

EISD Update

“Superior Achievement” on FIRST

On October 16, the EISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to discuss the annual Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) rating for the 2010-2011 school year. FIRST is designed to give the public an idea of how school districts are doing financially. For the 2010-2011 school year EISD received the highest rating that a district may attain: “Superior Achievement”.

There are 20 indicators in the FIRST report. The first six indicators are rated on a yes or no scale: either the district met the indicator or it did not. Indicators 7-20 are scored with a numerical score. A perfect score on indicators 7—20 would be 70. EISD received a score of 68 on these indicators.

FIRST ratings are a year removed from the school year just completed because much of the information required to complete the ratings is dependent on the independent audit report and on information submitted through the state’s PEIMS system. This information is then compiled by the state to determine the rating for our district.

Many people have a role in the

district attaining a “Superior Achievement” rating. First, there are the members of the EISD Board of Trustees. Without their leadership and guidance, such achievements would not be possible.

Second, there are the people that work in the business office: Carol Warren, business manager; Debra Meyners, payroll; and, Kara Weaver, accounts payable. These three ladies make sure that our payroll, accounts payable, and overall budget are handled in accordance to government rules and regulations.

Finally, the campus secretaries (Renee Snow, HS; Kim McClaskey, PS; Kathy Jones, IS; and, Ginger Plunk, MS) and our PEIMS coordinator, Karen Thompson, make sure that the information submitted to the state is accurate. This process is extremely important and extremely tedious. These ladies do an outstanding job.

I want to thank everyone for working together to help EISD achieve another rating of “Superior Achievement”. If anyone has any questions on the FIRST report, or if you would like me to email you a copy of our report, please contact me at cholcombe@eustaceisd.net.



October 2012

News Briefs

- *October 4—Parking Lot Party & Bonfire*
- *October 5—End 1st 6 Weeks*
- *October 5—Homecoming*
- *October 8—School Holiday*
- *October 9—Start of 2nd 6 Weeks*
- *October 11—Report Cards*
- *October 16—Board Meeting—7:00 PM HS Library*
- *October 19—Pumpkin Patch 5:00—8:00*
- *October 22—District Cross Country*
- *October 22—26—Red Ribbon Week*

STAAR and EOC Testing

Students are entering the second year of the new testing program developed by the Texas Education Agency. The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) is more rigorous than the previous TAKS tests by assessing skills at a greater depth and level of cognitive complexity. The total number of test items for the STAAR assessments increased for most grades, subjects, and courses. A four-hour time limit was also implemented. The passing standards for grades 3-8 that students must achieve for their spring testing should be set by January.

This year, students in grade 3 must pass the STAAR reading as one of their

promotion requirements. Students in grades 5 & 8 must pass both STAAR reading and math to be considered for promotion. Students will have three opportunities to meet the passing standard.

At high school, the new STAAR End of Course testing requirements now applies to students in 9th and 10th grade. Students must pass course specific tests in Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, biology, chemistry, physics, English I, English II, English III, world geography, world history, and U.S. history to meet graduation requirements. Students in 11th & 12th grade are still required to pass the TAKS

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Primary News

PARENT CAMP

The 2012 Parent Camp was held Sept. 12th at the First Baptist Church in Eustace. There were games, drawings, and a review of policies and procedures. Mrs. Oakley's Early Childhood class had the most parental participation which earned their teacher an Applebee's gift card. All 113 parents in attendance seemed to enjoy themselves and felt the information they received was beneficial.

CELEBRATE FREEDOM PARADE

Friday, Sept. 21st, Eustace Primary had their 11th annual Celebrate Freedom Parade. Leading the parade this year was, Kayleb Angel from Mrs. Glover's 2nd Grade class, as Uncle Sam and Viridiana Casillas, from Mrs. Dailey's 2nd Grade class, as Miss Liberty. Each class marched around the bus loop waving flags, wearing hats, and carrying shakers and banners. Some of the district's coaches and administrators were flag carriers. They were also joined by the Mighty Bulldog High School Band and the EHS Varsity and JV Cheerleaders.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

A big thank you goes to all who came to each lunch with a Second Grader during Grandparents' Day Celebration. It was a huge success with 54% of the students having a visitor!

