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Alecia Odom
Secretary

This year we are saying goodbye to our head coach, **Robert Walker** as he decided to retire after this football season.

“The biggest thing on my heart is gratitude,” Coach Walker said. “I am so grateful for the years that I’ve had in this profession and for the people I have in my life.”

He dedicated five years to the Tiger family and influenced many coaches and students in that time.

“Coach Walker has taught me more than anything, how to respect the profession and how to treat kids,” Coach **Michael Haney** said.

Coach Haney has worked with Coach Walker for 12 years and has known him for 25 years so his absence will be felt.

“I will miss his friendship here the most, our loyalty and our working relationship with one another is something I’ll never forget,” Haney said.

Coach **Alex Reed** also worked closely with Walker everyday.

“The big thing that I will take away from Coach Walker is that no job was too small for him,” Coach Reed said. “He would set up the fields, do laundry and pick up trash.”

Walker has not only taught

A Walk[er] to Remember

coaches how to regard others, he has taught his players that as well.

“Coach Walker has taught me valuable life lessons like how to deal with others and how to carry myself as a man and as an athlete,” **James Moore** said.



The way Walker carried himself inspired his players more than anything.

“Watching the way he treated other people and watching how selfless he was, how he cared about all of the players inspired me,” Moore said.

Coach Walker left such an impact and a legacy here that many students are going to miss even the simplest things about him and his presence on campus.

“I’ll miss getting to walk into his office everyday,

seeing him smile, and greeting him,” Moore said.

Coach Walker always interacted with and supported athletes through everything.

“Coach Walker has taught me the value of perseverance, he was always on the bus



with the team, 24/7, after a win or a lose telling us to get back to work,” **Casey Johnson** said.

Coach Walker was great at motivating his players.

“His halftime speeches were inspiring, if you were in the locker room you’d understand,” Johnson said.

While we will all miss Coach Walker dearly, we welcome a new, experienced head coach into our Tiger family, Coach **Cedric Hardeman**.

“I’ve been coaching for 8

years, I played football in high school and college,” Coach Hardeman said.

Hardeman strongly believes in leading by example.

“The coaches I had were examples, they did a lot for me growing up, those are the kind of guys I try to mimic and they are the reasons I decided to coach,”

Hardeman said.

Trust is a crucial aspect of team sports, so it’s important that Hardeman’s players and colleagues trust him.

“I plan to gain the players’ trust by being honest, being fair, showing them that I care, setting expectations and letting them know what those expectations are,” Hardeman said.

Hardeman believes there’s more than just wins and loses; there’s more to football.

“I care about what they want and who they want to be on and off the field, I want to help them be successful,” Hardeman said.

His philosophy is quite simple.

“My football philosophy is show up on time and do your best,” Hardeman said.

Saying goodbye is always hard, but sometimes change is good too.

David Faul
Reporter

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Students enrolled in JROTC are very involved in school activities and around the community.

Members train hard everyday to get to where they want to be. There are many different teams in JROTC; including Color Guard, Rifle and Physical Training.

Physical Training students are the ones that workout daily and compete in competitions.

“We do workouts like push ups, sit ups, and pull ups,” junior **Devonte Hughes** said.

Physical Training has a completely different way of training. The other teams have commanders that everyone below has to take commands from but not physical

training. They complete all of their training, workouts, etc. as a family.

The female Physical Training team earned first place at their most recent competition.

Color Guard is the most known and the face of JROTC since they are the ones seen at pep rallies and football games with the school spirit flag, the American flag and the Texas flag.

“I feel really good about the team, we go out and present things for the community and we’re also the face of the program so it’s really nice being a part of this team,” **Jacob Hansen** said.

Rifle team consists of cadets that are trained to shoot air rifles with perfect precision. Recently the

team prepared for a competition.

“We are shooting from 10 yards, and we’re shooting all 10 of our bullet points,” Team Commander **Kendrick Shearn** said.

Although highly unnoticed, the rifle team feels well prepared for their next competition.

