

TELETYPE

SUMMER 2018



In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, schools from across the country, including Beulah Ralph Elementary in Missouri, donated supplies and goods to assist TCISD students. See more Hurricane Harvey photos, page 13.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

RODNEY CAVNESS, ED.D. | SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A wonderful thing happened on May 5, 2018, in Texas City ISD. Our taxpayers in both Texas City and La Marque came together for the better good of the community and our students by approving the 2018 TCISD Bond referendum.

This bond election was historic for two reasons. First, the total request was \$136.1 million, the largest ever in TCISD history. Second, it was the first joint election our TCISD tax payers had since the annexation in 2016.

When I came on board as superintendent nearly a year ago, I knew we had some major improvements to do facility wise in the district. The devastation Hurricane Harvey caused to three of our schools really put us on the fast track to figure out what needed to be done. Do you invest millions by renovating schools that 60 years old? Or do you make a bigger investment and rebuild so those buildings will take you into the next 50-60 years?

The voters acknowledged the needs in our district by overwhelmingly supporting the bond with nearly 70 percent of the vote. This is a huge vote of confidence in our district to do what is right for students and staff. I've said before that this bond was not developed out of luxury but out

of need. Thank you for understanding and seeing the need!

While it will take approximately two years before the new schools are ready, there will be some immediate changes for facilities starting in August. A temporary campus for grades K-5 is being assembled this summer at 1641 Magnolia in La Marque. La Marque Primary (K-2) and La Marque Elementary (3-5) will operate as two campuses at the same location. Parents will be receiving a letter and map with details on drop off locations.

Our www.tcisd.org/bond2018 website will remain active throughout the progression of the bond projects. We don't take lightly the trust shown to us by the voters, and we are forever grateful for their support. We are dedicated to our students and will continue to work hard to provide them with the best education that we can and it will only be enhanced because of our voters support at the polls.

TCISD HIRES NEW DIRECTOR FOR SECURITY AND SAFETY

The Texas City ISD Board of Trustees took a big step in May in enhancing school safety by hiring Mike Matranga, a former U.S. Secret Service agent, as the new TCISD executive director of security and school safety.

This new TCISD position will be responsible for coordinating a comprehensive school safety program, which includes working with local law enforcement agencies and our school liaison officers.

"Mr. Matranga will be able to use his expertise to conduct a thorough audit and assessment of our facilities and grounds

so that we can spend money wisely to eliminate potential risks," said superintendent Rodney Cavness.

Matranga, a 1995 graduate of La Marque High School, is returning to the community he grew up in.

"We all have a duty to our kids to keep them safe and provide safe schools and this is a priority in Texas City ISD," he said. "But school safety is more than just making sure doors are locked and the facility is secure. We need to have open conversations with students, parents and educators about where we are in society and how we get back to the basics like having respect for each other."



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A NEW KIND OF SIGNING DAY

There's plenty of buzz each year surrounding a district's athletes as local media and area college coaches anxiously wait to see at what colleges and universities they will continue their education and athletic careers. This year, Texas City High School extended that buzz to all of its students who made college commitments, holding a College Signing Day in April to celebrate the commitment students are making to their education beyond high school.

Seniors were asked to let the counselor's office know what college or university they had committed to for after high school. Similar to the way students have photo opportunities for when they sign athletic scholarships, these students had their own college and military photo opportunity. This was the first year that TCHS did an academic day like this and it was an idea students told the superintendent about in his monthly advisory meetings.

More than 100 students participated in the event. Many others were still making choices on where they will go and what they will do.

TCHS Class of 2018 students are



Texas City High School students had their first-ever College Signing Day to celebrate the commitment students are making to their education beyond high school.

headed to the Army, Blinn College, Central Washington University, Coast Guard, College of the Mainland, Galveston College, Harvard University, Lamar University, Louisiana State University, the Marines, Morehouse College, the Navy, Our Lady of the Lake University, Prairie View A&M University, Sam Houston State University, Stephen F. Austin State

University, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Texas A&M Kingsville, Texas Lutheran University, Texas Southern University, Texas State University, Texas Women's University, University of Alabama, University of Denver, University of Houston, University of North Texas, University of Texas, University of Texas San Antonio and York College.