LOVE AND LOGIC PARENT TRAINING

On Sept. 25th we began a seven week parent training program, "Parenting with Love and Logic" which is being taught by Burton and Martel Love. We meet each Wednesday from 8:30-10:30. Our last meeting will be Nov. 14th. Everyone is invited. Each lesson stands alone so please feel free to join us any week that you can. There is a one time \$10.00 fee to pay for the book which is used in the training.

PRIMARY BOOK FAIR UPDATE

A big "**WOOF**" to all those who came to the fall book fair and for those who participated in the "In It to Win It" contest. That contest alone placed approximately \$900.00 worth of "free" books into our literacy libraries for the classrooms. ALSO, just FYI...in recent years our school has sold \$17,273.57 in books putting approximately 3454 books into our kids' hands. **THANK YOU!!** The following is a list of students who won "free" books from a random

drawing for visiting the book fair: Breanna Garcia, Anthony Shewmaker, Cason Long, Muireann Caronna, Breanna White, Adam Lian, Ralieggh Johnson, Chloe Godlewski, Kaylee Long, Haylie Cody, Richie Berlanga, Levi Balderas, Matthew Gonzales, Gavin Garcia, Mikari Ecklin, and Akasha Spencer. Each of these student's teachers were also able to choose a free book.

RIGHT CHOICE AWARDS

The following very important people received recognition, prizes, and the privilege of eating on the stage with Mrs. Shaffer for making so many right choices this past six weeks: **Kindergarten** – Madilyn Andrews, Richie Berlanga, Khloe Burrelsmith, Kaitlyn Castro, Emily Cranford, Dawn Dial, Avery Farrington, Joseph Ford, Matthew Gonzales, Maecie Hawthorne, Heagen Manken, Tatelynn McCullough, Cotey McLemee, Bridget McMullen, Page Miller, Payton Miller, Mia Morrison, Hunter Payne, Weston Pepper, Brandt Powers, Autumn Pugh, Siena Rivera, Danika Rolison, Ailie Stegall, Carson Stegall, Daniel Tobar, Max Valencia, Meredith Walley, Pierson Wilkinson, **First Grade** – Savannah Gentle, Carter GoDair, Cannon Kilcrease, Kaleigh Naug, Destiny Potter, Jordon Reeves, Skylar Roberts, Jason Sanchez, Brittany Seay, Troy Stellers, Brooklyn Taylor, Emily Thornhill, Abby Weatherford, **Second Grade** – Eric Baldivia, Emma Bell, Muireann Caronna, Hunter Collier, Andrew Cox, Jordan Faz, Emma Fisher, Brady Griffin, Hallie Hawthorne, Alec Holland, Breanna Hukill, Ana Nopalera, Avery Reeve, Hayden Seay, Angelee Worth.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 1st - 5th – Cheerleaders selling Homecoming ribbons (\$1) and tattoos (\$.50) in gym before school.
- Oct. 8th – Student Holiday
- Oct. 11th – Report Cards
- Oct. 12th – 1st 6 Week Awards & Perfect Attendance Celebration
- Oct. 16th – First Grade Family Reading Night
- Oct. 18th – Ktg. Field Trip Athens Arboretum
- Oct. 19th – EC Field Trip
- Oct. 19th – Pumpkin Patch Festival 5:30-9
- Oct. 23rd –26th – Red Ribbon Week

Enrollment 9-28-12

Primary School	Intermediate	Middle School	High School
PK - 82	3rd - 88	6th - 117	9th - 118
K - 115	4th - 113	7th - 107	10th - 87
1st - 113	5th - 111	8th - 131	11th - 88
2nd - 88			12th - 81
		Total - 355	Total - 374
 Total - 398	 Total - 312	 Total Enrollment for District - 1439	
		Total Enrollment Year Ago - 1445	

Middle School News

End of First Six Weeks

The first six weeks ends on Friday, October 5th. We have a holiday scheduled on Monday, October 8th and will begin the second six weeks when school resumes on October 9th. First Six Weeks' report cards will be issued on October 11th.

Stay Connected!

