

*The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life~Plato*

Dear Parents,

Although it is hard to believe, we are nearing the end of the 2007-2008 school year. The months of April and May will present a flurry of activities. Most notably, all students will be involved in the state mandated TAKS tests the week of April 28. By now you should have received a letter with all of the details regarding this state required testing. Our student body will also be involved in Advanced Placement testing beginning the week of May 5, prom will be at the Berry Center on May 17, and we will have several year end performances by many of our performing arts groups (see performing arts schedule on page 11). And of course, the pinnacle of our year occurs on May 31 at 12:00 noon at the Berry Center when we graduate approximately 610 seniors. In advance, I would like to congratulate each family on this notable achievement. Hopefully the one thing we will have imparted to each graduate here at Cy-Creek is an awareness of the significance that education will play in their lives and that learning is a life-long process. We wish the best to each of them. I would like to note that each family can plan on 13 tickets to attend the ceremony at the Berry Center. These will be given out at the Senior Breakfast on May 29.

As we get ready for the end of what has proven to be another outstanding year of student and staff accomplishments, we are also anticipating several changes for next year including the seven period day, going to a three lunch schedule, and consolidating all of our freshmen into a freshman center.

As you know by now, we have many great things in store for Cypress Creek High School. Over the next two years, we will be adding onto and renovating our facility and will be implementing small learning communities as part of our new programming. Although the construction project is currently underway, there will be several adjustments over the summer months to accommodate a full scale effort by Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. These are listed in the Construction Update article on page 3. Please take a moment to review them and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We will be making a conscious effort to keep you informed over the duration of the project.

I want to close by taking this opportunity to thank all of our parents who have contributed so unselfishly to Cy-Creek's success. Our VIPS have been absolutely fantastic in supporting our students and staff in a multitude of ways this year. I hope you and your families have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming our returning Cougars back in August. We will be sending both you and your student updates regarding Cougar Express and other important dates that will affect them over the summer.

Sincerely,

Jim Wells