INDUSTRIAL TRADES CENTER CELEBRATES ITS FIRST YEAR IN TEXAS CITY ISD

The Industrial Trades Center has been open a year now and Texas City ISD celebrated that milestone in March. The community was able to come see the high tech equipment our students are learning on, which many in the industry say is better than what they have in the field.

Texas City ISD was the first in Galveston County to open a facility like this to train students in highly valued, skilled trades. TCISD has a strong partnership with our business community and industry leaders in an attempt to provide our students with every opportunity to excel in their field.

Since opening the doors in January 2017, our students have received certifications in OSHA 10, NCCER Core in all programs, NCCER Level 1 in Carpentry, Pipe Fitting and Electrical, AWS D-1 Certification in Welding and NIMS and Fanuc Certifications in Machining. Students also received Fork Lift Certifications.

LMMS STUDENTS USE GOOGLE AR

Google may be best known as a web search engine, but for La Marque Middle School students, Google is the newest way for teachers to bring 3D objects to students' desks and bring a subject to life.

La Marque Middle School inclusion teacher Danielle Davis had researched virtual reality kits as a potential activity with her 21st Century students when she discovered Google Expeditions AR. With Expeditions AR, teachers can bring 3D objects, like one of Michelangelo's statues, to the students' desks so that everyone can examine the object together at the same time.

"I ran across an article discussing how (Google Expeditions) were visiting schools, so I took a chance and filled out the link requesting a visit," Davis said. "I couldn't believe they chose us."

The Google Expeditions team spent two days, Feb. 20-21, with LMMS 5th-8th grade students and teachers as they explored activities that tied in to previous learning, such as The Moon Phases and The Body Systems. The LMMS students and teachers also



LMMS students used smartphones and Google's Expedition AR technology to explore activities that ties to previous learning, such as The Moon Phases and The Body Systems.

served as beta-testers for the new Expeditions AR, an unreleased feature of Google Expeditions.

"In the future, students will be able to download the app on their smart

devices, and Google Expeditions AR offers places all around the world in an instant and places that no actual field trip could travel to," Davis said. "Like one student said, 'you can't go to the moon.'"

TCHS ROBOTICS TO WORLDS AGAIN, LMHS SEES SUCCESS

For the third straight year, the Texas City High School robotics program qualified for the VEX Robotics World Championship.

The TCHS Robotics teams had a great season on their path to get to the VEX Robotics World Championship in Kentucky. Team 590G won two Excellence Awards, two Tournament Championships and was one of 580 teams out of more than 11,000 teams in 45 countries to qualify for Worlds. Team 590V captained the 11th seed alliance at Worlds after a season with two Tournament Championships, and a trip to the U.S. Open. They were one of the last 192 teams of over 11,000 this season.

The La Marque High School Robotics team also saw success this year. The LMHS team won the

Judge's Award at the 2017 Space City VEX Competition, the most prestigious qualifying event in the state. LMHS made a fantastic showing in their VEX tournament debut. Team 1765E qualified as the captain of the 7th ranked alliance.

This year also saw the formation of a robotics team at Blocker Middle School. The Blocker team competed in the VEX tournament, advancing to the state competition and ranking No. 1 in the state in middle school robotics skills.

TCHS and Blocker also advanced to the SkillsUSA National competition, and TCHS has been invited to China in 2019.

FRY SIXTH-GRADERS SLIDE THROUGH PHYSICS

Julie Wilson's sixth grade gifted and talented class at Levi Fry Intermediate tested their physics skills by designing a waterpark slide.

"As they developed the project, they explored how forces affect motion, they practiced calculating speed by finding the overall average speed and the average speed for five different portions of their slide, and they identified how the energy changed within the system," Wilson said.

Students also had to present the information and practice their presentation skills.



