

# TELETYPE

SUMMER 2017



Roosevelt-Wilson Elementary held a STAAR Pep Rally prior to testing in April to encourage third and fourth grade students to do their best on the annual test.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

RODNEY CAVNESS, ED.D. | SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*I am very pleased to be selected as the 16th Superintendent of Schools for the Texas City Independent School District. I have already had the opportunity to meet with many people from the Texas City-La Marque community, and I am thankful for the warm welcome my family and I have received.*

I'm anxious to get to work, and my wife, Tanya, and daughter, Mamie Grace, are excited to settle into our new home in this community. We are the parents of six children and Mamie, our youngest, enters 7th grade in August.

I just completed my 27th year in Texas public education and have dedicated myself to students, teachers, parents and communities in southeast Texas. I have humbly served as a teacher, coach, high school assistant principal, high school principal, adjunct professor and superintendent, and I believe my experience and successes will allow me to be an asset to TCISD and continue the district's tradition of excellence.

My first official day on the job was July 1, but I was prepared long before that. I put together a 30-, 60- and 90-day priorities plan. Much of that includes a variety of meetings with the Board of Trustees

and all departments and campuses to review missions and goals. We want to review issues and concerns, gather feedback on areas of improvement and review our strengths. Texas City ISD is successful in so many areas, and I'm really happy to be here.

As a school district, we are on a mission to close the gaps in opportunity that lead to disparities in achievement and to ensure every child is academically challenged in a safe and supportive environment. Together with our teachers, families, staff and community, we will be successful.

I am a visible leader. You will see me not only at school activities, but also at many community events. I look forward to getting plugged in to the Texas City-La Marque community. My door is always open, so don't hesitate to contact me.

## TEXAS CITY ISD WELCOMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT

On May 23, the Texas City ISD Board of Trustees hired Rodney Cavness, Ed.D. as superintendent of schools for TCISD.

Cavness comes to TCISD after serving as the superintendent of Port Neches-Groves ISD since 2010. His 27-year education career began in Beaumont ISD as a teacher/coach. He served as an assistant principal in both Silsbee ISD and Beaumont ISD and was the principal at Beaumont's West Brook High School. He was the superintendent in Evadale ISD from 2007-2010.



Cavness graduated from Lamar University in 1990 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Kinesiology. He received his Master of Education in Administration from Lamar in 1994 and earned his Doctoral degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Houston in 2004.

He is the recipient of multiple professional awards, including Region 5 Secondary Principal of the Year (2005) and Region 5 Superintendent of the Year (2010).

Cavness is active on state education association committees and in his local community. He presently serves on the Texas Education Agency Commissioner's Cabinet.

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# ITC OPENS TO RAVE REVIEWS

The Texas City ISD Industrial Trades Center is coming to life as nearly 200 career and technical education students continue their training in the new facility, the first of its kind in Galveston County.

Students at both La Marque High School and Texas City High School are learning trades at the ITC along with earning industry certifications. The Texas City and Gulf Coast counties offer prime job markets for skilled workers in the manufacturing, petroleum and maritime industries. With the high number of skilled laborers approaching retirement age and a lack of skilled workers to follow, high school graduates with certifications from TCISD's ITC will help fill the workforce shortage within these prosperous industries.

"The idea is to give the students a starting chance if they didn't continue their education in a traditional academic way; you can start at any of these jobs at helpers' pay between \$15 and \$16 an hour," Richard Chapa, director of career and technology education, said. "By 25, they can be making \$25 or \$28 per hour."

The trades and certifications offered include Maritime (OSHA, NCCER), Construction Trades (OSHA, NCCER), Welding (OSHA, NCCER, AWS), Pipefitting (OSHA, NCER), Instrumentation and Electrical (OSHA, NCCER) and



Students in the Industrial Trades Center's Maritime program practice piloting a boat using the center's simulator during the ITC's grand opening in March.

Machinist (NCCER). All students in the programs have an opportunity to receive certifications on heavy equipment simulators including mobile crane, excavator, bull dozer and fork lift.

"We are blessed to live in an area with exciting job opportunities for craft workers with the right skill sets," said Rich Hernandez, Marathon GBR general manager and ITC Advisory Council chairman. "The ITC will help its graduates start on the path to developing the skills needed to pursue these careers."

Community partners have already pledged more than \$750,000 toward startup costs and equipment. An additional \$170,000 per year has been pledged from local partners for maintenance and operations through the pennies per-man-hour program. Additional partnership opportunities to help TCISD ITC students be successful include apprenticeships, job shadowing and student sponsorship, to name a few.

For more information, call 409-916-0108.



## DISTRICT OFFICIALLY DEDICATES GUAJARDO ELEMENTARY

On June 24, the Texas City ISD Board of Trustees and administration officially dedicated Manuel Guajardo, Jr. Elementary School in honor of the longtime board member who died in June 2016 after a battle with cancer. Formerly Northside Elementary, the board voted in January to change the name.

The proposal for the name change was made by former Texas City mayor Carlos Garza. Guajardo was elected to the TCISD Board in 1992 and served students and staff in the community until his death. According to trustees, it is an honor to have a distinguished school like Northside reflect Guajardo's name.

The school will be led by new principal Debbie Fuller.

# STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT DIVERSITY

Calvin Vincent Early Childhood Center had contemporary conceptual artist Edwin Gil on campus for a week in February for his Faces of Diversity program. It is a program that helps promote culture diversity and breakdown stereotypes through art.

He introduced the program Monday to teachers and Tuesday to students. On Wednesday and Thursday, he designed, painted and assembled the mural for permanent display. The two students featured on the mural are Chloe Denton and Carlos Reyes. Each student and staff member contributed a thumb print on glass that was incorporated into the work of art made by Gil that will represent the "face" of diversity of the school.

The finished mural was unveiled on Friday. The mural, funded by a grant from the TCISD Foundation for the Future, is surrounded by a butterfly each student made. Each is unique just like each child. Every school year, the butterflies will be replaced by artwork from the current Pre-K students. Teachers can use curriculum on diversity in the classroom with the students even now



Artist Edwin Gil helps take the thumbprint of a student at the Calvin Vincent Early Childhood Center. Gil used the fingerprints and glass pieces to create a "Faces of Diversity" mural.

that Gil's artwork is complete.

