



## Message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends of CCISD:

Your streets and parks are perhaps a bit more crowded these days as we sent more than 39,000 students home for their well-deserved summer break. We capped a great year with six high school graduations and 2,770 graduates. I am proud to announce more than 97% of them are off to college, the workforce, or the military. This is a strong indicator CCISD continues to be a great place to live, learn and work. In CCISD we are committed to helping students not only achieve academically but also become positive contributors to the school community. A group of our high school students recently developed a Student Honor Code. It outlines discipline that far exceeds what has been in place for cheating. The students demonstrated a great deal of courage to take a moral stand on an issue that has generated plenty of publicity. All intermediate and high school students will be required to sign the Honor Code at the start of each year. The code and consequences are located at [www.ccisd.net](http://www.ccisd.net).

As I have written to you before, your school district received \$17.5 million less to educate students in CCISD yet we are still growing by 700 students every year. While this has created a strain on our system, it has not deterred us from our mission. We have made significant reductions, and I need your help. In August, many of our school libraries will only be staffed with a librarian. No longer will there be aides in the library to help students while the librarian holds classes. We are seeking our community's support in the form of volunteers. If you have time to spare, please see information inside this edition on how you can be a leader in the library!

Do you remember the day when Clear Lake High School opened its doors in 1972? At the time, it was the only rival of Clear Creek High School. Today, it is structurally the oldest of our seven high schools. I am sharing this bit of trivia as a preview to discussions we will be having with community members next year. We must ensure our schools are safe and effective learning environments for students. We will be forming a citizens committee in the fall to examine our facility and student growth needs. While a potential bond does not affect the tax rate of those 65 and older, you are still important to the planning process. I will keep you informed of the committee's work.

Best Regards,

Greg Smith Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools



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# Senior-to-Senior Prom

## 2012

It was without a doubt, an evening to remember! Elvis shook things up, Clear Brook High School's Ruvinda Gunawardena crooned to an appreciative crowd and the Brass Rhythm and Reeds got everyone off their chair and on the dance floor.



The third annual Senior-to-Senior Prom was held April 5, 2012 in Clear Creek High School's cafeteria. Members of the Class of 2012 from every CCISD high school were on hand to help make the event extra special. They volunteered to decorate for the prom, to host and to entertain seniors from the community. The following CCISD groups were instrumental in creating a memorable event:



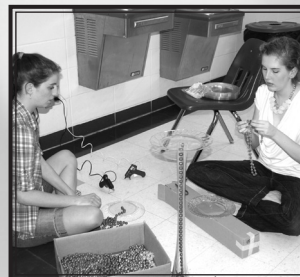
- Culinary Arts
- Floral Design
- Hospitality National Technical Honor Society
- PALS (Peer Assistance Leadership)
- Student Council



Seniors of all ages had a grand time as they enjoyed the sounds of the "big band" jazz ensemble. They not only danced, they sang along to many of the tunes including the crowd favorite "Save the Last Dance For Me". During the festivities Spyros and Noula Varsos were crowned King and Queen.



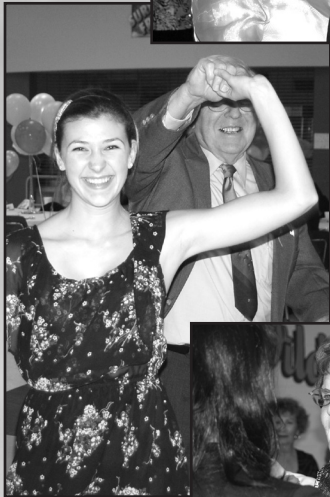
Seniors who live within the Clear Creek ISD boundaries and who hold a Gold Card were invited to the annual dance. Look for more information about the 2013 Senior-to-Senior Prom in the Fall Edition of the Communicator Gold.



*Clear Creek ISD seniors turn the cafeteria into an elegant bistro.*



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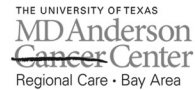
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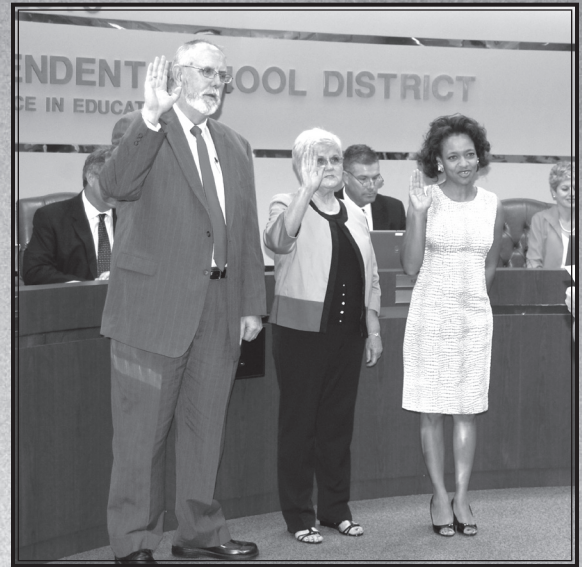


# CCISD VOTERS RE-ELECT INCUMBENTS

On May 12, voters went to the polls and cast their ballots in the Clear Creek Independent School District election. Dee Scott, Charles Pond, and Page Rander were re-elected to the CCISD Board of Trustees. The three incumbents were sworn in during the May 21, 2012 school board meeting.