“We’re more motivated in doing stuff and we don’t get mentioned a lot but we’re still there and we’re actually confident going into this competition,” Shearn said.

Rifle team has another competition on February 24th and the Color Guard will compete at the Bluebonnet Competition March 3rd.



In preparation of the Veteran’s Day Ceremony, the JROTC Color Guard practices after school.
Photo by Brianna Lujan



The Army setup an obstacle course for JROTC and P.E. classes in the Porter Gym.
Photo by Brianna Brown

Rigo Gonzalez
Editor-in-Chief

Defying Expectations



The girls varsity and sub-varsity soccer teams practice with each other after school.
Photo by Trinity Tillung



Competing against Oak Ridge, Yessenia Abrego passes the ball to an opponent.
Photo by Kiara Sagardia

Soccer is already back in season and the girls have kicked off this year with tournaments all over Texas

“We’ve been to San Marcos, Brenham and College Station,” **Zarelia Coria** said. “We didn’t do so well in the San Marcos tournament but we did learn a lot about ourselves as a team.”

Captains stay busy all season with more responsibilities not only on the field, but with their team on the sidelines.

“As a captain I talk to my team, I let my backline know whenever we need to push up and stay back or whenever we’re shifting,” Coria said. “Sometimes there’s new players who don’t know how to play that position so I have to let them know what to do and where to go, and whether to go to the ball or stay back.”

Tensions can soar

during a close game so it was important for the players to communicate with one another.

“Sometimes you don’t wanna scream because people take competitiveness really personal,” **Amber Zarate** said. “They think you’re talking down on them but it’s just you trying to help them out and tell them what to do to play better.”

With a new year comes new strategies for winning.

“So these past couple of games we’ve proved to ourselves that scoring in the first five minutes keeps our adrenaline going,” Zarate said. “Before the Willis game started, they stepped on the field thinking they were going to win because we ‘sucked,’ but they underestimated us and we got a quick goal in the first five minutes by **Jazmin**

Torres.”

The varsity team won against MacArthur 10-1 thanks to a quick score again in the first five minutes off a free kick by **Agustina Demagistris Gomez**.

“They were a really fast team but you know, so are we. It feels good to win!” Zarate said.

Even though varsity hasn’t won every tournament so far, they’ve learned a lot from every game and ways to improve.

“We’ve all been bonding well and communicating better as a team,” **Marcela Ramirez** said. “Especially with new people on the varsity team this year; we try to make them feel comfortable and like they fit in.”

The next game is at home tomorrow night against the Woodlands at 7 p.m. Come out and support girls soccer!

Jessy Ramos
Editor-in-Chief

Kicking it up a notch



Varsity players practice with the sub-varsity teams to enhance their skills. Photo by Kiara Sagardia



The boys varsity team huddle up after their 3-1 victory against Lufkin last Friday. Photo from Twitter

The boys soccer team kicks off the 2018 season with a great start.

District play has started and all three boys teams won their first game against Oak Ridge.

The varsity team was victorious with a win of 4-0 all because of improved strategies, great teamwork, and confidence.

“We were a lot faster than they were, and we were also in possession of the ball a lot more,” senior midfielder **Wilmer Zamora** said.

“Starting the game we all thought it was going to be a hard game, but as the game went on it was settled we were taking that win,” senior midfielder **Marco Barron** said.

With District in full swing, the athletes are

already anticipating making it to playoffs.

“We have to do really good and we have to be focused because we have a really good possibility of making it to playoffs,” senior forward **Gerardo Godinez** said.

As with every sport, seniors play their hardest in their last year before going away to college and starting their own lives.

“We all try to hang out and as their captain, I try to be there for them and be part of their high school experience,” senior captain and midfielder, **Servando Rosales** said.

Having half of the team being made up of seniors it’s a bittersweet year. Which is why they’re determined to make it the best season

they’ve ever had.

“We have a great relationship and we’re all super close,” Rosales said. “We have a bond that can’t be broken.”

The boys have played together for years so naturally they’ve become a little family of their own.