12TH GRADE

Gerardo Avila, 5
 Roxanne Balderas, 8
 Daniela Betancourt, 8
 Brittnee Brown, 1
 Aaliyah Charles-Hollis, 1
 Jesus Cidrian, 2
 Neal Cruz, 8
 Alexia De Santiago, 1
 Ki Asiana DeGrassa, 1
 Frank Elizondo, 1
 David Gage, 1
 Aaron Garcia, 2
 Kayla Gessell, 4
 Taylor Hall, 2
 Kaylee Helzer, 1
 Andrea Hernandez, 1
 Jaeden Johnson, 8
 Malik Julien, 2
 Shelby Lipscomb, 3
 Marissa Martinez, 1
 Macie Murray, 1
 Jazmine Nelson, 2
 Seth Rogers, 6
 Cheyanne Schiff, 1
 Shelbi Spencer, 2
 James Tarpey, 1
 Ingrid Vicente, 2
 Naomi Windom, 4

11TH GRADE

Janet Chavez, 3
 Aubrey Dyson, 7
 Zoe Faus, 3
 Grace Mary
 Figueroa Rodriguez, 1
 Erin Hipp, 4
 Bianca Jimenez, 2
 Jacqueline Lawrence, 2
 Jacob Lee, 1
 Keilan Levesque, 5
 Micah Mannie, 4
 Megan McKnight, 7
 Ramiro Mercado, 1

Farrell Moeller, 2
 Sydney Osteen, 7
 Yessenia Peraza, 4
 Morgan Perry, 4
 Chandler Pickett, 3
 Alaya Pierce-Brooks, 3
 Keniqua Pleasant, 2
 Georgia Reed, 3
 Jackson Reily, 1
 Roberto Serda, 7
 Kaylin Simpson, 7
 Kevan Sipes, 1
 Allyssa Stancil, 2
 Robert Steber Jr., 5
 Jared Steele, 3
 Jonathan Valdez, 2
 Skye Wooley, 5

10TH GRADE

Jared Aceves, 1
 Oluwafemi Adebayo, 2
 Elizabeth Carter, 4
 Jessica Chavis, 1
 Jordyn Cheatham, 3
 Katherine Foreman, 5
 Emilio Garza, 3
 Mykenzie Gorom, 5
 Dulce Guerrero Lopez, 1
 Jade Guice, 1
 Neil Hernandez, 2
 Conor Higgs, 4
 Trevor Hooks, 2
 Jason Iraheta, 1
 Ariana Ivy, 4
 Katriel Ivy, 1
 Thomas Johnson, 1
 Isabela Johnston, 2
 Kyle Kelemen, 2
 Evan Landrum, 5
 Julisa Macedo, 1
 Esmeralda Martinez, 6
 Isabel Martinez, 2
 Sadie McKinney, 1
 Dasia Moore, 4
 Daniel Nguyen, 4



LMHS VALEDICTORIAN
Kerriona Filer



TCHS VALEDICTORIAN
Daniela Betancourt

Emily Prada, 2
 Angela Quintero, 1
 Kevin Recarte, 4
 Angel Reyes Bustos, 2
 Fidel Salazar, 1
 Sofia Salinas, 3
 Aja Sherwood, 2
 Lane Simmons, 2
 Rashaun Smith, 3
 Amber Snarr, 2
 Tory Tate, 3
 Cheree Taylor, 1
 Aaliyah Torres, 2
 Brayden Torres, 5

9TH GRADE

ReAnn Arnold, 1
 Kawika Burnett, 2

Helena Diaz, 1
 Corbin Duke, 4
 Samantha Eguia, 3
 Jehu Flores, 1
 Jada Foreman, 1
 Christa Fowler, 5
 Sebastian Fuentes, 3
 Baylee Gamble, 1
 Skylar Hernandez, 4
 Mya Holmes, 1
 Emily Hudnall, 5
 Joshua Ivy, 1
 Payton Jones, 5
 Keign King, 1
 Queen Kuate, 1
 Brenda Landis, 1
 Bailey Lepore, 2
 Leyda Lucio, 1
 Nakavia McDaniel, 1
 Mya Moore, 3
 Amy Murphy, 1
 Amy Nichols, 5
 Sundos Nofal, 2
 Cara Piazza, 5
 Leonardo Rabago, 3
 Serenity Reeves, 5
 Cole Robinson, 3
 Jaden Rollins, 5
 Valerie Romero, 1
 Ilana Ruiz, 3
 Isabella Ruiz, 2
 Sydney Schaefer, 3
 Rayven Schloss, 2
 Jonathan Silvas, 1
 Amber Steber, 3
 Alyssa Valdez, 1
 Amanda Valdez, 5
 Adam Wadding, 3
 Madison Waldrop, 2
 Holly Walker, 4
 Leah Walker, 1
 Caitlin Wilson, 3
 Amauri Wyatt, 4

