

PRINCIPAL'S MINUTE

MARCH 4, 2008

Good morning Cougars,

I am doing the Principal's Minute today due to yesterday's TAKS exit retake schedule. As you know, tomorrow students from across the state of Texas will be taking the English /Language Arts portion of the state-mandated TAKS assessment. I am sure that each freshman, sophomore, and junior student realizes the importance of this assessment. It is very important that you take it seriously. Your attendance is of the utmost importance. Of course, I would also remind you to do all of the requisite things like getting a good night's sleep and making sure that you eat a reasonable breakfast in order to be at you best on Wednesday morning. I would like to remind you that there will be no school-sponsored activities after 4:30 p.m. today. I would encourage each student to plan on taking your time tomorrow as this is not a timed assessment. Perhaps the most important thing you can bring with you tomorrow other than yourself is your confidence. Your teachers have worked hard to prepare you well. I want to remind you that any student passing the TAKS assessment may exempt their final exam in the spring if they meet the attendance criteria. This is a new Cy-Fair policy implemented last year and pertains to all TAKS tests taken. We know that you will put forth your best effort on this very important day. Mrs. Wiley will be reviewing tomorrow's schedule for all students, including seniors, with you in just a moment.

I have a few acknowledgments that I would like to share with you this morning from last week. First of all, congratulations to our Chamber Choir for earning a 1st Division Superior trophy this weekend at the American Classics Madrigal Festival/Chamber Choir competition in San Antonio. The judges also selected our Chamber Choir for a "Performance of Distinction Award. We were the only Cy-Fair school to earn this honor. This is the 9th consecutive year the Chamber Choir has earned a Superior 1st Division trophy. The chamber choir members' names will be displayed on the electronic marquee and the school website.

Also kudos to photography student, Erin Cheesebro, for her top ten finish in the Culture Shapers competition recently. Erin competed against entries from all over the Greater Houston area!

The counselors were recently informed that Cy-Creek will be well represented at the Rotary Club's Camp Enterprise this year. The following students have been selected for this honor: Wendy Cortes, Anh Thi Hoang, Dao Huyng, Rashad Sirafi, Khoi Troung, David Walton, and David Weaver. Camp Enterprise is an intensive three-day program of instruction, competition, and teamwork that focuses on the American Free Enterprise system.

And finally, this announcement appropriately coincides with the Texas primary today. Cy-Creek student, Terah Parker, has been chosen to attend the 2009 Presidential inauguration in Washington, DC, through her involvement with the National Youth Leadership Forum. Terah will be honored as a young leader and will participate in five days of activities commemorating the presidential inauguration and the transition of power. She will attend the inaugural parade and a black tie gala as well as many other activities. What an amazing opportunity to be able to experience history in the making. Congratulations, Terah!

And as always, remember "you just can't hide that Cougar Pride". Have a great week and good luck tomorrow!