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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

It's the wonderful holiday season again and everyone is buzzing with excitement. Many of the clubs around school are preparing for their Christmas celebrations.

The Leo club had a Christmas party after school December 5.

"We all ate food and just hung out," **Angel Martinez** said. "It was really fun because we got to hang out with our friends and enjoy each others company while celebrating Christmas."

Student Council hosted the Adopt-a-Child program again this year and over 80 children were adopted by clubs and organizations.

"I love doing Adopt-A-Child because it gives you a chance to do something really good for someone who wouldn't normally get anything," **Reyna Carmona** said.

The FFA group is hosting a bonfire this year for it's members.

"The bonfire was awesome," **Cartavius Goudeau** said. "We don't do stuff like this often and not usually through school. It was a bit warm but still really fun."

As well as a bonfire, FFA is having an ugly Christmas sweater contest.

"Honestly I didn't expect anyone to actually wear a sweater but I was surprised when people



did," **Goudeau** said. "I didn't win the contest but I think I should have."

The Golden Girls hosted their annual Winter Workshop Saturday, Dec. 1, where the Golden Girls taught young girls in the community a few dances and then performed with them in front of their family.

"The kids learn a cute

little dance and they get really excited about it because they get a free T-shirt and bows to wear and they get to meet Santa," **Elizabeth Brooks** said. "Their parents are coming to see



their performance. We are really excited for it because we get to bring Christmas joy to little kids."

Every year Theatre hosts a Christmas party for its members where they eat food, hang out, and continue their tradition of their white elephant gift exchange.

"I was excited because

I enjoy hanging with my friends and the feel of enjoyment and being part of it all," **Josue Hernandez** said. "The party was really fun and a lot of the presents were really funny."

The cheerleaders are also celebrating Christmas on December 14th in the LGI from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

"For our cheer Christmas party we are having a Christmas feast, doing a Secret Santa, listening to music, doing some team bonding, and having a fun photo booth," **Brianna Pena** said.

Yearbook is hosting the annual Door Decorating Contest on campus Dec. 3rd- Dec. 12th, as well as doing Secret Santa and having a Christmas party on Dec. 14.

"I am excited for the yearbook part because we are able to get together and have fun as well as finding out who our Secret Santa is that day," **Bianca Reyes** said.

During this time of year, remember that Christmas is the season for giving and spreading good tidings and joy to all.

Dvontae Hughes
Reporter

Diving into a great season

The swim team is looking good this year as we move on into the swim season.

Swim and golf are the only sports that practices off campus.

“We practice at the Natatorium in Shenandoah and we go there via bus during 7th period,” **Mr. Martin Miller**, the assistant swim coach, said.

Swim has improved since last year and continues to improve on their weaknesses as the season continues.

“Yeah the team has improved dramatically since last year almost every single person on the team has improved in their weakest areas and it’s easy to see how much they’ve worked on improving their skills,” **Troy Horn** said.

Swim may not be as physical as football or any other school sport, but it’s just as intense, and to some swimmers it’s more intense.

“The intensity is probably the highest during a race because all you can think about is beating your last time,” **Emily Pigg** said.

Some athletes have been involved in the sport since a very young age, which has helped their skills and accomplishments.

“I’ve been diving since I was 6 and I knew that this is what I wanted to do when I started,” **Reagan Hinze** said. “I was on the Conroe club team until freshman year, then I went to the A&M club team then came back because the drive was

too hard.”

Hinze even signed with the University of Nebraska on a diving scholarship in November, after turning down several other schools.

“I had 33 people contact me to swim for college,” Hinze said. “Three of the five I picked to go to were in the Big 10 conference, but I picked Nebraska because of the environment and it had the best opportunity.”

The diving Districts meet is Dec. 7 at the CISD Natatorium, and the JV Districts swim meet is this Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Swimming and diving will wrap up their season in mid-February with the Regional and State meets.



