

PRINCIPAL'S MINUTE JANUARY 7, 2008

Good morning Cougars,

And welcome back to the beginning of our spring semester! I hope you had a wonderful holiday break. As we begin our second semester, I want to encourage each of you to think back on the original question asked of you the first semester, Why are you here? Again, it's important to think about the end result and where you want to be in May. Hopefully that will mean all of you will have performed well on the state-mandated TAKS assessments to be given starting in March (you are required to pass each exam to be able to graduate) and that all of you will have passed your course work in order to meet graduation requirements. Additionally, I hope that each of you will have given serious consideration as to your post-high school plans. Remember that your experience here at Cypress Creek High School is a means to an end. It will ultimately determine the quality of your life. Give your best this semester!

Over the holidays we had some great Cougar happenings. I would like to congratulate the Cy-Creek band program for another outstanding accomplishment. We have just received news that four Cougars have been selected to represent our band program, community, and school district in the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band this February in San Antonio. Congratulations to All-Staters Daniel Cruz (oboe), Alex Trujillo (bass clarinet), Liam Ripley (percussion), and Ryan Sovereign (percussion). These students represent the top one percent of the tens of thousands of students from across Texas who participates in the TMEA audition process. What an outstanding accomplishment!

Additionally, we are equally as proud of our choir program.

Congratulations to the following choir students for earning the honor of 2007-08 TMEA All-State Choir through auditions in San Antonio on January 5. TMEA All-State Choir represents the top 1% in the state. These five All-State Choir members will attend Texas Music Educators' Association Convention in February at San Antonio and will perform in the All-State choir:

All-State Mixed Choir Member:

Krsytal Hargrove, Soprano 1

All-State Treble Choir

Erin Hardy, Soprano 2

Sam Rickard, Alto 2

Schafer, Raquel, Alto 1

All-State Men's Choir

Kevin Smith, Tenor 2,

All-State Alternate

Caitlin Bowman, Soprano 1, 1st alternate

We are proud of you!!! Thank you for representing the Cypress Creek Choir program with pride.

And finally, I would like to congratulate our wrestling team on a fine showing at the CFISD invitational tournament held at the Berry Center this weekend. We had several strong finishes including the following place winners in their various weight classifications: Wendy Cortes-third place, Courtney Richardson-fourth place, Giovanna Facundo-seventh place, Justin Loucks-sixth place, and Zach Godbolt-seventh place. Congratulations on a great showing and good luck Thursday night at Cy-Falls.

For the first time in 2008 let me just say, "You just can't hide that Cougar Pride!"

Have a great week and a great semester!