*The official vote totals are as follows:*

DISTRICT 4	
Page Rander	60.78%
Alan D. Benjamin	39.22%
DISTRICT 5	
Dee Scott	77.37%
Bryan C. Schneider	22.63%
AT-LARGE POSITION A	
Amr Abouleish, MD	42.66%
Charles Pond	57.34%



*Incumbents Charles Pond, Dee Scott and Page Rander are sworn into office during the May 2012 board meeting after being re-elected.*

The Board of Trustees also elected officers for the 2012-2013 school year during the May meeting. Ken Baliker will serve as President, Ann Hammond as Vice President, and Win Weber as Secretary.



School may be out for summer, but you can still find **SANDRA NASH** on the job at Bay Elementary School in Seabrook.

## SENIOR *spotlight*

BAY GRANDMOTHER SHINES

A volunteer for the past five years, she's affectionately known as "the most amazing room grandma ever," said Principal Erin Tite.

The grandmother of students Hannah (3rd grade) and Eden (5th grade), Nash spends her summer tending the school's garden and front flowerbed. "During the school year, she often beats me to the campus," said Tite, "And I arrive by 6:45 in the morning!"

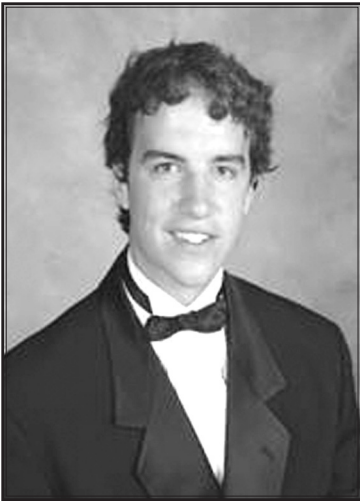
Nash wears just about every hat you can think of at Bay Elementary. She volunteers in the classroom,

the lunchroom, and the office. That's not to mention this busy grandmother also attends every event at the school. Bay teachers say Nash often supplies their classrooms with goodies and makes sure students in need are cared for too.

Another pet project is the Literacy Library at Bay. Nash spends hours organizing materials so that students can quickly choose their books. "She truly cares about Bay and all students' education," explains Principal Tite. "She is always willing to do anything that is needed and is someone we can depend on. She embodies all of the qualities of an outstanding volunteer."

Sandra Nash was selected as Bay Elementary School's 2011-2012 Volunteer of the Year. Winning that honor hasn't slowed her down. Nash is now researching James F. Bay so that students will know about the man after whom their school is named. Thank you to all our mighty volunteers, like Sandra Nash, who by example teach CCISD students the importance of giving back to one's community.

~ PORTRAIT OF A CCISD GRADUATE ~



**Agustin Escalante** graduated from Clear Creek High School having earned more than a high school diploma. Growing up in a single income household, Escalante has worked from the age of 14 while taking advanced classes and dual credit courses.

He graduated 56 out of 535 students and earned the respect of his fellow students and his teachers.

**“I am quite impressed that he not only participates, but excels in so many different areas.”** - M. Wilson

Escalante is described as intelligent, caring and talented. In addition to being an excellent student he was on the Clear Creek High School swim team, sang in the Symphonic Choir, composes music and performs in an Indie rock band as well as vol-

unteers in the community. “I am quite impressed that he not only participates, but excels in so many different areas,” said Counselor Michelle Wilson.

Agustin plays five instruments, four of which are self taught. He recently won second place in a competitive song writing contest and his band won first place in a recent “Battle of the Bands” contest. “Despite his unbelievable talent, he is humble and unassuming. He enjoys sharing his music and volunteers every Wednesday, playing for a high school bible study as well as routinely volunteering to perform for benefit concerts such as cancer relief, African Aids relief, and our Best Buddies Friendship fund raiser,” said Wilson.

Clear Creek ISD congratulates Agustin Escalante and all the Class of 2012 graduates. CCISD is confident they will make their families and this community proud.

# CCISD HONORS 2012 Teachers of the Year

Clear Creek ISD and The Rotary Clubs of the Houston Bay Area announced the Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year at a recent luncheon. The Rotary Clubs of Space Center, Seabrook and League City awarded \$1000 to the Clear Creek ISD Teacher of the Year for Elementary Education and \$1000 to the Clear Creek ISD Teacher of the Year for Secondary Education.

The CCISD Elementary Teacher of the Year is Jennifer Foley, a 5th grade reading teacher at Hall Elementary. She recalls the number of students who join her class every year with absolutely no desire to read books and by the end of the year her class is one large book club. She accomplishes this by getting to know each child, their hobbies, and their heroes and then seeks books that are tailored to those interests.

The Secondary Teacher of the Year is Nicola Clemmer, a science teacher at Creekside Intermediate School. Nicola creates hands-on lessons that keep her students intrigued and engaged with the subject matter. She is known for taking her students on wild science adventures including caving in the hill country and trolling for shrimp along the Galveston shore.