David Zelaya Morales, 3

8TH GRADE

Gabriela Cardenas, 1
 Marissa Fernandez, 1
 Christopher Lopez, 1
 Elijah Ramirez, 4
 Harold Recarte, 4
 Alaysia Roy, 1
 Bogdana Semchenko, 4
 Aurionna Simmons, 1
 Cassidy Titley, 1
 Maribel Valdez, 3
 Torrie Woods, 2

7TH GRADE

Ty Clark, 3
 Leah Lillie, 3
 Eric Ovalle, 3
 Julia Shelton, 3

6TH GRADE

Giselle Alcala, 2
 Marian Ashcraft, 2
 Diego Battles, 2
 Miguel Campos, 2
 River Dickman, 1
 Karla Fabela, 2
 Morgan Guerra, 2
 Pete Hipp, 2
 Nathan Hudnall, 2
 Legend Kuate, 2
 Azalea Longoria, 2
 Daren Maris, 2
 Lily Melchor, 2
 Mya Miranda, 2
 Jalyn Murray, 1
 Ambre Richards, 1
 Alexandra Rodriguez, 1
 Kylie Schmidt, 1
 Nicole Spriggs, 2
 Jonathan Sprinkle, 1
 Avery Torres, 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

WOODKINS BRINGS HOME ANOTHER STATE TITLE FOR LMHS

La Marque High School's Jackeria Woodkins capped her sophomore track and field season by finishing first in the 400m at the Class 3A State Track & Field meet.

In addition, she finished sixth in the 200m after claiming both the district and region championships in both races. Her coach is Amber Rozier.

SAM FINISHES SIXTH AT STATE UIL ACADEMIC MEET

After advancing to Regionals in two journalism events, Texas City High School senior Brandon Sam finished sixth in the state in news writing at the State UIL Academic Meet.

This was Sam's second year to compete at the state level. His journalism teacher is Jennifer Kunard.

THREE TCHS CHOIR MEMBERS EARN COVETED ALL-STATE SPOTS

Texas City High School seniors Seth Rogers, Veronica Stovich and Nicholi Strom-McKee were selected for the Texas Music Educators Association's prestigious All-State Choir this past school year.

The Texas Music Educators Association All State Audition process is one of the most rigorous and extensive individual competitions in the nation, and All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive.

BETANCOURT NAMED HISPANIC SCHOLAR, HEADED TO HARVARD

Texas City High School senior Daniela Betancourt was named a National Hispanic Scholar by the College Board. She scored in the top 2.5% among all Hispanic and Latino PSAT test takers in the nation from College Board.

Betancourt will continue her education at Harvard University where she plans to study law.

EVANS TAKES CHARGE OF COOGS



Coach Evans talked to community members, board members and staff immediately following the announcement that the TCISD school board approved his hiring.

In February, the Texas City Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to name Shone Evans as the La Marque High School athletic coordinator and head football coach.

Evans previously served as an assistant football coach and special education teacher at Texas City High School. He has served as special teams coordinator, defensive coordinator, off-season coordinator and Special Olympics coach while in Texas City ISD for the last 11 years. In addition, he was the TCISD Secondary Teacher of

the Year in 2016 and the TCISD Coach of the Year Award in 2012.

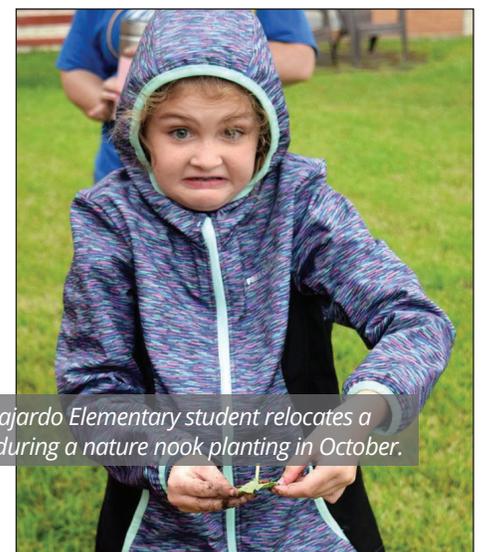
"Athletics are certainly a people business and the relationships with parents and their sons and daughters are the strongest continuing connections with the community," said Evans. "I look forward to starting this new chapter, and I am excited to bring a family atmosphere that will expand the excellent academic and athletic programs that TCISD, La Marque students, faculty and community expect and deserve."