With all of the sports and activities, the fall semester always seems to fly by and we want all of our parents to be able to stay informed about school activities and events. Parents can keep current on middle school news via Twitter. Simply follow us @eustacems for updates and information. Some individual teachers also have ways to keep parents informed. Melissa Smith, 8th grade U.S. History teacher, has a class website, <http://www.schoolrack.com/msmith8history/>. Simply e-mail Mrs. Smith for sign-up code or have your student bring the paper home. Coach Thompson has a Facebook page with information on his 7th grade Texas History class. And don't forget to use the txConnect link on the Eustace website to stay up to date on your student's grades and progress in their classes.

Students of the Month/Employee of the Month

The Students of the Month for September are: 6th grade – Hailie Hernandez and Noah Herring; 7th grade – Brooke Caldwell and Hayden Shaddox; 8th grade – Brooke Reynolds and Casey Stegall. The Employee of the Month is Hayley Lane. Congratulations to these students and Ms. Lane!

Technology in the Classroom

The Middle School is fortunate to have four portable laptop labs – one for each grade level and one additional for special projects. Three of these use the smaller netbooks, while the final one uses full-sized laptops. Teachers, with the help of our on-site technology specialist Twyla Felty, are keeping the netbooks busy with Google docs projects, presentations, and video creations. Along with these netbook labs, Mrs. Felty had a small group set of iPads for classroom use. Also, "Bring Your Own Device" has been very popular, as students are allowed to use their own phones or other devices for research, notes and other class assignments. We also have several additional uses of technology on our campus this year: morning announcements are recorded and posted online where parents can access them and we are expanding our use of Renaissance Learning to more fully take advantage of its Math capabilities. We are continuing to make use of Study Island.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is October 22nd - October 26th. The Student Council will be handing out "Proud to be Drug-Free" bracelets to each student and faculty member, to be worn during the entire week, on October 22nd. We will also be dressing up as a means of promoting awareness. Following are the themes for each day: Monday - "Use Your Head-Wear Red-You Are the Future" (Wear Red); Tuesday -

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Intermediate News

Eustace Intermediate has so many exciting activities and opportunities planned for our students! Our Fundraiser of Cookie Dough, Pizza, and other Fun Products pays for the purchase of bicycles, pizza parties, and other rewards for students. Already Mr. Reeve has taken a group of students to eat breakfast for our Breakfast Club. The next week he loaded the bus to Athens for Reeve Rascals to eat pizza and play at the park! "Earn Your Eats" for "all work, on time, all week with no absence" gives a student a ticket for the weekly drawing of McDonald's Gift Certificates, beginning the 2nd 6-weeks. Then our X-Games will kick off as classes that are leading in the attendance contest compete in a variety of games. A few others fun events include the Student of the Month Awards, the 6-Weeks Drawings of Perfect Attendance Bicycle, All A's CD/MP3 Player, and Perfect Attendance Class Pizza Party.

Eustace Intermediate is beginning to practice for several academic events this year. Not only will we host our Eustace Intermediate Academic Contest on Wednesday, October 24th but also we will participate in the District UIL Academic Contest against Malakoff, Scurry-Rosser, and Kemp. And we will continue to compete in the East Texas State Fair Academic Rodeo. Such great challenges for our students!

Our Book Fair will be held Monday, October 22nd through Friday, October 26th. It will be held in our library from 8:30 AM to 2:50 PM, and we look forward to putting many books in the hands of our students!

Red Ribbon Week will be during the week of October 22nd, and students will hear about the effects of drugs and their impact on our bodies and dress up with the theme of each day.

Students' attire must follow our dress code yet please encourage the following themes: Wear Red is Monday; Wear Blast from the Past-the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s or 90s is Tuesday; Wear Favorite Team is Wednesday; Wear Western is Thursday; and Wear Bulldog Spirit is Friday.

We are looking forward to our Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 19th from 5:00-8:00 PM. Both the Intermediate and Primary gyms will be filled with games, cake walk, and much more. Please join us for a fun-filled night!

Other upcoming events:

Oct. 2	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
Oct. 3	Individual School Pictures
Oct. 5	EHS Homecoming / Pep Rally
Oct. 8	School Holiday
Oct. 11	Report Cards / Perfect Attendance Drink
Oct. 12	Right Choice Snow Cones
Oct. 19	Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 22-26	Book Fair / Red Ribbon Week

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"Double Up Against Drugs" (Twinkie Day); Wednesday - "We're too Bright for Drugs" (Neon/80s); Thursday - "Join the Fight Against Drugs" (Camo Day); Friday - "Scare Away Drugs". On Friday, students may wear school appropriate Halloween costumes for \$1.00. (NO MASKS are allowed.)