The Rotary Clubs of Space Center, Seabrook and League City also awarded \$500 to each of the other four finalists: Dee Dee Payne, North Pointe Elementary, Annamary Given, Mossman Elementary, Edna Meeks, Clear Creek High School and Todd Parsons, Clear Falls High School.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES**

Email

**information@ccisd.net**

**and indicate your desired campus**

**or call 281-284-0020**

**for more information.**

# THE SOUND OF A NEW FRIENDSHIP



**PHOTO:** *Wayne Christopher (center) takes a moment to pose with his four new friends.*

Several students who are hearing impaired are now listening to a whole new world

thanks to a grant from the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Clear Lake (Kemah) Lodge. The money was used to buy new hearing aids.

The deserving students attend schools at the Galveston Brazoria Cooperative for the Hearing Impaired (GBCHI). It is a regional day school program which serves as an educational cooperative for Clear Creek ISD and nine surrounding area school districts. These districts include Alvin, Dickinson, Friendswood, Galveston, Hitchcock, La Marque, Pearland, Santa Fe, and Texas City.

Elks' representative Wayne Christopher met with the students after each had been outfitted with their new, and very much improved, hearing aids. The children took turns thanking Christopher and the Elks for making it all possible.

The GBCHI, lead by Director, Edith Milovanovic, serves hearing impaired students ages 0-22. Referrals are received through a student's home district. "We believe all children can learn according to their unique and individual learning styles," explained Milovanovic. For more information contact the GBCHI at 281-284-0350.



## WHAT'S THE SCOOP IN CLEAR CREEK ISD?

Need to know more about what's happening in Clear Creek ISD? Want to know about events to attend? The quickest way to get the scoop is to sign up for our electronic newsletters. The Current is a monthly memo that gives readers the latest information on district programs and events. Stay "plugged in" with The Current.

**SIGN UP  
for E-NEWS!**

Snapshots is a weekly photo newsletter that showcases events and happenings across CCISD. To sign up just send an email to [information@ccisd.net](mailto:information@ccisd.net) and in the subject line write Current Registration, Snapshots Registration or E-News Registration if you would like both newsletters.

# CCISD Veteran's Memorial Stadium 2012 Football Schedule



WEEK	DATE	DAY	TIME	SCHOOL	OPPONENT
<b>ZERO WEEK</b>					
	31-Aug	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CLHS	Deer Park
	1-Sept	Saturday			
<b>WEEK #1</b>					
*TA	6-Sept	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CSHS	Dobie
*S	7-Sept	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CBHS	Katy Seven Lakes
*S	8-Sept	Saturday	6:00 p.m.	CFHS	Sterling
<b>WEEK #2</b>					
	13-Sept	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CFHS	Dobie
*INT	14-Sept	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CBHS	Vidor
<b>WEEK #3</b>					
*S	20-Sept	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CSHS	Aldine Eisenhower
*H	21-Sept	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CLHS	Conroe
<b>WEEK #4</b>					
*H	27-Sept	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CFHS	Dickinson
*H	28-Sept	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CSHS	CBHS
*INT	29-Sept	Saturday	6:00 p.m.	CLHS	CCHS
<b>WEEK #5</b>					
*H	5-Oct	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CBHS	CLHS
*S	6-Oct	Saturday	6:00 p.m.	CCHS	CFHS
<b>WEEK #6</b>	<b>Clear Springs OPEN Week</b>				
*TA	11-Oct	Thursday			
	12-Oct	Friday			
<b>WEEK #7</b>	<b>Clear Creek OPEN Week</b>				
	18-Oct	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CBHS	Dickinson
*INT	19-Oct	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CSHS	CLHS
<b>WEEK #8</b>	<b>Clear Lake OPEN Week</b>				
	25-Oct	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CFHS	CSHS
*H	26-Oct	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CCHS	CBHS
<b>WEEK #9</b>	<b>Clear Brook OPEN Week</b>				
	1-Nov	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CSHS	Dickinson
*S	2-Nov	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CLHS	CFHS
<b>WEEK #10</b>	<b>Clear Falls OPEN Week</b>				
	9-Nov	Friday	7:00 p.m.	CCHS	CSHS
	10-Nov	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	CBHS	Brazoswood

(\*H) Homecoming (\*S) Senior Night (\*INT) Intermediate Night (\*TA) Teacher Appreciation

*The Gold Card (see back page) offers our Senior friends free admission to all CCISD home athletic events.*



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Did you know Clear Creek ISD distributes a 'Gold Card' free of charge to citizens, 60 or older, who reside within the district boundaries? It's our way of saying thanks for all you've done, and continue to do, to support this district!

The Gold Card offers our Senior friends free admission to all CCISD home game athletic events and most fine arts student performances including plays, concerts and choir performances. (Please Note: Seats are sometimes limited and advance ticket pick-up may be required.)

To receive your free Gold Card, please fill out the adjacent application and send it with a copy of your driver's license to the Office of Communications at the Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main Street, League City. If your Gold Card is more than three years old, please fill out an application to receive a new one. For more information call 281-284-0020.

## GOLD CARD APPLICATION

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