This is the third time that Gil has produced murals in Texas. He also has artwork at La Marque High School and

La Marque Middle School. Glass and Glazing in Texas City has donated glass each time for those projects.

## LMHS, TCHS ONE-ACT PLAYS SEE SUCCESS AT REGION, AREA

*La Marque High School's One-Act play advanced to the Region competition for the first time since 1998.*

The One-Act plays from both La Marque High School and Texas City High School performed well this spring in the UIL One-Act competition.

LMHS's "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" advanced to the Class 3A Region competition. Cast awards during competition included: Hailey Lytle, Best Actress; Cavion McCoy, Best Actor; Diamond Williams and Senora Woodland, All-Star Cast; Caleeb Bell, Tayla Dale and Brianna Moss, Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; and Jeremiah Campbell, Kameron Guidry and Tory Tate, Best Technician.

"We had an amazing journey and the growth of each performer and

tech student was incredible," theatre arts director Dana Joseph said.

Texas City High School's "These Shining Lives" was named the Alternate play at the Class 5A Area Competition. Cast awards during competition included: Kalley Conti, Julian Diaz and Zion-Alexander Luerson, All-Star Cast; Madison Mata and Josie Mendoza, Best Tech Crew; Kobie Boone and Javon Rougely, Best Technician; Kylie Fewell and Summer Miller, Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

"Our students worked so hard and we are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished," director Bobbi Jo Davis said.

## LMMS ARTISTS SCORE BIG AT JR VASE CONTEST

Three La Marque Middle School students earned superior ratings at the Jr VASE competition held at League City Intermediate. Of the nine pieces that LMMS entered, five were selected to be included in the competition's gallery walk.

The students, who received a certificate and a medal, include Queen Kuate, Kristopher Ranjel and Autumn Jinkensen (x3). Students receiving a certificate of achievement included Christian Clapper and Sean Enriquez.



## 12TH GRADE

Kirsten Allen, 1  
 Brittany Boettcher, 5  
 Jade Chapman, 7  
 Kaela Clark, 1  
 Cali Cooper, 6  
 Thomas Crane, 2  
 Ricardo Dacasa, 1  
 Berenice Davila, 4  
 Katelynn Devasier, 5  
 Breanna Dixon, 1  
 Karen Foreman, 6  
 Mykaela Gorom, 7  
 Kassandra Lopez, 2  
 Rylan Hara, 1  
 Christopher Harmon, 1  
 Osvaldo Jimenez, 3  
 William Jolivet, 1  
 Katelyn Jones, 1  
 Jakob Lucas, 7  
 Noah Martinez, 7  
 Nettie Millsap, 1  
 Kiara Ortiz, 1  
 Rushelle Pagan, 1  
 Alyssa Plasek, 4  
 Arely Rabago, 4  
 Samantha Rabago, 2  
 Julia Reed, 4  
 Robert Richmond, 6  
 Destiny Saucedo, 5  
 Ryan Scalf, 1  
 Della Sullivan, 5  
 Shelby Thompson, 5  
 Reynard Turner, 1  
 Sindy Vicente, 4  
 Kelvin Zhou, 8

## 11TH GRADE

Gerardo Avila, 4  
 Roxanne Balderas, 7  
 Daniela Betancourt, 7  
 Alexis Cermeno, 1  
 Jesus Cidrian, 1  
 Neal Cruz, 7

Santiago Faus, 2  
 Aaron Garcia, 1  
 Angel Gonzalez, 2  
 Alexis Herrera, 6  
 Madison Holmes, 1  
 Jaeden Johnson, 7  
 Celeste Lindusky, 3  
 Shelby Lipscomb, 2  
 Kameron Mills, 1  
 Jazmine Nelson, 3  
 Chloe Penton, 2  
 Kevin Reynolds, 2  
 Seth Rogers, 5  
 Alexis Vela, 1  
 Ingrid Vicente, 3  
 Erin Whalen, 2  
 Naomi Windom, 3  
 Shawntale Woodland, 4  
 Kaylin Zarazua, 5

## 10TH GRADE

Robert Arthur, 1  
 Tylan Blaine, 1  
 Lillian Cansino, 1  
 Janet Chavez, 2  
 Krishna Coffman, 1  
 Brianna Cuyos, 1  
 Autumn DiLissio, 1  
 Aubrey Dyson, 6  
 Zoe Faus, 2  
 Berania Garibay, 1  
 Briana Garibay, 1  
 Erin Hipp, 3  
 Drake Jackson, 4  
 Rynne Johnson, 1  
 Jacqueline Lawrence, 1  
 Keilan Levesque, 4  
 Selina Lin, 1  
 Micah Mannie, 3  
 Hope Martin, 1  
 Megan McKnight, 6  
 Taela Moore, 2  
 Christian Morales, 3  
 Colin Odom, 3  
 Sydney Osteen, 6



LMHS VALEDICTORIAN  
**Sindy Vicente**



TCHS VALEDICTORIAN  
**Kelvin Zhou**

Yesenia Peraza, 3  
 Morgan Perry, 3  
 Chandler Pickett, 2  
 Alaya Pierce-Brooks, 2  
 Keniqua Pleasant, 1  
 Sandra Rayas, 3  
 Georgia Reed, 2  
 Roberto Serda, 6  
 Kaylin Simpson, 6  
 Alyssa Smothers, 5  
 Allyssa Stancil, 1  
 Tyler Stanley, 1  
 Robert Steber, 4  
 Skye Wooley, 4

## 9TH GRADE

Oluwafemi Adebayo, 1  
 Faith Andrew, 1

Cassie Bailey, 3  
 Shane Baker, 1  
 Daisy Bottoms, 1  
 Nathan Brooks, 3  
 Mia Brown, 1  
 Elizabeth Carter, 3  
 Jordyn Cheatham, 2  
 Naomi Edwards, 5  
 Jaden Epps, 1  
 Katherine Foreman, 4  
 Emilio Garza, 2  
 Jakob Glazener, 2  
 Mykenzie Gorom, 4  
 Conor Higgs, 3  
 Ariana Ivy, 3  
 Kaitlyn Johnson, 1  
 Isabela Johnston, 1  
 Kyle Kelemen, 1  
 Jillian Lemaire, 1  
 Jamie Lyles, 1  
 Esmeralda Martinez, 5  
 Isabel Martinez, 1  
 Dominique McAfee, 2  
 Dasia Moore, 3  
 Daniel Nguyen, 3  
 Kevin Recarte, 3  
 Angel Renovato, 1  
 Angel Reyes Bustos, 1  
 David Rojas, 1  
 Sofia Salinas, 2  
 Brayden Schurwon, 3  
 Rashaun Smith, 2  
 Amber Snarr, 1  
 Zachary Solis, 1  
 Tory Tate, 2  
 Aaliyah Torres, 1  
 Brayden Torres, 4

