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**TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF HOMECOMING
SPIRIT WEEK KICKS OFF HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES**

PRE-GAME HYPE BUILDS, KICKING OFF SCHOOL’S OLDEST, BIGGEST TRADITION

Austin, Texas – September 17, 2012 Homecoming at the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) is still the most cherished tradition celebrated at the 150+ year-old school - home of the TSD Rangers – with more than 1,500 expected to attend the weekend festivities.

TSD’s Spirit Week, Monday-Friday, excites the campus with students and staff donning the appropriate spirit attire each day for themed student activities and competitions. During TSD’s annual Blue and White Pep Rally Friday at 1:00 p.m., the coveted TSD Spirit Award will be presented to the most spirited class.

Rooted in long-standing tradition, each year students, families, friends and alumni converge on TSD’s South Austin campus mall to celebrate together at the Homecoming Festival Saturday prior to the game with food booths, games and a variety of vendors.

The TSD Rangers meet the Cubs from the California School for the Deaf-Riverside (CSD-R) on the gridiron, Saturday, September 22 at 5:00 p.m., where TSD’s 2012-2013 Homecoming court will be crowned during half time.

Competition starts early in the day Saturday with TSD Junior Varsity and Varsity Volleyball games at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. against Brentwood Christian.

Texas School for the Deaf’s 2012 Homecoming – 1102 South Congress Avenue

Monday Sep 17 – Friday Sep 21 Spirit Week Themed Activities – TSD High School Courtyard

Spirit Competitions, Daily:	<u>7:50–8:20 a.m.</u>	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Monday:	“I Love the 80’s”	Light Contest
Tuesday:	“TOGA”	Ancient Greek Olympics
Wednesday:	Class Colors	Powder Puff Football
Thursday:	“Prom”	Tug-O-War

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Friday: "Blue and White" Homecoming Dance (7-9:00 p.m.)

Friday, Sep 21

1:00 p.m. Blue and White Pep Rally - Seeger Gym-TSD

Saturday, Sep 22

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. TSD Homecoming Festival - TSD Campus Mall
(Gen. Admission \$10; Sr Citizens/students \$3-\$5; Kids 5 & under FREE)

1:00 p.m. TSD Jr Varsity Volleyball vs. Brentwood Christian - Seeger Gym-TSD

2:00 p.m. TSD Varsity Volleyball vs. Brentwood Christian - Seeger Gym-TSD

5:00 p.m. Homecoming pre-game - Gamblin Field-TSD

5:30 p.m. Kick-off: TSD Rangers vs. CSD-R Cubs - Gamblin Field-TSD

Complimentary Shuttle Bus Service: Buses will run from 9:45 a.m. Saturday until 30 minutes after the game. Parking on campus is not available (except handicapped and disabled with valid sticker). Please take advantage of shuttle service from:

One Texas Center
South First St. @ Barton Springs Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78704

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ABOUT THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (TSD)

The Texas School for the Deaf is the oldest continuously operating public school in Texas. Educating deaf and hard of hearing students of Texas since 1856, the campus also provides outreach and educational resources for students, their families and professionals in the field throughout the state of Texas. With educational excellence and a strong belief in a culture and community at TSD, students form a unique identity based on their individual strengths and talents. TSD is an environment where students learn, grow, and belong. For more information about the Texas School for the Deaf, visit <http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>.