“I’ve been playing with these dudes since I was little and we’ve known each other for years now,” Godinez said. “We have such a great chemistry it’s just like you’re playing with your brothers at home.”

Being 2-0 in district play already, the boys soccer team is looking forward to another successful season this year.

Their next district game is at 7:30 tomorrow night at Woodforest Stadium against The Woodlands.

Alecia Odom
Secretary

Girls basketball had a great season this year.

With several buzzer-beater winning shots and placing first at the Tigerette Classic, the team morale was exceptionally high at the beginning of the season.

“I asked them to hustle and play hard together,” Coach **Alex Reed** said. “Once they bought into that philosophy, we were really hard to beat.”

The team won against College Station which really sparked their momentum.

“Last year we got blown up by them and we actually played a full game this year,” **Jznae Kim** said.

The team was down by 10 points twice at the game, but they fought to redeem themselves and came out on top.

The players feel that the reason they were better this year is

because of their team dynamic and how they helped each other more both on and off the court.

“We all have a lot of positive attitudes on the team and we help each other through stuff, just like sisters,” **Riley Halloran** said.

Of course, what happens on the court is just as important as what happens off of it.

“We have good team chemistry and good communication,” **Jade Turner** said.

The team has been together since freshman year so have been able to grow together and learn more about one another through another season.

“We are really bonding more this year and starting to get to know each other better and how well we work together,” **Gabriela Morazan** said.

Some of the seniors

have taken a bigger role than usual this year.

“My goal this year was to help the team get to where they want to be, which was playoffs,” Halloran said.

The players knew that what they did could affect the team in either a positive or negative way.

“I always tell myself to stay on the positive side and remind myself that how I act or react to plays and calls rubs off on the team,” Halloran said.

The players not only motivated themselves, but their team as well.

“I motivate myself by just reminding myself to just play my game and focus,” Kim said.

With a tough loss to the Woodlands Tuesday night that eliminated their chances of moving on to the playoffs, they still came in 5th place in the District.

In it to Win it



Riley Halloran looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to. Photo by Kennedy Kesterson



Coach **Alex Reed** gives the varsity team a pep talk before the game against TWHS. Photo by Kennedy Kesterson

Caleb Gaddis
Reporter

Freedom is not a Color

Black History Month is the one month where we celebrate the African American culture.

It was officially acknowledged by the U.S. government in 1976, and it is a time to reflect on how African Americans have impacted American history.

“I believe black history is American history. There is a lot of black people that have made significant contributions to this great country and there was a time where that wasn’t celebrated,” Coach **Darryl Mason** said. “Some things were overlooked and so now the month of February, we can remember those things that have been so important to our American history and the black culture. Black history month is a time to go back and revisit the

great black men and women who fought for the right of equality and see those who have inspired so many today.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. paved the way for African Americans during the Civil Rights movement from 1954-1968. His “I Have a Dream” speech that he delivered in front of over 250,000 people is still recited in schools today and was the most progressive reach towards racial equality in America.

“I’m always excited to listen to Dr. King and his example and the things he’s done just from the spiritual aspects of it and I also like Denzel Washington,” Mr. **James Glaspie** said.

Since the emergence of the Civil Rights Movement in the 60’s, and the

acknowledgement of Black History Month in 1976, African Americans still struggle with social norms and cultural stigmas today.

“Being a black man means sometimes you have to go against the grain. You have to push harder than most people,” Coach **Marquise Sneed** said. “Being a black man means that you know sometime the social and cultural stigma that’s put on you from external forces, but at the same time understanding who you are and looking back on your people and understanding that they have been through a lot and how that just pushes me to continue to be a mentor and a leader and to counsel young men.”

Black History Month is a time for everyone to see the value of black history,

regardless of the color of skin that they have.

“I would describe the value as pieces of a puzzle. Whenever you don’t have all the pieces of a certain puzzle, and that puzzle is our life, then there are pieces that you are going to need in order to make a full picture,” Ms. **Shukella Price** said. “If you don’t have those pieces you can not have a full picture.”