## 8TH GRADE

Kristina Ayala, 1  
 Julian-Pierre Bennett, 1  
 Jovany De La Garza, 1  
 Samantha Eguia, 2

Christa Fowler, 4  
 Kristopher Frank, 1  
 Sebastian Fuentes, 2  
 Adrianna Guzman, 2  
 Skylar Hernandez, 3  
 Emily Hudnall, 4  
 James Jaime, 1  
 Makayla Jaramillo, 1  
 Payton Jones, 4  
 Savannah Knight, 2  
 Bailey Lepore, 1  
 Gabriela Lopez, 1  
 Mya Moore, 2  
 Amy Nichols, 4  
 Madison Nimer, 1  
 Sundos Nofal, 1  
 Ku'Mario Perry, 2  
 Cara Piazza, 4  
 Leonardo Rabago, 2  
 Tisoc Ramirez, 1  
 Serenity Reeves, 4  
 Calvin Reilley, 1  
 Jaden Rollins, 4  
 Iliana Ruiz, 2  
 Mackenzie Schaub, 2  
 Amanda Valdez, 4  
 Madysson Volkman, 2  
 Holly Walker, 3  
 David Zelaya Morales, 2

## 7TH GRADE

Julian Gomez, 1  
 Madison Howell, 2  
 Marrisza Kelley, 3  
 Emma Landrum, 3  
 Maxwell McGee, 1  
 Sadie Parnell, 1  
 Richlyn Powell, 1  
 Bryce Raines, 1  
 Elijah Ramirez, 3  
 Harold Recarte, 3  
 Bogdana Semchenko, 3  
 Maribel Valdez, 2

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# SUPERINTENDENT'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



This award promotes academic excellence and recognizes students who demonstrate exemplary academic scholarship in grades 5-12. Students must maintain an A average for every course each semester, meet attendance requirements each semester and maintain an excellent discipline record in order to receive the award. The Academic Achievement Award recipients are listed with the number of years they have received the award.

## IN BRIEF

**LOGAN MAKES HISTORY AT STATE SKILLS CONTEST**

In La Marque High School's first year to compete in health science at SkillsUSA, Aaron Logan placed second in First Aid/CPR at SkillsUSA State competition in April.

Logan advanced to the state competition after earning a silver medal at the area competition.

**LM ELEMENTARY TEACHERS START ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM**

La Marque Elementary librarian Jerilyn Johnson, aide Gerald Wilson and LEAP teacher Jessica Ferguson raised funding to launch the Anti-Bullying Campaign (ABC) Project to bring awareness to bullying through teachings, discussions and workshops with students and staff.

The goal is to reduce bullying behavior while simultaneously lifting the self-esteem of students affected by bullying behavior at the school.

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS RECEIVE WATT FOUNDATION GRANTS**

Texas City ISD was the recipient of two grants from the J.J. Watt Foundation.

The foundation awarded \$19,997 to Blocker Middle School for the school's football, tennis and track programs. In addition, La Marque Middle School received \$19,987 for its football, volleyball and track programs.

TCISD Athletic Director Leland Surovik applied for the grants.

**TCISD RECEIVES SUPER SHOW AWARD FOR HLSR ART**

Texas City ISD received Super Show for the third year in a row in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo's Rodeo Art contest.

Students from Texas City High School, La Marque High School, Blocker Middle School and Levi Fry Intermediate received some of the top Rodeo Art awards, including best of show and gold medal.

## LEGACY HALL OPENS AT LMHS



*TCISD board trustee Melba Anderson, center, joins two La Marque alumnae in viewing the performing arts display in the La Marque Legacy Hall at La Marque High School.*

The La Marque Legacy Hall is an extensive area at La Marque High School that is dedicated to the La Marque school district's history so that it can live on. While not inclusive of every accomplishment achieved by La Marque students and staff, information, awards and memorabilia are on display for all to see as a sampling of Tiger, Eagle and Cougar pride. While the La Marque schools are now a part of Texas City ISD, nothing will take away the history established in La Marque ISD.

La Marque alumni have become leaders in their communities, the state and the nation. The district produced a U.S. Senator, countless doctors, educators, civil servants, police officers, honorable soldiers and even Super Bowl-winning pro football champions. Many of those success stories are evident in the Legacy Hall.

The Legacy Hall will be a permanent fixture of honor forever on display at LMHS, and it is Texas City ISD's hope that the display can grow as memorabilia is shared.

**TCHS ROBOTICS FINISHES IN TOP 100 AT VEX ROBOTICS WORLD COMPETITION**

The Texas City Robotics team finished the 2016-17 season ranked 68th out of a field of 564 competitors at the 2017 VEX Robotics World Championships in Louisville, Ky. in April.

Team 590V advanced through the qualification rounds in the Engineering Division and was selected as part of the eighth seed alliance. The alliance was eliminated in the division quarterfinals, the furthest the team has ever advanced.

The team was represented at Worlds by Zach Smith (driver), Dillon Harvey (drive coach), Trevor Murphy (drive coach), Celeste Lindusky, Ray Sheppard, Thomas Armstrong, Osvaldo Jiminez, Samuel Lopez, Bo Steber, Connor Jordan, Brett Meyer, Cameron



*The team advanced to VEX Worlds after winning the Texas State Championship.*

Alexander, Jaeden Johnson and Marissa Martinez.

Other team members who participated throughout the year: Katie Foreman, Quinn Vicario, Alina Stuckey, and Brayden Schurwon. They are mentored by TCHS grad Jeffery Ciabattoni. James Jobe is the robotics teacher.

# 2017-2018 SCHOOL REGISTRATION DETAILS

## ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Any student who completed the 2016-17 school year in TCISD can register online **through July 31**.