GUAJARDO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS APPLY SCIENCE LESSONS, PLANT NATURE NOOK

Fourth-graders at Guajardo Elementary braved a light rain to plant fall vegetables in the school's Nature Nook in October. Students will apply their classroom knowledge to the outdoors and collect data as the plants grow. Thanks to Moody Gardens for providing the plants!

"We have been working on scientific investigations in the classroom (what makes a good scientist) asking questions and making observations," teacher Amy Parker said. "We will also be discussing evidence that living organisms have basic needs such as food, water, and shelter for animals and air, water, nutrients, sunlight, and space for plants."

Donita Brannon from Moody



A Guajardo Elementary student relocates a bug during a nature nook planting in October.

Gardens assisted the students in the morning with the planting.

2018-2019 SCHOOL REGISTRATION DETAILS

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Any student who completed the 2017-18 school year in TCISD can register online **through July 27**.

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.

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 10: BMS Room 702
- July 17: LMHS Commons
- July 24: BMS Room 702

PRE-K REGISTRATION

Calvin Vincent has a full-day Pre-K program for eligible all TCISD 4-year-olds. Applications can be submitted at Calvin Vincent **Aug. 6 and 8** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and **Aug. 7** from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

CENTRALIZED REGISTRATION

Any new student not registered on June 26 and any returning student not registered online prior to July 27



should register between 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (1-2 p.m. closed for lunch) on one of the following dates:

- July 31: LMHS Commons (Current students only)
- Aug. 1: TCHS Cafeteria (New students only)
- Aug. 2: TCHS Cafeteria (Current 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.

LATE REGISTRATION

Late registration for new and existing students will be held on the following dates:

- Aug. 6-17: Each campus and administration building (9 a.m.-1 p.m., Mon, Wed., Fri.; 2-6 p.m., Tues. and Thurs.)
- Aug. 20-21: LMHS Competition Gym/Blocker Gym (7 a.m.-3 p.m.)

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.healthliving.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.healthliving.net.

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 & LA MARQUE MIDDLE SCHOOL**
7:30 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
- BLOCKER MIDDLE SCHOOL**
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.

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 to log in or get instructions.

2018-2019 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

PRE-K / HEADSTART

- 1 large, clear backpack (non-rolling) - Place name on straps of backpack
- 1 box 24-count crayons (no fluorescent)
- 1 pkg. 8-count washable markers (no fluorescent)
- 2 boxes facial tissue
- 2 8-oz. bottles school glue
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 rolls white paper towels
- Girls: 2 boxes Ziploc bags (gallon)
1 pkg. 6-inch paper plates
- Boys: 2 boxes 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

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.

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.

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
- **E-News:** Sign up for the district's weekly e-newsletter.
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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* 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 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.



TEXAS CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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JULY 2018

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July 4 Independence Day (District closed)

JANUARY 2019

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Jan. 1-4 Student/Staff Holiday (Christmas Break)
Jan. 7 Staff Development
Jan. 8 3rd Nine Weeks Begins
Jan. 21 Student/Staff Holiday (MLK Day)

AUGUST 2018

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Aug. 6-8 New Teacher/Staff Development
Aug. 9-17 Teacher Inservice
Aug. 20 First Day of School/ 1st Nine Weeks Begins

FEBRUARY 2019

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Feb. 18 Staff Development

SEPTEMBER 2018

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Sept. 3 Student/Staff Holiday (Labor Day)

MARCH 2019

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March 11-15 Student/Staff Holiday (Spring Break)
March 25 3rd Nine Weeks Ends
March 26 4th Nine Weeks Begins

OCTOBER 2018

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Oct. 22 1st Nine Weeks Ends
Oct. 23 2nd Nine Weeks Begins
Oct. 29 Parent Conferences (No classes)

