

PRINCIPAL'S MINUTE

November 2, 2009

Good morning Cougars,

As I do each Monday morning, I would like to share with you good news about the recent performances and/or honors of members of the Cy-Creek student body. Sometimes these honors occur outside of school. Take for example the highest honor one can attain in the ranks of the Boy Scouts of America. Recently we had two Cy-Creek Cougars honored for reaching the esteemed status of Eagle Scout. Nationally, only one scout out of a hundred ever attains this rank, an honor which follows them for the rest of their lives. Congratulations to senior Zach Brachja, member of Troop 1987 and Tanner Scoggin, member of Troop 1014. Both of these young men have admirably served others on their way to scouting's highest honor, and we are proud of them and the many other students who have accomplished this distinction.

On Friday night, our Cougar football team was not to be denied and walked away with a 27-21 victory over the Jersey Village Falcons at the Berry Center, raising their season record to 8-1. Our Cougars, who are currently ranked 8th, have been in the Houston Area rankings the entire season and will finish out district play against the Cy-Springs Panthers on Friday night with a chance to win their second district title in two years and to be playoff bound for the second year in a row as well.

We are also excited about our Lady Cougar volleyball squad. They won a hard fought do or die match against Jersey Village on Friday night for the chance to advance to the state playoffs. The team will play Austin Westwood in the first round Tuesday night in at A&M Consolidated High School.

Like I said, last week was a big week! Count the boys' varsity cross country team as another district champion for Cy-Creek. They captured first place among the 10 district high schools at the 15-5A meet on Friday morning. Congratulations to Richard Renteria for finishing second overall and all of the runners who pulled their weight to help win the top team prize. The girls' varsity finished with a very close second place, one second behind Cy-Fair. Cougar Leslie Schilsky captured first place and all of her team mates came through as well. The freshman boys dominated the field to also bring home a district championship. Both varsity squads will be competing at regionals at Vandergriff Park in Arlington, TX, Saturday, November 7. Congratulations to Coaches Natalie Allen, Tom Hensley and all of our Cougar runners on a great district showing and good luck in regionals!

And finally, on another front, we recently were informed that our outstanding journalism program brought home excellent results from the recent Texas Association of Journalism Educators conference held in San Antonio. As an example, the March issue of the student newspaper "The Cougar Connection" won "Best of Show", last year's year book "Back to Square One" won third place for large books and several students won individual awards in several categories:

- "Superior" ratings were won by Melanie Guzman in feature writing, Katie Smith in advanced yearbook design, and Jon Cozart in carry-in video - commercial/public service announcement.

- "Excellence" ratings were won by Christine Nguyen in editorial writing and Joy Atkinson in the on-site photography open category.

- "Honorable mention" ratings were won by Megan McGrath in basic yearbook design and Asia Collins in the on-site photography "Taste of San Antonio" category.

Congratulations on a great showing! This wraps up the Principal's Minute.

Have a great SMART week!