Online registration will accept scanned documents for proof of residency dated within 30 days of registering. Scanned documents can also be emailed to [registration@tcisd.org](mailto:registration@tcisd.org).

If parents need assistance scanning, they can bring proof of residency to the Simpson Education Support Center or to any of the open lab days.

## OPEN LABS AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

Texas City ISD will open labs at Blocker Middle School (BMS) and La Marque High School (LMHS) for those who need help with online registration for returning students. All TCISD parents can register their students at any of the locations below. The labs will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. but closed from 1-2 p.m. for lunch.

- July 12: BMS Room 702
- July 19: LMHS Commons
- July 26: BMS Room 702

## PRE-K REGISTRATION

Calvin Vincent has a full-day Pre-K program for eligible 4-year-olds, as well as a Headstart program for students who are ages 3 or 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2017 who live in the Texas City attendance zone. Applications can be submitted at Calvin Vincent **July 31-Aug. 4** from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

La Marque Primary has a half-day



Pre-K program for students who are 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, live in the La Marque attendance zone and meet state Pre-K eligibility. Enrollment will take place at centralized registration.

## CENTRALIZED REGISTRATION

Any new student not registered on June 21 and any returning student not registered online prior to July 31 should register between 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on one of the following dates:

- Aug. 1: LMHS Commons (Current students only)
- Aug. 2: Doyle Center (New students only)
- Aug. 3: Doyle Center (All Students)

Registration clerks will be available at a station for each campus, but parents with students at multiple campuses can register all of their children at one station if preferred.

Lines are typically long at centralized registration. We recommend parents take advantage of online registration.

## NUTRITION BITES

### REDUCED APPLICATION

Your student may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Parents need only complete one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals application for all students in their household. Return the completed application to the Simpson Education Support Center, 1700 Ninth Ave. N., Texas City, TX 77590 or apply online at [texascity.healtheliving.net](http://texascity.healtheliving.net).

### ONLINE MEAL PAYMENTS

Online payments are a simple, safe and secure way to make payments to your student's account 24 hours a day. Use Lunch Money Now to deposit pre-paid funds into student meal accounts online with a credit card. Parents can check the balance of their child's account, and students don't have to worry about forgetting or losing money. Parents can even sign up to get emails when the account is getting low: [texascity.healtheliving.net](http://texascity.healtheliving.net).

### NEW START, DISMISSAL TIMES

- LA MARQUE PRIMARY**  
7:50 a.m.-3:25 p.m.
- CALVIN VINCENT EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
8 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
- GUAJARDO, HEIGHTS, KOHFELDT, LA MARQUE & ROOSEVELT-WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
8 a.m.-3:35 p.m.
- LEVI FRY INTERMEDIATE**  
7:30 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
- BLOCKER & LA MARQUE MIDDLE SCHOOLS**  
8:25 a.m.-4 p.m.
- LA MARQUE & TEXAS CITY HIGH SCHOOLS**  
8:35 a.m.-4:10 p.m.
- WOODROW WILSON DAEP**  
8:30 a.m.-4:05 p.m.

Texas City ISD parents can stay on top of their child's academic progress with Family Access. Through a secure Internet server, you can access grades and report cards, check assignments and attendance or discipline records, receive email alert notifications and contact teachers via email.

## Access your child's grades online

Parents and guardians of TCISD students may request an account by providing an email address on the registration form. After registration, requests for accounts may be made by contacting the registration personnel at your student's school. Due to federal privacy regulations, passwords cannot be released without verification of identification.

Visit [tcisd.org](http://tcisd.org) to log in or get instructions.

# 2017-2018 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

## PRE-K / HEADSTART

- 1 large backpack (non-rolling)

### Optional supplies

- 2 boxes 24-count crayons (no fluorescent)
- 1 set 8-count watercolor paint
- 1 pkg. 8-count washable markers (no fluorescent)
- 2 boxes facial tissue
- Girls: 1 box Ziploc bags (gallon)  
1 pkg. 6-inch paper plates
- Boys: 1 box Ziploc bags (quart)  
1 pkg. 9-inch paper plates

## KINDERGARTEN

- 1 pair metal scissors
- 24 No. 2 pencils
- 4 boxes 24-count basic color crayons
- 2 boxes 8-count basic color crayons
- 2 8-oz. bottles school glue
- 2 pkgs. asst. construction paper, 12x18
- 2 pkgs. manilla paper, 12x18
- 1 plastic school supply box
- 2 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled (70-count)
- 2 pkgs. dry erase markers
- 1 pkg. 8-count washable markers
- 2 highlighters
- 1 backpack (non-rolling)
- 2 large boxes facial tissue
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- Girls: 1 pkg. brown paper lunch bags  
1 box Ziploc bags (gallon)
- Boys: 1 pkg. 9-inch paper plates  
1 box Ziploc bags (quart)

## 1ST GRADE

- 1 pair metal scissors
- 24 No. 2 pencils
- 2 boxes 24-count basic color crayons
- 2 8-oz. bottles school glue
- 1 pkg. assorted construction paper, 9x12
- 1 pkg. manilla paper, 12x18
- 1 plastic school supply box
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled
- 1 backpack (non-rolling)
- 2 large boxes facial tissue
- 2 pink erasers
- 2 bottles hand sanitizer
- 3 folders with pockets and brads
- 2 vinyl folders with pockets
- Girls: 1 box Ziploc bags (quart)
- Boys: 1 box Ziploc bags (gallon)

## 2ND GRADE

- 1 pair pointed scissors
- 48 No. 2 pencils

- 2 boxes 24-count basic color crayons
- 1 8-oz. bottle school glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 pkg. asst. construction paper, 9x12 (no pads)
- 1 pkg. manilla paper (9x12)
- 1 plastic school supply box
- 3 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled (70-count)
- 1 dry erase marker, black
- 4 pink erasers
- 1 composition book
- 1 binder, 1/2-inch
- 1 pkg. 5-count dividers
- 1 backpack (non-rolling)
- 3 large boxes facial tissue
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- 4 pocket folders with brads
- Girls: 1 box Ziploc bags (quart)  
one-piece swimsuit
- Boys: 1 box Ziploc bags (gallon)  
one pair swim trunks