APRIL 2019

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April 9-12 STAAR Testing
April 19 Student/Staff Holiday (Good Friday)

NOVEMBER 2018

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Nov. 19-23 Student/Staff Holiday (Thanksgiving Break)

MAY 2019

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May 6-10 STAAR EOC Testing
May 13-17 STAAR Testing
May 27 Student/Staff Holiday (Memorial Day)
May 30 Last Day of School/ Early Release Day/ 4th Nine Weeks Ends
May 31 Staff Development TCHS Graduation

DECEMBER 2018

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Dec. 3-7 STAAR Testing
Dec. 20 Early Release Day/ 2nd Nine Weeks Ends
Dec. 21-31 Student/Staff Holiday (Christmas Break)

JUNE 2019

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June 1 LMHS Graduation
June 24-28 STAAR Testing Make-up

Fall Semester - 37,095 Instructional Minutes

Spring Semester - 43,395 Instructional Minutes

LEGEND

- New Teacher/Staff Dev.
 - Teacher Inservice
 - Student/Staff Holiday
 - Staff Dev. Day (Std. Holiday)
 - Parent Conf.
 - Early Release Day
 - STAAR Testing
 - Beginning of Nine Weeks
 - End of Nine Weeks
 - SH Summer Hours (Offices Closed)
- *STAAR testing dates are subject to change per TEA

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; Bryan Thompson, vice president; members Melba Anderson, Dickey Campbell, Dr. Nelson Juarez, Nakisha Paul, and Mable Pratt.

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 to view meeting agendas and minutes.

ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS SET FOR THOSE TAKING TAKS/TAAS

The TCISD Board of Trustees approved a resolution to graduate and give a high school diploma under alternative graduation requirements to individuals who entered the 9th grade before the 2011-2012 school year and who met all other graduation requirements with the exception of passing the TAKS or TAAS test.

Senate Bill 463 from the 85th Legislative Session addresses students

or former students who entered grade 9 before the 2011-12 school year but who have not performed satisfactorily on the relevant exit-level test - the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) or the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS).

New Administrative Code rules effective May 3, 2018, implement SB 463 and establish a procedure to allow TCISD to determine whether their

student qualifies to graduate and receive a high school diploma. A student who is eligible under the rules must meet the alternative requirements for graduation in the rules or local alternative requirements approved by the board that allow an individual to demonstrate proficiency in relevant content.

The new rules expire on September 1, 2019. Contact Julie Southworth at 409-916-0110 to check qualifications.

TCISD TODAY E-NEWS



The 2018-19 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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Visit www.tcisd.org/subscribe to subscribe today and start receiving your copy of TCISD Today and enjoy reading about all the good things happening in TCISD.



Staff Star award winners, from left: Courtney Ramirez, Vantoni Hill, Anthony Furman, Patti Martin, Kermit Harris, Jennifer Haralson, Sonya Davila and Ricardo Lopez.

DISTRICT RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES FOR SERVICE

More than 150 Texas City ISD faculty and staff members gathered for the revamped 2018 Employee Appreciation Banquet: Simply the Best!

The event honored retirees, recognized district employees with 20-plus 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
Anthony Furman
Blocker Middle School

Elementary Principal of the Year
Patti Martin
La Marque Primary

Secondary Teacher of the Year
Marcus Mathews
Texas City High School

Elementary Teacher of the Year
Theresa Castro
Calvin Vincent Early Childhood Center

New Teacher of the Year
Vantoni Hill
La Marque Middle School

Administrator of the Year
Courtney Ramirez
Texas City High School

Professional Support Staff of the Year
Jennifer Haralson
Roosevelt-Wilson Elementary

Paraprofessional of the Year
Kermit Harris
Guajardo Elementary

Nutrition Employee of the Year
Sonya Davila
Heights Elementary

Custodial Employee of the Year
Laura Martin
Guajardo Elementary

Maintenance Employee of the Year
Ricardo Lopez

Transportation Employee of the Year
Michelle Guzman



DID YOU KNOW TCISD HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL?

Texas City ISD regularly videos various events happening around the district to highlight our students and staff and posts these videos to our YouTube channel. Simply visit youtube.com and search for Texas City Independent School District to subscribe to our channel and receive alerts each time we upload a new video.