Diving into the water at the CISD Natatorium, **Jacob Page** practices before competing against A&M Consolidated. Photo by Bianca Koch



During the home meet against A&M Consolidated, **Leonela Hernandez** competes in the breast stroke relay. Photo by Bianca Koch

David Faul
Reporter

Taking it to the Hoop

The Tigerettes are off to a great start this season with their two best wins over MacArthur, Eisenhower, and Klein Oak.

“They were good wins but we have more competitive teams to worry about during district play,” **Gabriela Morazan** said.

The varsity players have known each other for years and have grown to respect each other in ways they probably wouldn’t have doing any other activity.

“Outside of school some of us get together and work on stuff we need to fix and we plan some things to do together if we have time,” Morazan said.

The junior varsity

team is also syncing up well and showing it on the court.

“The JV team placed third in the Klein Cain tournament bringing a trophy home,” **Jasmine Ortiz** said.

Before their games, the JV players make sure to always get together and pray in a circle, making sure that no matter what goes on in the game, they remain high spirited.

“To be able to play well together, we have to trust each other, play hard, and work as a team,” Ortiz said.

The freshman teams have also been playing hard and earning their stripes on the court.

“I feel accomplished and proud to be on the team,” **Mia Gillette**

said. “It takes a lot of work to be on the basketball team, but in the end it pays off.”

Now that tournament play is over, the girl basketball teams are gearing up for a tough District season. They all hope to take away valuable lessons and experiences away from the season.

“I hope to improve as a player from the beginning of the season until it ends,” Ortiz said. “Because it’s a true win for myself as long as I can improve.”

The girls basketball teams are hoping to come away with a win against the Hurricanes at home tonight.

It’s also teacher appreciation night so come out and support!



Looking for an open teammate to throw to, **Kennedy Powell** gets into position to pass the ball. Photo by Brianna Brown



During a timeout, the varsity team takes advice from **Coach Tamisha Houston** at Klein Oaj high school. Photo by Jasmine Ortiz



George H. W. Bush passed away on Nov. 30. His funeral was held at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and was then flown to Texas. A second service was held before the Bush 4141 - a train which was named in his honor - took his body to its final resting place at the George HW Bush presidential library in College Station.



On Dec. 1 more than 230 small earthquakes hit parts of Alaska when a 7.0-magnitude quake knocked out power, ripped open roads and splintered buildings near Anchorage. As people attempted to recover from the powerful earthquake the day before, aftershocks hit Alaska. Later in the day, it was reported that 47 roads and bridges were damaged.



The world’s first baby has been born using a uterus transplanted from a deceased donor, according to Brazilian doctors. The healthy baby girl was delivered last December to a 32-year-old woman who wasn’t born with a uterus. The mother used the uterus of a 45-year-old woman who had three previous children and died of a stroke. After seven months, doctors implanted an embryo made using in-vitro fertilization to spur the pregnancy.



Netflix will still be there for fans of the old TV series “Friends,” but maintaining the relationship will come at a steep price. The video streaming service paid \$100 million to keep showing “Friends” through 2019. That’s more than triple the \$30 million a year Netflix paid for the long-running series about six friends in New York.

Kendra Mitchell
Reporter

New Clubs on the Block

As the 2018 school year comes to a close and the 2019 year starts, there are many new clubs you can still join this year.

One of the things that all clubs have in common is that they allow their members to gain not only new skills, but it gives them a chance of being able to find new sides of them.

"I definitely gain confidence in myself, and my ability to converse with different people," **Jocelyn Hay** said.

A new club on campus this year is the American Sign Language club. They teach members how to hold up a conversation with each other by using only hand signs.

It was designed to help student to reach out and

learn a new language since there was no class made for it. The club is held every Wednesday in the library.

"Because It's just a fun language to learn, you can do so much with it, and by learning it you can help the deaf community," **Keleigh Cummings** said.

Another club that is held on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday which is the Better than Therapy book club.

"We help people have a gateway to where they could actually read, have fun, and enjoy the love of reading hence the name better then better then therapy," **Matthew Dearmore** said.