## 3RD GRADE

- 1 pair pointed scissors
- 48 No. 2 pencils
- 2 boxes 24-count basic color crayons
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 plastic school supply box
- 3 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled
- 1 pkg. notebook paper, wide-ruled
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 3-ring binder, 1-inch
- 1 composition book
- 1 pkg. multiplication flashcards
- 2 red pens
- 2 highlighters, any color
- 1 box markers
- 1 pkg. pencil cap erasers
- 1 backpack (non-rolling)
- 3 large boxes facial tissue
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- Girls: 1 box Ziploc bags (quart)
- Boys: 1 box Ziploc bags (gallon)

## 4TH GRADE

- 1 pair pointed scissors
- 24 No. 2 pencils
- 2 boxes 24-count basic color crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 highlighters
- 1 pkg. large construction paper
- 1 plastic school supply box
- 2 red pens
- 3 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled (70-count)
- 1 backpack (non-rolling)
- 1 box map pencils
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
- 1 pkg. manilla paper

- 2 large pink erasers
- 6 plain pocket folders with brads
- 2 pkgs. notebook paper, wide-ruled
- 3 large boxes facial tissue
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- Girls: 1 box Ziploc bags (quart)
- Boys: 1 box Ziploc bags (gallon)

## 5TH GRADE

- 1 pkg. construction paper
- 5 folders with pockets and brads
- 1 pkg. map pencils
- 6 pkgs. No. 2 pencils
- 2 pkgs. blue or black ink pens
- 1 pencil pouch
- 2 pkgs. pencil cap erasers
- 2 pkgs. notebook paper, wide-ruled
- 5 spiral notebooks
- 2 composition notebooks
- 3 large boxes facial tissue
- 2 dry erase markers, black
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
- 1 bottle of glue
- 4 pkgs. index cards
- 1 student scissors
- 1 3-ring binder, 1-inch
- \$3 for Junior Scholastic subscription
- Girls: 1 box Ziploc bags (quart)
- Boys: 1 box Ziploc bags (gallon)

## 6TH GRADE

- 5 folders with pockets and brads
- 2 pkgs. map pencils
- 1 pkg. blue or black ink pens
- 6 pkgs. No. 2 pencils
- 2 pkgs. pencil cap erasers
- 6 pkgs. notebook paper, wide-ruled
- 8 spiral notebooks
- 2 pkgs. index cards
- 3 large boxes facial tissue
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
- 1 bottle of glue
- 1 wooden ruler
- 2 dry erase markers, black
- \$3 for Junior Scholastic subscription
- Girls: 1 box Ziploc bags (gallon)  
1 pkg. 9x12 construction paper
- Boys: 1 box Ziploc bags (quart)  
1 pkg. 12x18 construction paper

## 7TH-12TH GRADES

- Students will need notebook paper, pens, pencils, spiral notebooks, folders and binders. Specific teacher supply lists will be provided on the first day of school.

### NOTE TO PARENTS

Additional supplies may be requested by the teacher on the first day of school. Please send all supplies at one time. Put your child's name on all outdoor clothing and backpack straps. Supplies should be replaced throughout the year. Rolling backpacks are not acceptable.

# SCHOOL SAFETY

## EMERGENCY INFO

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

When severe weather conditions or other factors pose a threat to normal school operations, the superintendent will evaluate the hazards and, prior to the school day, determine if school will be held.

If school is cancelled, area radio and television stations will receive updated information concerning school closings or altered schedules from TCISD school officials.

### LOCKDOWNS

A lockdown is an emergency protocol to protect people inside a facility from a dangerous or potentially dangerous external event. During a lockdown, the doors leading outside the building are locked and no one may exit or enter the building.

A full lockdown means that people must stay where they are and may not exit or enter a classroom until the all clear is given by law enforcement. TCISD will put schools on lockdown as a precaution if the need arises.

### INFORMATION

Monitor the following media sources for emergency information about TCISD schools:

- **Radio:** KTRH (740 AM)
- **TV:** All major Houston networks; TCISD TV - Channel 18 on Comcast
- **Web:** [www.tcisd.org](http://www.tcisd.org)
- **E-News:** Sign up for the district's weekly e-newsletter.
- **Social Media:** Like Texas City ISD on Facebook or follow us on Twitter, @TexasCityISD

*Texas City ISD schools have plans and procedures in place to handle emergencies that may arise during the school day. The following scenarios detail what happens during each event.*

## WHEN THERE IS A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

The decision to shelter-in-place or evacuate will depend on whether the chemical is toxic, producing toxic fumes or flammable, as well as the direction and strength of the wind. Following the decision of the emergency coordinator to shelter-in-place or evacuate, bus transportation will be mobilized as needed. There is the possibility of legal ramifications if an individual violates the shelter-in-place procedure (Criminal Trespassing, Texas Penal Code, Section 30.05; Disruption, Texas Education Code, Section 31.123; and Class C misdemeanors).

## WHEN WEATHER WORSENS DURING THE DAY

If schools do open and weather conditions worsen during the day, schools will not be closed early since the vast majority of Texas City ISD's students come from households where both parents work. If school were dismissed early, those children would go home to empty households during a dangerous weather situation. They are much safer at school where they will be supervised until dismissal.

Whenever road conditions allow buses to run safely, drivers will deliver students to the established bus stops. If buses cannot enter a subdivision because of road conditions, parents may meet the bus at the main road and escort their children home. If weather conditions make all roads impassable, students will remain at the schools and will be well supervised, warm, dry and fed until they can be transported home or until their parents come for them. Parents may, of course, pick up their children at any time during a bad weather situation in accordance with district procedures and if there has not been a shelter-in-place order issued.

## REPORTING SAFETY CONCERNS BROADENED

Texas City ISD has anonymous ways to report safety or mental health concerns on campus through the TCISD safety website and now through a mobile app.

TCISD can accept reports through mobile or desktop web browsers at [P3Campus.com](http://P3Campus.com) or through the P3 Campus mobile app. Reports are monitored 24/7 to ensure that time-sensitive matters are dealt with promptly. Reports made through the P3 Campus mobile app have no length limitations

or the need to remember a short code. Additionally, when reporters use the mobile app, they are notified when action has been taken on their report. In both the web browser and app form, reporters can attach photos, screenshots, videos, documents or audio recordings, and they can engage in a two-way dialogue with a real person.

Texas City ISD believes that the P3 Campus initiative will strengthen bonds between students and adults, identify subjects of social abuse, reveal emotional needs unmet and help prevent tragedy on both the personal and community level.