Student Council

The Student Council has started the year off strong, adding new members and beginning to plan Red Ribbon Week. Officers for the 2012-2013 school year are: Gabe Purselley - President, Brooke Reynolds - Vice President, Michael Roch - Treasurer, and Breana Hall - Secretary. The remaining members this year are: 6th Grade: Mady Bragg, Miranda Fontenot, Gracie Woodland, Tucker Reeve, Noah Johnson, Brooke McAtee, Sadie Cates, Madison Holbert, Mackenzie Nolen, and Abbie Cates; 7th Grade: Bucky Womble, Steven Albertsen, Brooke Caldwell, Haley Purselley, Kelly Ashton, Rylan McClaskey, and Anna Gaddis; 8th Grade: Keylan Warren, Zane Arambula, Ericson Gudjohnsen, Courtney Cameron, Chanda Westbrook, and Breanna Ragan. Sponsor is Ms. Hayley Lane.

Box Tops

The Middle School Box Tops Collection Contest has started. Students are competing in their Bulldog Family classes to win a brownie, popcorn and soda party. The top individual students will win cash prizes. Last year the Middle School earned over \$600.00 participating in the Box Tops for Education Program and we're confident we can beat that total this year. Thank you for helping this program to be a success. Keep sending your Box Tops!

6th Grade Autobiographies

Mrs. Burns' Language Arts classes will be working on autobiographies during the second six weeks. The rough draft will be due October 29th and the completed project is due November 9th. These autobiographies will include sections on each student's history, family, ancestors, school, hobbies, pets and goals. This is a project that the students always have a good time with, as it gives them a chance to write about and collect pictures of their families and themselves. The finished product is something the whole family can enjoy and keep.

Art Classes

This year, student artwork is being shown on Artsonia, the world's first online student art gallery. When you go to Artsonia, type in Eustace and choose Middle School to see all of the students' submissions for the year. Parents with students in Art can request a code from Ms. Spivey to view their student's personal art gallery and to order items with the art imprinted on it. Our students this year have already learned some new skills and created some exceptional pieces of art to display on Artsonia: 6th grade Art classes have learned to make cylinders appear 3D with shading and highlighting. Using this new skill, they have drawn pipes and tubes with interesting creative backgrounds. They have also learned to use line and pattern in fun ways, including using neutral colors to make African Animal Silhouettes. 7th grade artists have learned to draw the contour of their tennis shoe, looking very closely to draw each line and shadow. They have also painted an optical illusion using their hands and exploring the concepts of warm versus cool colors and tints versus shades. 8th graders have learned to use symmetrical balance in the drawing of a housefly and perspective chessboard. The housefly artwork also taught them comple-

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High School News

Take this opportunity to capture the year's memories by purchasing the 2012-2013 yearbook at the lowest possible price. They can be purchased from any staff member or online at yearbookforever.com by entering our school name. If you would like customized options such as namestamps or itags, those are only available by purchasing online. Also, Senior portraits will be taken at the school on October 18. If your student is a senior make every effort to make sure they are here on that day. The \$10 proof charge is only for those who wish to see the proofs and purchase pictures. Underclass retakes are on October 22. If your student was not here on picture day they need to have their picture made on that day. Also, if you purchased pictures but were not pleased with them you can return the pictures and have them retaken on that day. Pictures were sent home on 9/21. Thanks for supporting the Bulldog yearbook!

On September 15th, 20 students and eight teachers attended the UIL Academic Student Activities Conference at Tyler Junior College. The conference featured lectures and presentations by UIL contest directors, college professors and high school teachers. Instructional sessions were designed for beginning students, advanced students, and academic coordinators and coaches. Lectures and demonstrations included all UIL academic contests, including One-Act Play. Workshops included discussions on contest preparation, demonstrations, performances and contest administration.

