel's Challenge returns

Back due to the generous contribution by the Commerce Educational Enrichment Foundation, Rachel's Challenge was presented to the entire CHS student body this month. CMS students who were slated to lead the club at their campus also attended.

The presentation highlighted the life of Rachel Scott, a high school student at Columbine High School who was the first victim of the mass shooting in April 1999. Rachel made a profound impact through her simple acts of kindness. This transformational effect of Rachel's story helps create a school climate less susceptible to harassment, bullying and violence.

Students embraced the concept and signed a banner accepting Rachel's Challenge to create a positive climate and culture at their schools.



CMS students learned how to take the spirit of Rachel's Challenge back to their campus.



Welcome, Superintendent Alderman



New Superintendent Charlie Alderman was honored at a reception on September 14. Shown at left is his family: Sarah, Tessa, Colton and Alderman.

Far left, Marcia Alderman, Charlie's mother, shows Colton the football presented to Alderman from the first winning game during his tenure.