# TEXAS CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-18 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Fall Semester - 36,400 Instructional Minutes							Spring Semester - 41,800 Instructional Minutes							Total - 78,260 Instructional Minutes													
AUGUST 2017							SEPTEMBER 2017							OCTOBER 2017							NOVEMBER 2017						
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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Aug. 10-18</b>	Teacher Inservice
<b>Aug. 21</b>	First Day of School
<b>Sept. 4</b>	Student/Staff Holiday (Labor Day)
<b>Oct. 30</b>	Parent Conferences (No classes)
<b>Nov. 20-24</b>	Student/Staff Holiday (Thanksgiving Break)
<b>Dec. 21-Jan. 3</b>	Student/Staff Holiday (Christmas Break)
<b>Jan. 4-5</b>	Staff Development
<b>Jan. 15</b>	Student/Staff Holiday (MLK Day)
<b>Feb. 12</b>	Staff Development
<b>Mar. 12-16</b>	Student/Staff Holiday (Spring Break)
<b>Mar. 30</b>	Student/Staff Holiday (Good Friday)
<b>Apr. 20</b>	Staff Development
<b>May 28</b>	Student/Staff Holiday (Memorial Day)
<b>May 30</b>	Last Day of School
<b>May 31</b>	Staff Development

### GRADING PERIODS

<b>First Semester:</b>	<b>Second Semester:</b>
1st 9 Weeks.....Aug. 21-Oct. 20	3rd 9 Weeks.....Jan. 8-Mar. 23
2nd 9 Weeks.....Oct. 23-Dec. 20	4th 9 Weeks.....Mar. 26-May 30

### LEGEND

	New Teacher/Staff Development		Early Release Day
	Teacher Inservice		STAAR Testing
	Student/Staff Holiday		Beginning of Nine Weeks
	Staff Development Day (Student Holiday)		End of Nine Weeks
	Parent Conferences (No Classes)		SH Summer Hours (Offices Closed)

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# TEXAS CITY ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## DUTIES OF THE BOARD

The policies established by the board, acting as a body, are executed by the administration of the schools. Trustees adopt a budget, which is necessary to maintain and operate the schools, levy taxes to support the budget and submit bond issues to the district's community to finance construction projects. The board also appoints the superintendent as its chief executive officer.

## MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Regular meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month and are held in the board room of the Simpson Education Support Center, 1700 Ninth Avenue N., in Texas City.

Board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise designated. When necessary, the board schedules other public meetings — special meetings, emergency meetings, study sessions and work sessions — to conduct additional business and for in-depth study of programs and issues.

## ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Citizens, students and staff are encouraged and welcome to attend board meetings.

Through formal request procedures, questions may be directed to board members and to the superintendent of schools about those items which the board has direct



*From left: Hal Biery, president; David Moss, vice president; members Melba Anderson, Dickey Campbell, Nakisha Paul, Mable Pratt and Bryan Thompson.*

responsibility:

- policies
- goals and priorities
- statutory obligations
- general business matters

Individuals who wish to address the board during the audience participation portion of the meeting are required to submit a written request on a form provided by the district. The forms may be picked up from the board secretary in the superintendent's office. The form must be returned to the board secretary prior to the beginning of the audience participation portion of the meeting.

A valid request must include the

name, address and telephone number of the individual who will address the board. In addition, a valid request will include a description of the subject of the presentation.

While the board of trustees is the final body in the the local district appeals process, inquiries about students, staff members or schools are first directed to the teacher or principal closest to the situation. Unresolved questions of this nature may be referred next to an assistant superintendent or to the superintendent of schools.

Visit [www.tcisd.org/board](http://www.tcisd.org/board) to view meeting agendas and minutes.

## NEW TEXAS CITY ISD HIRES



### NATHAN JACKSON

Heights Elementary Principal Nathan Jackson has been named the Director of Student Outreach Intervention

for TCISD. Jackson has been a TCISD employee for 27 years. His leadership has grown from a 5th and 6th grade teacher at Levi Fry to administrative roles at both Fry and Heights.



### DEBBIE FULLER

Long-time Texas City ISD educator Debbie Fuller has been selected as the new principal at Manuel Guajardo,

Jr. Elementary. For the last two years, Fuller has been the assistant principal at Roosevelt-Wilson Elementary She taught 3rd grade at Roosevelt-Wilson for 11 years prior to that.



### ERICA ALLEN

Erica Allen will be the new Heights Elementary School Principal for 2017-18. Allen came to TCISD from Friend-

swood in 2013 as an assistant principal at Levi Fry Intermediate. In 2016, she became the assistant principal at Heights Elementary to broaden her administrative experience.

TCISD TODAY E-NEWS



The 2017-18 school year is upon us and with it comes the promise of great things for Texas City ISD. The Communications and Public Information office is excited to continue offering the TCISD Today e-newsletter to keep our parents and community members up-to-date with all the activities and happenings in TCISD.

The TCISD Today e-newsletter is sent out weekly during the school year. Subscribers have access to:

- Highlights from TCISD schools
- Notice of special events and opportunities
- A list of the upcoming week's events and activities
- Access to scholarship lists (as provided by counseling staff)
- Direct links for the cafeteria menu, online meal payments, student grades, job openings and more

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Staff Star award winners, from left: Susan Wilson, Ashley Sherrard, Antonio Blue, Cecilia Patterson, Danny Schaeper, Sandra Johnson, Bobbie Bellamy, Courtnie Ellis, Sandy Sheffield, Monette Birch and Julie Southworth.

## DISTRICT RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES FOR SERVICE

More than 600 Texas City ISD faculty and staff members gathered for the 2017 Employee Appreciation Banquet: Hats Off to You!

The event honored retirees, recognized district employees for their years of service and awarded 12 Staff Star Awards to employees for their excellent work throughout the district.