Black History Month is more than just a month to reflect on black culture and what has happened in the past.

It is a time where everyone - black, white, hispanic, Asian, etc. - can embrace and celebrate the African American culture and honor those who fought and struggled for us to live as we do today.



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COACH SNEED



COACH MASON

Current Events

The Philadelphia Eagles won their first Super Bowl title in franchise history. They beat the New England Patriots 41-33.



Sports

After months and months of assumptions and rumors we can all finally say that all the whispers are true.

Kylie Jenner was pregnant and had her baby Feb. 1. They welcomed a beautiful baby girl named Stormy Webster.



Pop Culture



Politics

We recently underwent a government shutdown on January 19th, due to a spending bill that Donald Trump refused to sign.

Thankfully, we are no longer in a government shutdown, but there are speculations that there will be another one by the end of Feb.



Local

If you have unpaid traffic tickets in Conroe, the municipal judge in the town is offering some mercy to you.

Judge Michael Davis is offering amnesty to those people who have outstanding warrants for traffic tickets from Feb. 5-22.

Arely Hernandez
Reporter

What does Valentine's Day mean to you?

"Valentine's Day to me means that I can show love to my boyfriend more that I normally do."
-Andrea Lopez



"VALENTINE'S DAY TO ME MEANS IT'S THE DAY WHERE YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER AND YOURSELF TAKE THE TIME TO APPRECIATE EACH OTHER." -ALISSA HINOJOSA

"VALENTINE'S DAY TO ME IS ALL ABOUT YOUR CHECKBOOK. EITHER YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY BIG BUCKS ON MY GIFT, OR I'LL BE SPENDING VALENTINE'S DAY WITH YOUR FRIEND."
-TERRELL COLE



"VALENTINE'S DAY IS A DAY WHERE YOUR GIRL TELLS YOU NOT TO GET THEM ANYTHING, BUT IF YOU DON'T THEY WILL GET MAD."
-BILLY MICHON

"Valentine's Day means a lot to me because our anniversary is the day after, so we combine them and celebrate them together."
-Victoria Ratcliff



"Valentine's Day to me means that I can simply show my boyfriend how much I appreciate and love him."
-Morgan Munoz

Conroe Mingle

Name: **Jayden Harris**

Grade: 12

Ideal First Date: Going out to eat and catching a movie afterwards.

Name: **Chloe Paige**

Grade: 12

Ideal First Date: Probably going to a nice cafe or museum.

Name: **Andrew Parsons**

Grade: 11

Ideal First Date: Hanging out with my girl and really just getting to know each other.

Name: **Brooklyn Sledd**

Grade: 11

Ideal First Date: Going horseback riding on the beach in a hot air balloon.

Name: **Adan Ramos**

Grade: 10

Ideal First Date: Going shopping and then grabbing a bite to eat.

Name: **Rhylee Ransom**

Grade: 10

Ideal First Date: Taking a long walk on the beach while looking at the sunset.

Name: **Raul Gomez**

Grade: 9

Ideal First Date: Take her out to eat and hang out at the mall.

Name: **Katie Lynch**

Grade: 9

Ideal First Date: Go to his house and have a night in watching movies with a bunch of snacks.

VALENTINE'S TRIVIA Can you answer the following questions correctly?

1. What is the most popular Valentine's gift?

- a) Flowers
- b) Chocolate
- c) Jewelry
- d) Other

2. Which flower symbolizes love?

- a) Yellow roses
- b) Daisies
- c) Red roses
- d) Daffidols

3. Which state produces the majority of America's roses?

- a) Florida
- b) California
- c) Texas
- d) Maine

4. How much does the average American spend on Valentine's Day?

- a) \$136
- b) \$72
- c) \$53
- d) \$147

Answers: 1. B 2. C 3. B 4. D

V-DAY DIY

Kaytlynn Jarvis
Reporter

VALENTINE'S CHALKBOARD MASON JAR

What you need:

- Chalkboard paint
- Twine
- Rhine stones/Glitter
- Chalk
- Candy
- Paper

Directions:

1. Cut a heart out of paper and tape it onto the mason jar.
2. Paint the mason jar using the Chalkboard paint.
3. When it dries, peel off the heart.
4. Tie and Bow the twine around the top of the jar and loop a tag through it.
5. Decorate with chalk drawings, rhinestones, or glitter.
6. Fill with candy of your choice.