One of the other clubs held here is the bass fishing club which is a computation that allows

their members to team up and compete and gain life skills.

"We try to plan a career and get scholarships and get sponsorships," **Cole Vogel** said.

Another thing that they hope to achieve is that they will allow the students to be able to spend time together and get a sense of community together.

"I like the bass fishing club because it allows me to have entertainment and hang out with my friends," **Charles Sebesta** said.

As the new semester starts, there's still time to join one of the many clubs that are held throughout the week. More information can be found on the school website.



Learning new hand signs, members from American Sign Language club meet in the library after school. Photo by Brianna Brown



Playing UNO after school, the Better than Therapy book club socializes during a meeting. Photo by Danielle Quinlin

D'vontae Hughes
Reporter

Debate season is in and the team has high hopes for doing well this season. After hosting the Talent Show in November, the debate team is ready to focus on UIL competitions.

"I have high hopes for this season, the team is really good this year," **Danny Malik** said. "Everyone has been doing really well and constantly improving as we progress in learning better debate techniques."

This season debate also has high hopes to go out of state to represent the school and compete in national competitions. Last year some members traveled to Boston and Washington D.C. to compete in national competitions, and they are hoping to do the same again this year.

"We went to Corpus

Christi recently like last week and competed there and did pretty good so hopefully we can continue to do good so we can get chances to compete at better places," **Tre Burnette** said. "We also hope to go back to Harvard this year as well because last year we went and the trip was really good and fun for everyone."

Each individual student is assigned a case and a certain amount of time to prepare for the assigned case.

"Normally it varies to two weeks to a month but you should be spending all your time to figure out what your strongest arguments are," **Sabrina Hill** said.

There are many different unique kinds of events in debate that debate members compete in.

That's debatable

"There's Lincoln Douglas, LN, which is one person against one person, and the difference is they review definitions primarily, there's also theatre type ones like pro's and poetry you have to put a lot of emotion into it and you go before a single judge or a panel of judges and have a specific type of speaking for your poem that can be about anything from depression to stereotypical anything that is unique and creates a different picture about yourself and you got to get your point across," **Kerrigan Pounders** said.

Most recently, Debate hosted a scrimmage on campus after school this past Tuesday. Their next debate tournament is Dec. 7 and 8 at Tompkins high school.



Debate students practice in class before a scrimmage was held that weekend. Photo by Brianna Lujan



Working independently, debate members write their thoughts down before getting up in front of everyone to present their arguments. Photo by Brianna Lujan

Diana Martinez
Reporter

Technology in the classroom

The aspect of technology is to make life easier. There many different ways technology is used in the world.

Technology in education, for example, has affected learning and teaching in the classroom in diverse ways.

Many teachers take advantage of it for further educating, by incorporating new technological devices and the interweb in everyday learning.

“That access to the internet through different devices provides unlimited resources and also enhances learning by catering to all the different type of learning styles each individual student has,” Coach **Victor Trejo** said.

Every student has a diverse way of learning, because not every brain comprehends informations the same way.

Because of that the teachers use it as a handy gadget that will

benefit, both the student and the teacher, from such technological innovations.

“Technology provides a source for knowledge and ideas not obtaining in the common classroom, allowing students to reach beyond their natural capabilities,” **Jaelin Patten** said.

The internet is also a huge step for technological advancement, with many positive and negative outcomes.

“It’s easier for students to access necessary information for any class they need and any other essential task that would required internet for different types of class work,” Mrs. **Aimee Castillo** said.

Despite all the positivity it does negatively affect the youth in countless ways.

“You see all these online false advertising spokespeople and YouTubers, online making thousands of

dollars off of gullible children,” **Kayla Spencer** said.

“Tons of kids are getting lazier and lazier as years come. I mean why go to college when you can just exploit your life for thousands of dollars. Even having technology now you don’t really have to do your homework you can just look it up all online, on certain websites without the need to understand what is going on,” **Spencer** said.