### STAFF STAR AWARD WINNERS

*Secondary Principal of the Year*  
Julie Southworth  
Blocker Middle School

*Elementary Principal of the Year*  
Susan Wilson  
Calvin Vincent Early Childhood Center

*Secondary Teacher of the Year*  
Monette Birch  
Blocker Middle School

*Elementary Teacher of the Year*  
Courtnie Ellis  
Levi Fry Intermediate

*New Teacher of the Year*  
Antonio Blue  
Industrial Trades Center

*Administrator of the Year*  
Ashley Sherrard  
La Marque High School

*Professional Support Staff of the Year*  
Sandy Sheffield  
La Marque Primary

*Paraprofessional of the Year*  
Cecilia Patterson  
Heights Elementary

*Nutrition Employee of the Year*  
Maria Bocanegra  
Texas City High School

*Custodial Employee of the Year*  
Sandra Johnson  
Northside Elementary

*Maintenance Employee of the Year*  
Danny Schaeper

*Transportation Employee of the Year*  
Bobbie Bellamy



## TCHS BAND SWEEPS VALERO ALAMO BOWL

The Texas City High School marching band performed at the Valero Alamo Bowl, competing in the marching field show and parade review competitions during their stay in San Antonio. The band swept the bowl's top band awards, bringing home 15 awards, including Valero Alamo Bowl Sweepstakes Grand Champion.

# THE YEAR OF POSSIBILITIES

Take a look back at some moments from the 2016-17 school year.



For the first time, Texas City ISD hosted two graduations on one night as a total of more than 500 graduates participated in the LMHS and TCHS ceremonies on May 26.



Students at Texas City High School honored special needs student Terry Hardy for his friendly disposition by electing him as the 2016 Homecoming King.



Students at La Marque Primary dressed as their favorite book characters for the school's yearly Book Character Parade.



Texas City High School alums D'Onta and Armanti Foreman, center, visited Blocker Middle School to meet students and offer encouraging words.

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**6TH GRADE**

- Haleigh Caldera, 1
- Ty Clark, 2
- Colin Craven, 2
- Kylie Herm, 2
- Trent Hooks, 2
- Leah Lillie, 2
- Holden Musick, 1
- Reagan Musick, 2
- Eric Ovalle, 2
- Emma Perryman, 1
- Joel Quintanilla, 1

- Adrian Ramirez, 2
- Maria Rosas, 1
- Julia Shelton, 2
- De'von Smith, 1
- MaKayla Thibodeaux, 1

**5TH GRADE**

- George Adair, 1
- Abigail Agado, 1
- Giselle Alcalá, 1
- Marissa Argueta, 1
- Marian Ashcraft, 1
- Eric Barragan, 1

- Diego Battles, 1
- Mason Brandsma, 1
- Miguel Campos, 1
- Janeese Castille, 1
- Collin Chapa, 1
- Emma Davis, 1
- Emily Day, 1
- Karla Fabela, 1
- Bryan Gazcon, 1
- Morgan Guerra, 1
- Kaylie Guzman, 1
- Caylee Herrington, 1
- Pete Hipp, 1
- Nathan Hudnall, 1
- Legend Kuate, 1

- Hunter Long, 1
- Azalea Longoria, 1
- Nevaeh Lowe, 1
- Alec Lozano, 1
- Daren Maris, 1
- Melvin Martinez, 1
- Lily, Melchor, 1
- Mya Miranda, 1
- Kara Nicholson, 1
- Ireland Palmer, 1
- Andrew Pham, 1
- Michael Piazza, 1
- Max Pickett, 1
- Luis Prada, 1
- Joshua Rideaux, 1

- Jesus Salinas, Jr., 1
- Evan Simmons, 1
- Abbey Smith, 1
- Kalynn Smith, 1
- Nicole Spriggs, 1
- Avery Torres, 1
- Madison Tucker, 1
- Amiya Villanueva, 1
- Hope Walker, 1
- Breeanna Wilson, 1
- Ethan Zepeda, 1



Levi Fry Intermediate music teacher Gwen Dorsey received two checks totaling \$9,560 for her grants, "Sound Poems & Stories II" and "iPads in the Music Classroom."

## PRIZE POSSE AWARDS MORE THAN \$235,000 TO TEACHERS

Teachers are so enthusiastic about teaching that they often spend money out of their own pockets for projects to get their students engaged in learning. Many projects are financially out of their reach. This is where the TCISD Foundation for the Future helps.

The Foundation funds innovative programs through grants with money donated generously by industry, business, alumni, civic organizations and individuals. In December, the Foundation's Prize Posse surprised teachers with their checks with fanfare that included a drum line and Santa. The Prize Posse awarded more than \$235,000 to teachers at every school in the district. Here is a sampling of some of the grants that will be implemented this year:

- TCISD Secondary Education Curriculum Coordinator Sherri Simmons wrote a grant for \$33,126 for "Just Click It." This program adds 17 sets of Classroom Performance System "clickers" for 5th-12th grade math and science classrooms in La Marque and Texas City schools. Marathon and community support through the Foundation supported this grant.
- Valero and the TCISD Foundation for the Future together donated \$26,268.50 for "iHEAL" (Improve Healthcare Education and Awareness Learning). The grant — awarded to



La Marque Primary interventionist Denise Burkhart received a \$5,000 grant to purchase iPads with software apps for engaging and interactive learning.

Calvin Vincent nurse Kyra Tabor and Texas City High School teachers Emily Stafford and Shannon Flores — replace outdated vision and hearing screeners at Calvin Vincent Early Childhood Center and updates the SPARK Biology-Healthcare Education program that provides Type 2 Diabetes education to students at Texas City High School.

- Blocker Middle School science instructional specialist Kristen Davis was awarded \$4,303.20 for "Hands on Learning the Lunar Cycle," which allows students to use an orbiter that shows how the Earth's rotation causes day and night, how the tilt causes seasons, and why there are phases of the moon. BP Texas City Chemicals and



### HONORING OUR VETS AT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

Thanks to a grant from the TCISD Foundation for the Future in 2014, Heights Elementary third grade students are learning the importance of patriotism while learning more about U.S. history and honoring local veterans through the schools "Thanking Our Veterans" program.

The grant was written by then-Heights Elementary teacher Karyn Marshall, who continues to oversee the program even after retiring. Her husband, Bill, assists with all the events.

A variety of events took place throughout the school year so that students could interact with and get to know local veterans to honor them for their service to our country. It culminated with students, teachers and veterans placing flags on veterans' gravesites at Galveston Memorial Park Cemetery.

the Wanda Prouty Memorial supported this grant.