The National Honor Society has accepted 28 new members: seniors Ella Agold, Chris Almand, Jason Ballenger, Seth Purselley; juniors Melody Allen, Tyler Barrett, Bethany Calhoun, Harley Dell, Mary Hamilton, Tarah Herrera, Jonathon House, Chelsea Oliver, Courtney Sandell, Ridge Smith, Ashleigh White; sophomores Makenzie Abbott, Carly Copeland, Roseanna Durnell, Savannah Hairl, Brandon Hall, Grace Holcombe, Solomon Lee Jackson, Dane McAfee, Taylor Peebles, Troy Saunders, Preston Schwartz, Chad Thomasson, and Mark Zimmerer. Students are selected for their scholarship, leadership, character, and service and must be a sophomore, junior, or senior to apply. They are joined by returning members John Bradburn, Casey Bramblitt, Nathan Cason, Alexis Cravey, Mallory Keeling, Gavin Kirkhart, Chelsea Oldham, Dakota Parrent, Kyle Purselley, Trey Russell, Kourtney Stine, Josh Vance, Wally Baker, Hope Rodriguez, and Sydney Willard.

EHS students selected as Students of the Month for September are: Seniors- Courtney Cardwell and Evan Arambula; Juniors- Hope Westbrook and Kade Graham; Sophomores- Delaney Worth and Chad Tindel; Freshmen- Abra Roberts and Clay Holt. Congratulations to these outstanding individuals!

Congratulations to Eustace High School and Ms. Tammy Beaty for being selected as a grant recipient from Dallas Theater Center for their Project Discovery Program. This is the fourth year for Eustace High School to be honored to participate. This year 23 students will attend five workshops, five professional performances and five "Talk Back" sessions sponsored by Dr. Pepper and Snapple. The "Talk Back" sessions

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allow students the opportunity to ask questions or discuss theatrical elements with the Director or Actors in a forum setting with other patrons or students. All workshops, tickets to the performances and "Talk Backs" are free to the district. Eustace High School, Ms. Beaty, and E.H.S. theater students are honored and pleased to be a part of this terrific program once again.

October 1st -Students in Upper Level Theater Classes will be attending the production "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien at the Tyler Civic Center. Students invited will need to have \$5 for the performance and will need to bring \$8-10 for lunch. They will be stopping for lunch in Tyler on the way home. The show starts at 9:45 and they will be leaving campus at 7:45 and returning at 2:00 p.m. Students are attending the performance in preparation for their contest design entries over the U.I.L. Theatrical Design prompt "The Hobbit" for 2012-2013.

October 1st-31st-Rehearsals Continue every Monday-Thursday from 3:45-6:00 p.m. for "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens adapted by Martha B. King. Crew will continue to meet on Fridays only scheduled for the same time. Line memorization is due by October 1st. Parents may sign up for scheduled reminders about rehearsal times and show times by TEXTING: "@achr" to the following number (567) 455-7204. This is reminder service and cannot receive texts after your initial sign up.

October 5th-Homecoming Face Paint Spirit Booth at Varsity Games from 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Show your spirit and support your team by getting a school spirited face paint! Only \$2.

October 8th- No Rehearsal For "A Christmas Carol" - No School

October 26th- Deadline for those planning on attending the Van High School "Way Off Broadway" Festival and Contest. Contestants need to sign up in the hall across from Ms. Beaty's room. After the 26th you are committed to attending the festival and must repay registration to the school in the event you have to cancel. Team events are \$6.50 and individual events are \$4. Students may cross enter events but it must be noted on the entry. Please review each event's requirements before committing to the contest. Students will need to bring \$10 the day of contest for snacks and Pizza provided by Van H.S. Contest day is November 3rd. They will be leaving the school at 7:15 a.m. and returning at 4:00 p.m. Students need to pick up a parent permission form from Ms. Beaty.

The Eustace FFA Show Team has been competing at the East Texas State Fair. Members that participated at the fair were Chad Tindel, Lane Smith, Cody Carpenter, Dillon Gragson and Bradley Holmes. The heifer show was a great success for our members as Chad Tindel placed first with his Brahman heifer and first with his Maine Anjou heifer. Lane Smith also placed first with his Hereford heifer. Cody Carpenter participated with his Brahman heifer as well. In the steer show Lane Smith took first with his Chianina steer and Chad Tindel placed first with his Charolais steer and second with a Limousin steer. Dillon Gragson, Bradley Holmes and Lane Smith competed in the Plant ID contest and placed 6th. The showteam returns to Tyler on Friday, September 29th to show in the market goat division. Those members will be Chad Tindel, Lane Smith and Alejandro Macias. The next show for the team will be the Dallas State Fair kicking off with the steers, followed by heifers and the ag mechanics team in the next few weeks.