RESPONDING TO THE AFTERMATH OF HARVEY

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey as TCISD remained closed for 11 days, students and staff stepped up to help their community and others weather the storm and recover.



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Kaleb Bentley, 1
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Jareth Calhoun, 1
Ashlynn Calvert, 1
Nya Castano, 1

Mariah Costilla, 1
Alex Cuellar, 1
Tanner Davis, 1
Zakariah Deboard, 1
Callie DuPree, 1
Jillian English, 1
Brian Flores, 1
Kyle Fry, 1
David Fuentes III, 1
Journi Garza, 1
Desirae Gauna, 1
Uariah Harvey, 1
Cade Hatfield-Robinson, 1

Brandon Hernandez, 1
Giselle Herrera, 1
Taylor Hood, 1
Devin Kincaid, 1
Amyrie Lavergne, 1
Lane Marburger, 1
Ashanali Martinez, 1
Daisy Martinez, 1
Ajiana McCardle, 1
Diego Mendez, 1
Sophia Ministerio, 1
Ryan Pope, 1
Paola Quiroga, 1

Derek Rodriguez, 1
Jayda Rodriguez, 1
Ava Rojas, 1
Celeste Rust, 1
Mallory Salas, 1
Kharmah Schaub, 1
Arman Shah, 1
Austin Silberisen, 1
Gavin Smith, 1
Kason Smith, 1
Katelynn Spencer, 1
Aalyah Stewart-Rosendahl, 1
Melanie Surovik, 1

Fernando Tello III, 1
Kailey Thompson, 1
James Treble, 1
Savannah Valdez, 1
Kaden Yelverton, 1



Kohfeldt Elementary teacher Katina Ware received a grant for \$4,949 to purchase digital microscopes for use by kindergarteners through fourth-graders at the school.

PRIZE POSSE AWARDS MORE THAN \$255,000 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 DJ the Duck. The Prize Posse awarded more than \$255,000 to teachers at every school in the district. Here is a sampling of some of the grants that were implemented this year:

- Kohfeldt Elementary teacher Katina Ware wrote a grant for \$4,949.70 for a "Califone USB Digital Microscope" project, which explores STEM activities inside and outside the classroom. The handheld digital microscopes allow students to take pictures and record videos of the world around them. Eastman supported this grant.

- Texas First Bank provided \$4,925.54 to support "Photography Lab Equipment to Start a Darkroom." The grant — awarded to Texas City High School art teacher Jennifer Massie — will help create a complete



La Marque High School English teacher Kathryn Aaron received \$4,917 for her "Socrates" grant.

darkroom for the high school's photography class.

- Guajardo Elementary music teacher Randi Rose was awarded \$4,936.80 for "Let the Music Play On: All District Music Library," which allows all 4th grade students districtwide to learn music. The grant will provide music for the showcase for the next seven years. Piling, Inc. and Land Tejas supported this grant.

- Texas City High School teacher Jackie Thompson received a \$5,000 grant for "Stings Stay Fit." This program allows students to learn health concepts across the curriculum, covering topics such as breathing, balance and movement, flexibility and more. Mainland Medical Center and



BLOCKER LIBRARY PROMOTES SOCIALIZATION

Blocker Middle School Library has open library every morning before school. Librarian Lou Ann Bright said usually 30 to 60 students are at the library daily before school.

She wrote a grant "Bigger Than Life" to promote socialization between the middle school students through the TCISD Foundation for the Future grant program.

"Open library gives students a chance to experience working together to accomplish a goal," said Bright.

Some of the bigger than life activities are chess, checkers, wooden blocks and giant Legos. Two giant Connect Four games are also on order. The grant was supported by the Texas City Jaycees.

staff provided funding for this grant.

- La Marque High School theatre teacher Dana Joseph wrote a grant for \$5,000 for an "Element 60-500 Channel Light Board," a computerized-based light board for the auditorium. The board will allow for better and more creative lighting for performances and productions. This grant was named in honor of TEAM, Aptim and Turner Industries.