VALENTINE PAPER FORTUNE COOKIES

What you need:

- Printer
- Scissors
- Glue

Directions:

1. Print and cut out the fortune cookies and message strips from <https://www.evermine.com/printables/fortune-cookie/>
2. Fold one side over the other and pinch the center. This creates a crease that will help the paper take on the fortune cookie shape.
3. Unfold the circle and turn it 90° so the crease is horizontal. Bring the sides together again.
4. Hold the fortune cookie in place and gently push on the center crease with your pointer finger. Still holding the fortune cookie in place, take a message strip and tuck it in the fortune cookie so it rests in the middle.
5. With the fortune inside, slowly guide the top and bottom edges together until they meet. This is the trickiest step, so don't be discouraged if it takes a few extra tries!
6. Seal the deal! Glue the inside of the fortune cookie.



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Put your pie to the test at the annual Golden Girls Cowboy Supper.

Entries will be judged on taste, originality, and presentation.

Proceeds from entries will benefit the CHS Golden Girls Drill Team

February 17, 2018
Conroe High School
Dinner: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

\$10 entry fee
Mail check or money order
Golden Girls Booster Club
PO Box 1555
Conroe, TX 77305
Or bring to the event by 4:00

Entries will need to be at the CHS cafeteria by 4:00 PM on the day of the event.

Celebrity Judges
Prizes for top 3 winners

www.chsgoldengirls.com
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questions can be directed to chsggsecretary@gmail.com or call 936-537-6572

CHS Golden Girls Cowboy Supper/Pie Contest

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Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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FEBRUARY

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- _____ Day - A Holiday Celebrating Our Leaders
- February is _____ Month (2 words)
- The Sweetest Day
- February's Season

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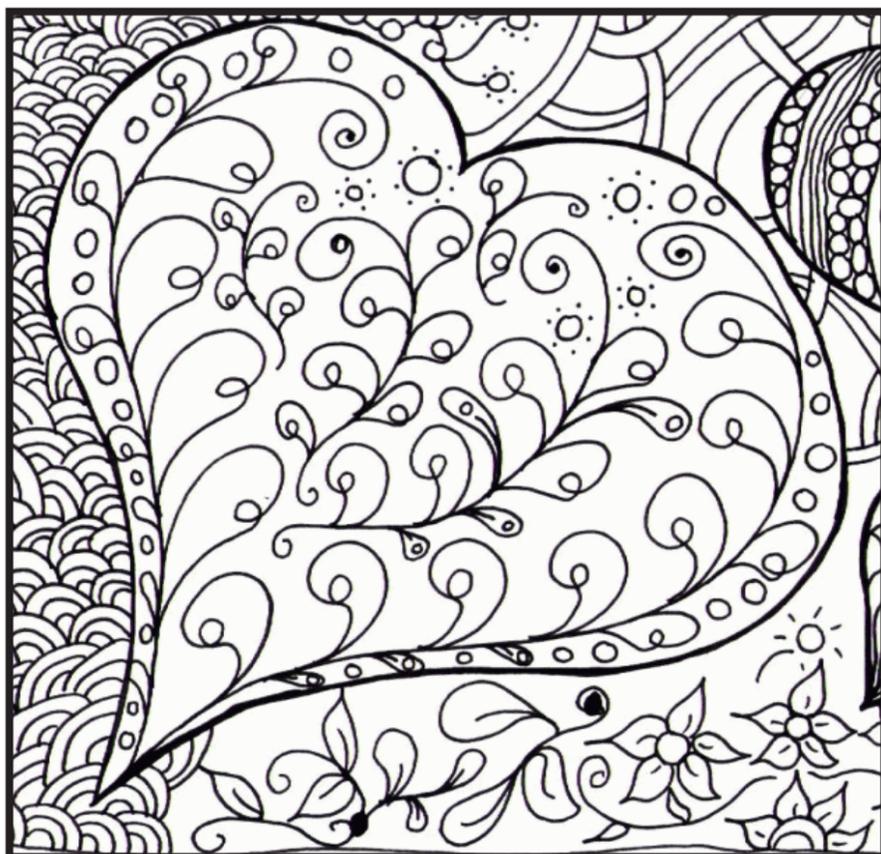
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- President Abraham _____
- Our first President (last name)
- February is the _____ month
- Happens every 4 years (2 words)