Football begins District at Kemp 9/28

Homecoming vs Malakoff 10/5

At Quitman 10/12

Home vs Winnsboro 10/19

At Grand Saline 10/26

The girl's volleyball team is presently 20 and 8 on the season and are currently tied with Palmer for second place with a district record of 6 wins and 2 losses with the tie breaker in our favor. We begin the second half of district competition this Friday at Kemp. The sub varsity teams are also doing well, as each have only one loss in district competition and are currently tied for first in their respective divisions. Your continued support of our girls and their success is greatly appreciated. If you get the opportunity try to come out and see them play.

The Cross Country teams competed at the Tyler Lee Classic in Tyler, TX on Saturday, September 8, 2012. The Varsity Girls competed in the 3A and under division that had 114 individuals. They placed 3rd out of 13 teams and were lead by Freshman Michelle Gomez, who placed 6th and ran a 12:51, next was Samantha Crocker who got 14th and ran a 13:12, Casey Bramblitt placed 16th, Meagan Gunter and Noa Taylor placed 27th and 29th, Madi Allen placed 33rd, and Crystal Garza placed 47th.

The Varsity Boys competed in the 4A/5A division that had 122 individuals. The boys placed 3rd out of 16 teams. They were lead by Senior, Evan Arambula who placed 3rd and ran a 16:09, next was Mark Zimmerer who placed 14th and ran a 17:10, Freshman Hunter Rose placed 33rd, Gavin Kirkhart placed 35th, Jason Ballenger placed 38th, and Preston Schwartz placed 61st.

They competed again in Van, TX at Sky Ranch Christian Camps at the Cougar Invitational hosted by Tyler Grace on September 14, 2012. The girls raced a 2 mile course and the guys raced a 3 mile course. The Varsity Girls placed 1st in the 3A and under division out of 23 teams and 176 individuals. They had 56 points, which was 41 points in front of 2nd place. They were lead by Samantha Crocker and Michelle Gomez who placed 3rd and 4th and ran 12:50 and 12:54, next was Casey Bramblitt who placed 7th and ran a 13:19, Meagan Gunter and Madi Allen placed 26th and 27th, and Crystal Garza placed 61st.

The Varsity Boys placed 1st in the 4A/5A division out of 9 teams and 71 individuals. They were lead by Evan Arambula who placed 2nd and ran a 15:31, next was Mark Zimmerer who placed 12th and ran a 16:41, Hunter Rose was 14th and ran a 16:58, Jason Ballenger and Gavin Kirkhart placed 19th and 20th, and Preston Schwartz was 28th.

The JV Girls placed 3rd out of 12 teams and 171 individuals in the 5A and under division. They were lead by Chloe Moore and Harley Kile who placed 7th and 8th, Monica Rojas placed 15th, Summer Garza placed 35th, and Kourtney Stine placed 77th.

The JV Boys placed 7th out of 19 teams and 219 individuals in the 5A and under division. They were lead by Brandon Hall who placed 18th, next was Hunter Norris who placed 46th, Brandon Richardson placed 54th, Elijah Rogers placed 74th, and Cody Baker placed 96th.

They then competed in the Pine Tree Puddle Jump in Kilgore, TX on Saturday, September 22, 2012. The Varsity Boys competed in the 4A/5A division and the Varsity Girls

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competed in the 3A and under division. The Varsity Girls placed 2nd out of 14 teams and 109 individuals. They were lead by freshman, Michelle Gomez and Sophomore Samantha Crocker who placed 1st and 2nd overall and ran 13:01 and 13:13, next was Casey Bramblitt who medaled with a 13th place finish, Noa Taylor placed 27th, Meagan Gunter placed 29th, Madi Allen placed 33rd, and Crystal Garza placed 50th.

The Varsity Boys placed 2nd out of 6 teams and 55 individuals. They were lead by Senior Evan Arambula who placed first, beating the entire field by 57 seconds, with a time of 16:10, next was Sophomore Mark Zimmerer who placed 5th and ran a 17:14, Jason Ballenger placed 9th and ran a 17:34, Hunter Rose placed 11th and ran a 17:55, Preston Schwartz placed 30th and Gavin Kirkhart placed 38th.

