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**Coldspring-Oakhurst**  
CONSOLIDATED I.S.D.

## Upcoming Events:

- 10/23—11/3/17  
Early Voting  
SJC Elections Office
- 10/24/17 5 to 8 p.m.  
JSE/CIS Open House  
Early Voting
- 10/24/17 6 p.m.  
Bond 2017 Presentation  
Waterwood WIA Bldg
- 10/27/17 6 to 9 p.m.  
Early Voting  
Military Appreciation/  
Pink-Out Night  
Trojans vs, Buna@7:30
- 10/31/17 6 to 9 p.m.  
COCISD Fall Festival



## Trojan Scoreboard

October 20, 2017

**Trojans vs. Trinity  
Tigers**

**Trojans—44  
Trinity—14**

**Way to go Trojans!**

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## Dynamic Duo—Vikki Curry & Cherie Meroney get results

Student test scores are up at SCOCISD and a major reason for the improvement is the Dynamic Duo of Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction Vikki Curry and Special Programs Director Cherie Meroney. The team set out a few years ago to align the curriculum from Pre-K through 12th grades and to increase teacher training. Their efforts have yielded great results.

“We know that a well-trained, high quality staff is one of the key factors in increasing students achievement,” said Meroney. “So we have a multi-faceted staff development plan to address our needs.”

One of those needs was to connect what students were learning between grades and campuses. The solution? Vertical Alignment Teams.

“Teachers in the same subject—math, for example—are on the same team,” said Curry. “The

teams work together to understand what students need at each level so the lessons build on each other, aligned from one grade to another and one campus to another.”

Teachers also attend outside training sessions to hone their skills by content area, such as STAAR Writing Scoring Swap, and state-level conferences for science and math.

The results are in—and our students are reaping the benefits!

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## COCISD Fall Festival will have a little something for everyone

Mark your calendar! This year's COCISD Fall Festival will have treats for kids of all ages.

Enjoy free hamburgers, hot dogs, caramel apple nachos, games, and more. There will even be a free gourmet coffee bar for grown-ups to enjoy while the kids explore the different craft centers,

face-painting and game booths.

For the more adventurous spirits, the Coldspring-Oakhurst High School Band Boosters Haunted House will provide chills and thrills—if you dare! Tickets are \$5 each.

Join us at the Jones campus on Halloween evening, Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 9 p.m.



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Creating  
Opportunities

The vision of COCISD is Creating Opportunities for All!

## Did you know?

- Before she became an administrator, Coldspring-Oakhurst High School Principal Donna Thompson taught English in the district for over 15 years and was an awesome cheerleading coach. She took the team to Nationals more than five times!
- If you would like to volunteer at COCISD, visit the district website at [www.cocisd.org](http://www.cocisd.org) > Resources > for Parents and click the "Volunteers" link at the bottom of the page.
- COCISD Police Chief Roosevelt Joseph retired from the Los Angeles Police Department before moving to Coldspring.

## Coldspring Intermediate 5th graders learn science is fun!

Students in Mary Jean Coker's class recently had a blast learning about science and experimentation at the Coldspring Intermediate science lab.

"Our lab is covering Properties of Matter, Solutions and Mixtures," said Ms. Coker. "Students were allowed to bring science-related items for Show and Tell."

The Coldspring Intermediate science lab is set to get a complete renovation and upgrade if the COCISD bond passes.