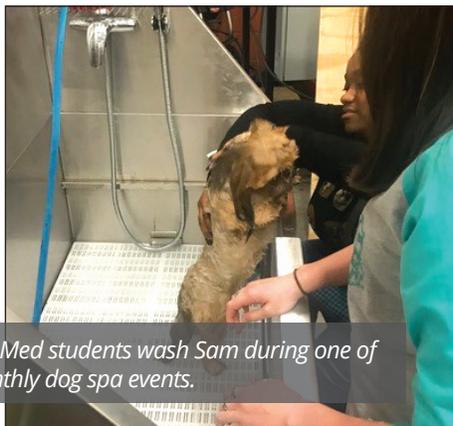
- Marathon donated \$4,981 to Woodrow Wilson DAEP teacher Jamie Dyda to fund "For Science You Need the Proper Tools." The grant is an all-encompassing effort to help all students improve and master their knowledge of science concepts by providing the correct tools for sufficient hands-on projects and experiments.

RUB A DUB DUB: MED TUB TEACHES STUDENTS REAL-WORLD SKILLS

Texas City High School agriculture science teacher Nikki Ashcraft received a \$1,588 grant as part of the 2017 Prize Posse for her grant, "Rub a Dub Dub: We Need a Vet Med Dog Tub."

"The class had been using a make-shift tub to bathe the dogs that wasn't very practical," Ashcraft said. "This style is the style many groomers and vets use in their practices to wash dogs."

The Vet I and II classes at TCHS hold twice monthly dog spa days where TCISD faculty and staff can bring their dogs to the class for a day of play and pampering. Students bathe the dogs, dry them, clip nails and also do minor grooming. This gives students the hands-on experience they need to qualify for an internship in a vet clinic with eventual certification as a level one certified veterinary assistant. The certification



TCHS Vet Med students wash Sam during one of their monthly dog spa events.

requires 200 hands-on hours with animals. The dog spa gives students the hours they require.

"It is better for students to be trained on the same equipment that they will use in the real world and they get that training with this wash station," Ashcraft said.

The grant was supported by Mitchell Chuoke Plumbing.

TEXAS FIRST BANK DONATES ANOTHER \$10,000 FOR LEADS

Charles T. Doyle and Texas First Bank are in their 14th year of donating \$10,000 to the students and future leaders of Galveston County through the Charles T. Doyle Leadership Education and Development Series (LEADS) Program.

Part of a 10-year pledge that was renewed in 2014 for another 10 years, these funds go toward the LEADS program that is facilitated by the Texas City ISD Foundation for the Future. LEADS is aimed at promoting leadership skills for Galveston County high school juniors and seniors. Students from Texas City, La Marque, Dickinson, Santa Fe, Ball and Hitchcock high schools along with O'Connell College Preparatory School, all apply in the spring and in the fall for the opportunity to practice leadership skills with the local business community.

This year, the Foundation was presented with a \$10,000 check from Texas First Bank for next year.

FOUNDATION HONORS EIGHT ALUMNI AT COMMUNITY EVENT

The TCISD Foundation for the Future honored four Texas City alumni and four La Marque alumni at the 12th Annual Community Recognition Celebration, a prestigious program including Texas City's Hall of Honor and La Marque's Legacy Hall.

The 2017 Hall of Honor inductees included Dr. Raul M. Cruz '74, Christopher C. Doyle '84, Matthew A. Deggs '90 and Steven A. Mount '04. The 2017 Legacy Hall inductees included Jeffery T. Banister '82, Dr. Robin Armstrong '87, Michael Matranga '95 and Dr. Martha W. Rac '99.

In addition to the Hall of Honor and Legacy Hall, the Foundation also recognized three members of the community for their service. The Visionary in Education Award was presented to Neal Mora. Marion Godeaux received the Distinguished Service Award. Pastor Robin Reeves was awarded the Spirit of Education Award, and Stephanie Doyle received the Foundation President's Award.

The 13th Annual Community Recognition Celebration is set for Tuesday, Oct. 16. Nominations for the Hall of Honor and Legacy Hall are being accepted until July 31. A nomination form can be found on the back page of this newsletter. Nomination forms for both honors, as well as the community honors may be found online at tcisd.org/recognition.



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The 2017 Legacy Hall inductees, from left: Dr. Robin Armstrong '87, Dr. Martha W. Rac '99, Michael Matranga '95 and Jeffery T. Banister '82.