Store pickups of online orders rose 73% compared with last year. Even the internet sales have surged 26% from last year. People are no longer having to leave their homes, because they have access to almost everything at the tip of their fingers.

“The next generation will not know how to socialize, go out and meet people, because technology will be doing it for them. Everything is just a huge downhill

except for the obesity rate,” **Spencer** said.

PROS

- It allows you to get instant feedback
- It endures more participation within classrooms
- The countless resources make learning more effective
- Fresh information that supplement the learning experience

CONS

- Can cause serious distraction within the learning environment
- Can cause disconnection between students and social interactions
- Can be taken advantage to cheat on class assignments
- Not all found information can be considered reliable

Diana Martinez
Reporter

’Twas the night before Christmas



Savannah Trice

“Last Christmas, my brothers and I were making an enormous Santa shaped cookie. Once we took it out of the oven, there was however no sign of Santa.

Just a huge blob. We tried fixing it as much as possible, until it slightly resembled a Santa shape. We then began to frost them, and for a quick moment we turned around to grab the sprinkles. But by the time we turned back around, my cat was jumping off the counter making me realize he had just pooped on the entire cookie.”



Diego Marquez

“The week before Christmas, my brother and I were beginning to set up the Christmas lights outside of our house. I was handing my brother the lights as he was standing on the roof clipping them up when suddenly I heard a loud noise. I look over and see that he is no longer on the roof. I look down and he was nowhere in sight. I look through the window of the house and see that he has landed on the presents underneath the tree when he fell down the chimney. He broke my brand new Xbox and his ankle. Tragic.”



Timothy Roman

“Two years ago, my family and I went to Puerto Rico for the holiday season. The way they celebrate Christmas is just like here in America. My family went on a boat tour, to a Santa meet & greet, but it seemed super sketchy. Considering we crossed two swamps and a small deserted island, I’m sure I drank a lot of water on the way there.

When we arrived to Santa’s set up, my mom made each individual family member sit on Santa’s lap for a picture. Suddenly it was my turn. I sat on his lap, but out of nowhere I felt a slight warmth on my pants and realized I had just peed on Santa’s lap.”



Leslie Gonzalez

“Last year was my first time going to take cute pictures on Santa’s lap. i was so nervous because i never had the chance to do this during my childhood. So long story short, i’m heading to the mall and there’s a HUGE line i was perplexed that there was so many people wanting to sit on a this imposters lap? It all seemed a bit unorthodox but oh well tis the season. Once it’s my turn. I was getting ready to sit on him when suddenly I hear Santa’s stomach was growling super loud and as i was about to sit down he threw up on me. My first and LAST time visiting sketchy Santa impersonators.”

Kaytee Jarvis
Editor-in-Chief

Gone but not Forgotten

Before Thanksgiving break let out, soccer coach and beloved math teacher Mr. Victor Trejo left to pursue a career in data analysis.

“I’ve been working last year to get my master’s in data analytics and I want to work in the industry checking to see what my degree is all about,” Trejo said.

A successful business sought Trejo out for the job, and gave him an offer he simply could not refuse.

“I got a career as a research data analyst. I’ll be working at a company called ‘Yes Prep,’ overseeing 18 high schools.”

Trejo will be missed by his soccer players, students, fellow teachers and

administrators.

“Mr. Trejo always explained things in a simple, easy way that I could understand, even though I was terrible at math,” Savannah Trice said. “He was patient with all his students



as long as they were actually putting in effort. He cared about all of his classes and was fun and interactive with us while also being an amazing teacher.”

Trejo left a lasting impression on several students, athletes, teachers and

administrators.

“There was a day that I was super down and he pulled me out of class and of course I thought that I was in trouble,” Abby Reyes said. “But he just told me that there was always a light at the end of the tunnel, and that I would get through my tough time.”

Trejo said that he will miss his students the most and he has a message that he would like to leave his students.

“Don’t forget all the good times we had or the advice I gave you,” Trejo said. “Just have fun and know that there’s people that care about you and will help you succeed. And to the teacher that comes after me, make sure you love all my kids because that’s all I ever did.”