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Bulldog Proud!

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mentary colors pattern and value, while the perspective chessboard illustrated the intricacies of two-point perspective drawing and how to create the illusion of deep space. Ms. Spivey is excited to see how the students will personalize their chessboards to make each one original and unique. Please visit Artsonia to see samples of each of these projects!

Fall Sports

If you enjoy watching cross country, volleyball or football, now is the perfect time. The weather is cooler and the seasons are in full swing. Eustace Middle School has its last home volleyball game on October 15th against Scurry Rosser. The football team's last home game is on October 25th versus Grand Saline. There will also be a pep rally on October 25th.

Important Dates

October 3rd – Fall Pictures

October 5th – Book Fair Preview for Parents (from 8:00 to 11:00)

October 9th-12th – Scholastic Book Fair

October 22nd-26th – Red Ribbon Week

National Honor Society News

The National Honor Society has accepted 28 new members: seniors Ella Agold, Chris Almand, Jason Ballenger, Seth Purselley; juniors Melody Allen, Tyler Barrett, Bethany Calhoun, Harley Dell, Mary Hamilton, Tarah Herrera, Jonathon House, Chelsea Oliver, Courtney Sandell, Ridge Smith, Ashleigh White; sophomores Makenzie Abbott, Carly Copeland, Roseanna Durnell, Savannah Hairl, Brandon Hall, Grace Holcombe, Solomon Lee Jackson, Dane McAfee, Taylor Peebles, Troy Saunders, Preston Schwartz, Chad Thomasson, and Mark Zimmerer. Students are selected for their scholarship, leadership, character, and service and must be a sophomore, junior, or senior to apply. They are joined by returning members John Bradburn, Casey Bramblitt, Nathan Cason, Alexis Cravey, Malory Keeling, Gavin Kirkhart, Chelsea Oldham, Dakota Parrent, Kyle Purselley, Trey Russell, Kourtney Stine, Josh Vance, Wally Baker, Hope Rodriguez, and Sydney Willard.

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tests for graduation requirements and are not affected by the STAAR requirements.

Students who took STAAR End of Course tests as 9th graders last spring will have an opportunity to retake the tests in December to increase their cumulative score. Please contact the high school counselors, Mrs. Bice and Ms. Orr, if you have questions about the STAAR End of Course requirements.

October Test Dates

Seniors who need to meet the graduation requirement of passing the TAKS Exit Level tests will have three more opportunities prior to graduation in May. The first of these takes place in October according to the following schedule:

- Oct. 22 Exit Level ELA
- Oct. 23 Exit Level Math
- Oct. 24 Exit Level Science
- Oct. 25 Exit Level Social Studies

Additional testing opportunities will be March 5-7 and the final opportunity is April 22-25. Students are provided targeted instruction to help them achieve their graduation goals.

UIL Marching Contest
Wednesday, October 24
Mesquite 5:30 PM
Come Out and Support
The Rhythm Machine on 316!!

Brand New
Band News

The band is off to a hectic start this year, but we are making great progress. The band is performing "Santana Smooth: The Music of Carlos Santana". I hope everyone enjoys the show and can come see us at the half-time and on our contest dates. The Mesquite Marching Festival at 12:45 at the Memorial Stadium, Sat. Oct.6th. We will perform in Mabank at the Cedar Creek Marching Festival on Oct 13th and then back to the Memorial stadium on Wed. Oct 24th for the UIL Contest. We are looking forward to a great year. Division 1 all the way!!!

**DON'T
FORGET!!!**

**DRIVE 4 UR
SCHOOL**

**Sponsored by
Tri-County Ford**

**OCT. 5TH
9 AM—4 PM**

**Bulldog Stadium
Parking Lot**

**\$20 donated to the
district for each
test drive taken!!!!**

Bulldog Extra

**After School
Program**

**Students in grades 6-
12 can get extra help
with homework and
assignments, access
to the district's tech-
nology, or just have
a place to work on
projects or
assignments.**

**No sign-up required
to attend—just show
up!!!**

**Open
Monday—Thursday**

4:00—6:00