- La Marque High School teacher Rachel Toney received a \$1,928.64 grant for "Building Blocks of Architecture" This program allows students to get hands on construction experience to design cohesive and practical designs. Mainland Tool & Supply supported this grant.
- La Marque Elementary teacher Michael Nelson received \$935.99 for his "Rock Climbing Wall" grant. Climbing develops coordination, strength, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness. This grant was named in honor of A&A Machines & Fabrication.

# NEW STEM PROJECTS AT KOHFELDT, TEXAS CITY HS

## KOHFELDT LIBRARY IS INNOVATIVE LAB

In March, Kohfeldt Elementary opened the school library's new Maker-space project.

Librarian Cheri Rios received a grant from the TCISD Foundation for the Future to implement the project, which was funded by donor Emken Linton. The concept of the project is very similar to how the STEM labs work at Blocker Middle School and Texas City High School, but without the high tech lab.

"Makerspaces Make Happy Faces" converts the library into an innovative engineering lab that provides educationally sound and creative hands-on activities for all students. Makerspaces provide students with a place where they can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of tools and materials.

Programs include architectural projects, model automobiles and aircraft, the use of simple machines and coding for simple robots. There are also kits for building simple electrical circuits.

The Makerspaces activities will resemble "center time" with all the centers being project based. For example, students could be given materials needed to invent and build a brand new, alternate form of transportation. The students partner up, plan their

creations, build their models with the given materials, then share their brilliant creations with the whole group.

These activities teach creativity, exploration, and collaboration, while also developing and enhancing engineering skills at age-appropriate academic levels.

## MARATHON STEM LAB OPENS AT TCHS

The TCISD Foundation for the Future opened the Marathon STEM Lab at Texas City High School in February.

Marathon Petroleum donated \$270,000 to open the lab, including funding all of the equipment, technology and materials. This is the second Creative Learning Systems lab in Texas City ISD. The first one, funded by Valero, was opened at Blocker Middle School in 2014. Now, students rising from Blocker can enhance their STEM lab experience at TCHS.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) programs have been ramping up in TCISD. This particular program allows students to also explore different careers such as web design, audio/visual, business and more in a variety of hands-on modules. Students also learn how to collaborate and work as a team, which prepares them for real-world work experiences.

# TCISD STAFF, ALUMNI TAKE ON HARLEM AMBASSADORS

Texas City ISD staff and alumni suited up to take on the Harlem Ambassadors during a fun basketball game in February. The Harlem-style basketball event featured high-flying slam dunks, games with kids and hilarious comedy. All proceeds from the family-fun event hosted by the TCISD Foundation for the Future benefited TCISD students in the classroom.

Members of the Foundation Fire included TCISD Executive Director of Human Resources Marcus Higgs as coach; Blocker Middle School's Jermain Anderson; Leonard Colbert and Mike Littles from Calvin Vincent Early Childhood Center; Heights Elementary's Debbie Broxmeyer; Jessica Ferguson, Chuck Holmes and Stacy Smith from La Marque Elementary; La Marque High School alumni Chris Crear, Adrian Mack, Jessica Palmer, Phillip Palmer, Donnie Spry and retired teacher Tom O'Neil; Alexandra Angelares and Kandid Lea from La Marque Middle School; La Marque Primary's Brandi Gadberry and Lily Rodriguez; and Josh Carroll, Ra'jon Henley, Vincent Hypolite, Jordan Merkord and Benjamin Thompson from Texas City High School.

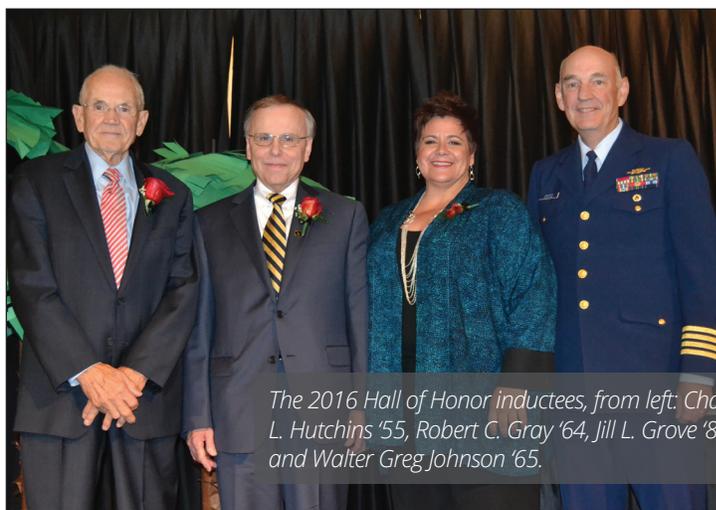
Harlem Ambassadors sponsors were Marathon, BP Texas City Chemicals, Dunn Heat Exchangers, Inc., Fairfield Inn & Suites, Whataburger and Bill McGarvey.

## FOUNDATION HONORS FOUR TCHS ALUMNI AT HALL OF HONOR

The TCISD Foundation for the Future honored four Texas City ISD alumni at the 2016 Hall of Honor, a prestigious program honoring outstanding Texas City High School graduates.

The 2016 inductees included Charles L. Hutchins '55, Robert C. Gray '64, Walter Greg Johnson '65 and Jill L. Grove '86.

This year, the Foundation will also recognize outstanding graduates from La Marque High School with induction into the La Marque Legacy Hall. Nominations for both honors are being accepted until July 31. A nomination form can be found on the back page of this newsletter.



The 2016 Hall of Honor inductees, from left: Charles L. Hutchins '55, Robert C. Gray '64, Jill L. Grove '86 and Walter Greg Johnson '65.

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**TEXAS CITY HALL OF HONOR AND LA MARQUE LEGACY HALL APPLICATION**

The purpose of the Hall of Honor/Legacy Hall shall be to honor deserving Texas City and La Marque graduates who have excelled in their field of expertise, made significant contributions to their community, and serve as a positive role model for students in Texas City ISD. Application must be complete to be considered by the nominating committee.

**NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name MI Maiden Name Last Name

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W): \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W): \_\_\_\_\_

A letter of recommendation detailing the nominee's qualifications or reasons for induction into the Hall of Honor or Legacy Hall must be attached to this application. Use a maximum of three additional sheets of paper, front and back, if necessary. If available, a photograph of the nominee would be appreciated.

**RETURN APPLICATIONS BY 4 P.M. JULY 31, 2017**  
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