

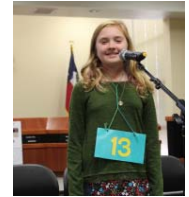
# Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD  
January 29-February 5, 2017

## **Cleburne Students Among Competitors in Area 24 Spelling Bee; Gerard's Hannah Sian Named Spelling Champion and Advances to Regional Contest**



Nine CISD students were among the competitors in Thursday's Johnson County Area 24 Spelling Bee as campus champions. Gerard Elementary fifth grader Hannah Sian, right, was proclaimed the contest winner in the 14th round with her correct spelling of "remonstrance." She will compete at the Regional spelling contest in March. Pictured



left are CISD spelling contestants seated, l-r, Hannah Sian-Gerard, Area 24 Alternate Emily Folsom-Cooke. Middle, l-r, Cally Schlabs-Coleman, Derek Malone-Santa Fe, Camille Ellis-Marti and back from left, Ryan Hart-Wheat MS, Kallie Taylor-Adams, Kelsey Meland-Irving and Christian Williams-Smith MS.

## **CHS Swimmers Advancing to State in Relay and Individual Events**



Cleburne's MeiLi Hall, right, earned a gold medal in the 100 meter backstroke and a berth at the UIL State Swim Meet at Saturday's UIL Regional finals. The Lady Jackets 200 medley relay team of Kambree Coates, Mackenzy Mathson, KaiLi Hall and MeiLi Hall also qualified for state with their finish times in the finals.

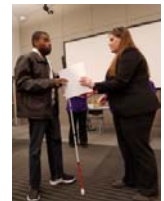


## **Marti 5th Grader Alex Flores and CHS Senior Jay Sargeant Medal Winners at Braille Challenge**

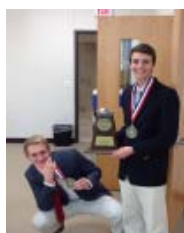


Cleburne students Alex Flores, a 5th grader at Marti Elementary, and Jay Sargeant, a senior at CHS were medal winners at the 2017 North Texas Regional Braille Challenge. As participants in the Apprentice division, both students competed in reading comprehension, spelling and proofreading events. This was a first-time experience for the students and both placed in

the competition, with Flores, left, bringing home a gold medal and Sargeant placing third to receive the bronze medal. Read more about these students and this competition for blind and visually impaired students on the CISD homepage.



## **Cleburne UIL Cross-Examination Debate Team Takes District Trophy and Qualifies for State**



Participants in Cleburne High School UIL Academics have already scored a major win, following Adam Saunders and Will Whitworth's team win in District competition Wednesday. They will now advance to the UIL State meet scheduled in mid-March. Their CHS faculty coach is Matt Moulden.

CHS academic athletes have been competing in Academic invitational meets since the first of the year. The UIL Accounting Team placed first in recent competition, with Mayra Dominguez finishing first in individual scoring and teammates Alondra Rojas placing fifth and Zach Blakburn placing sixth. District contests for One Act Play and the majority of UIL Academics events are scheduled in March.

## 8th Grade, CHS Parents Invited to Course Fair 2017 Set for February 9



A variety of information and activities for incoming ninth graders and CHS students--and their parents--will be featured at Course Fair 2017, set for Thursday, February 9 from 5:30- 8 PM. Eighth graders from both Smith and Wheat Middle Schools have visited the CHS campus in



recent weeks to give them insight into the many courses and programs offered at the high school level.

Course Fair activities include parent meetings for incoming and current students, classroom visits, and a Scholarship Fair for seniors and their parents, along with information and assistance on completing the FAFSA application for college financial aid. Information booths on student clubs and organizations and a display of preliminary designs for the new CHS will also be featured.

## 100th Day of School Year Celebrated at Elementary Campuses



Adams Elementary kindergartner Jocilyn Delara, left, prepares to tackle the first of several reading and math activities relating the number 100, during Thursday's observance of the 100th day of school. Many students and teachers, including Tanner Arnold and Diana Holland, came to school dressed as centenarians. 100th day observances were held at elementary schools across the district.



## National Signing Day Ceremonies Hosted for Two Yellow Jackets



National Signing Day included two members of the Yellow Jackets football team as Quarterback Tre' Von Bradley, left, and Offensive Lineman Tyler Edsel signed letters of intent in morning ceremonies. Bradley has committed to the NCAA Division 1 University of Houston. Edsel will be joining Oklahoma's Southern Nazarene University, a D2 member of the Great American Conference.

Read more about these college-bound students and their achievements on the CISD website.

## CHS Winterguard Varsity, JV Ensembles Compete Saturday in Alvarado; Performers Open Their Contest Season with First Place Wins



The CHS Varsity Winterguard was back in action Saturday after earning the top score in the Scholastic A division at their first North Texas Colorguard Association contest of the season. Varsity members include Juan Aguinaga, Macie Allison, Isabel Amaya, Stephanie Dominguez, Evlyn Edwards, Rosa Fuentes, Echo Henson, Mary-Margaret Johnson, Alondra Maddox, Mary McCullough, Claire Morris and Catherine Perez. Cleburne finished 3rd in their class on Saturday.

A JV team has been added to the Winterguard program this year. Performers include Rebecca Blake, Karly Bostic, Kaitlin Day, Irene Flores, Valerie Garcia, Alyssa Graf, Ashley Green, Olivia Hunt, Araceli Mestas, Kayli Rodriguez, Anna Trew and Kira Von Wollenberg. In their premier contest performance, the team was the Regional AA winner at the NTCA event at Lamar HS and finished second in their class at Saturday's contest in Alvarado.

## Monday, February 6 Bingo Night to Benefit CHS Fine Arts Trip to the Big Apple

A benefit Bingo Night is scheduled Monday, February 6 at 6 PM in the CHS Cafeteria to assist fine arts students with travel expenses for their upcoming trip to New York City. The \$20 cash entry fee includes pizza, a beverage and 10 games of Bingo, with major prizes for the winners.