Valentine's Day
Word Search

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CHOCOLATE
PINK
VALENTINE
ROSES

CUPID
FEBRUARY
RED
HUG
FLOWERS

CANDY
HEART
SWEETHEART
CARD
SWEET



FEBRUARY EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day T&I testing 3:00 PM Interact Meeting in LGI 3:00 PM Leo Club Meeting in room 160	15 Winter Sports Pep Rally "Respect Your Elders" Herf Jones Cap & Gown Sales during lunches Boys Soccer @ TWHS Girls Soccer vs TWHS VTrack @ New Caney JVTrack @ Montgomery	16 Herf Jones Cap & Gown Sales during lunches VTrack @ New Caney JV/Soph baseball vs Memorial Tennis @ New Caney	17 8:00 AM UIL Academics @ Magnolia Band @ Go Texan Parade
18	19 President's Day - No School! JV/Soph baseball vs Westfield	20 Student Council meeting in LGI Boys Soccer vs. Montgomery Girls Soccer @ Montgomery T&I testing	21 3:00 PM Leo Club Meeting in room 160 JVTrack @ CHS	22 Blood Drive Varsity baseball @ La Porte Tournament Water Polo @ Clear Brook Tournament Conroe Tiger Relays 6:00 PM Feeder Zone Choir Concert	23 Blood Drive Varsity baseball @ La Porte Tournament Water Polo @ Clear Brook Tournament Boys Soccer @ College Park Girls Soccer vs. Montgomery	24 Varsity baseball @ La Porte Tournament Water Polo @ Clear Brook Tournament
25	26 Baseball vs. South Houston Water Polo vs Westside @ NAT	27 CHS 9 Tennis @ New Caney Boys Soccer @ Huffman Hargrave 7 PM FFA Meeting	28 Debate @ San Antonio 3:00 PM Interact Meeting in LGI 3:00 PM Leo Club Meeting in room 160	1 Debate @ San Antonio Faculty/Student bball game Water Polo @ Tomball tournament Sub-varsity track @ Huntsville Ferrell Baseball Classic 7 PM Band Concert March	2 Debate @ San Antonio Water Polo @ Tomball tournament CHS track @ SHSU Ferrell Baseball Classic Boys Soccer vs. ORHS Girls Soccer @ ORHS	3 Debate @ San Antonio Ferrell Baseball Classic
4	5 Student Council meeting in LGI Water Polo vs. TWHS UIL OAP District Rehearsal @ TWHS	6 CHS 9th/JV Tennis here Soph baseball @ Kinkaid Boys Soccer @ Lufkin Girls Soccer vs. Lufkin Softball @ ORHS	7 Band Trip @ Disney Shattered Lives crash setup CHS track @ Magnolia 3:00 PM Leo Club Meeting in room 160	8 Band Trip @ Disney Shattered Lives Life Skills @ HLSR CHS track @ TWHS JV baseball tournament @ Elmore Field	9 Band Trip @ Disney Early Release Shattered Lives JV baseball tournament here UIL OAP @ TWHS Boys Soccer vs. TWHS Girls Soccer @ TWHS Softball vs. Lufkin	10 Band Trip @ Disney JV baseball tournament @ Elmore Field Soph. baseball tournament @ New Caney

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