INS & OUTS	
Peppermint Mochas	Pumpkin Spiced Lattes
Christmas shopping	Black Friday/ Cyber Monday
Hoodies & letter jackets	Light Sweaters & shorts
Hallmark movies	Horror movies
Hot Chocolate	Chocolate milk
Mince Pie	Pumpkin Pie
Ice skating	Roller skating
Christmas tree farms	Pumpkin patches
Boots	Sandals
Fireplaces	Beaches
Giving	Receiving
Indoor hangouts	Outdoor hangouts

Holiday Gift Guide

Don't know what to get the loved ones in your life for Christmas?

Mom

Robe
Candles
Homemade coupon book
Photo book/album
Spa gift card
Personalized gifts

Dad

Fuzzy mirror dice
Yeti travel mug
Car cleaning kit
A watch
BBQ set
Moccasins

Grandpa

Pocket Knife
Coffee mug
Goodie basket
Magazine subscription
House shoes
A watch
Photo book

Grandma

Slippers/fuzzy socks
Home made scrapbook
Massage gift card
Blanket
Kitchenware

Sister

Magazine subscription
DIY craft kit
Scrunchies
iTunes gift card
Makeup
Dolls/age-appropriate toy

Brother

Video game
Nerf gun
Build your own robot kit
Speakers
Caps
Clothes
Games

Girlfriend

Photobook
Jewelry
Manicure kit
Makeup
Vanity mirror
Gift cards
Stuffed animal

Boyfriend

A watch
Sunglasses
Travel kit
Digital alarm clock
Wallet
Hats

Friend

Candy
Gift cards
Fuzzy socks
Hoodies
Jewelry
Concert tickets
Wallet/purse

Winter Wonders

What is your favorite part of the Christmas season?

“The weather outside is delightful.”

~ Juanna James

“My favorite part is the music and the Christmas vibes.”

~Chasity Walker

“The best part of Christmas is the food my mom makes.”

~ Cartavius Goudeau

“Presents, presents, and more presents! Plus the day after Christmas is my birthday.”

~ Blanca Fuentes

“Sometimes it snows. Plus Christmas break means we don’t have school.” ~ Richard Warren

“I love winter

because it’s hoodie weather. Also the Christmas lights and decorations.”

~ Jesse Lock

“My favorite part is hanging out with family and the cold weather.”

~ Abby Reyes

“It’s cold but that means that I can wear my hoodies.”

~ Diego Marquez

“My favorite part is the presents.”

~ Kayla Spencer

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Friday, December 14th
[7th EXAM]

1 st Period	7:16 – 7:54
2 nd Period	8:01 – 8:37
3 rd Period	8:44 – 9:21
4 th Period	9:28 – 10:05
6 th Period	10:12 – 10:50
5 th Period	10:57 – 12:29

A Lunch	10:50 – 11:20
Class	11:20 – 12:28
Class	10:57 – 11:14
B Lunch	11:14 – 11:44
Class	11:44 – 12:28
Class	10:57 – 11:41
C Lunch	11:41 – 12:11
Class	12:11 – 12:28
Class	10:57 – 12:05
D Lunch	12:05 – 12:35

7th Period (EXAM) 12:35 – 2:35

Monday, December 17th

1 st Period (EXAM)	7:16 – 9:08
2 nd Period (EXAM)	9:15 – 11:25

Tuesday, December 18th

3 rd Period (EXAM)	7:16 – 9:08
4 th Period (EXAM)	9:15 – 11:25

Wednesday, December 19th

5 th Period (EXAM)	7:16 – 9:08
6 th Period (EXAM)	9:15 – 11:25

CHS FLARE PRESENTS

Christmas DOOR DEOCRATING Contest

December 3rd – December 12th

Winners announced December 11th

Top 3 classes receive hot chocolate and donuts!

Email kgold@conroeisd.net to be entered into the contest

The Fun Page



Christmas Decorating

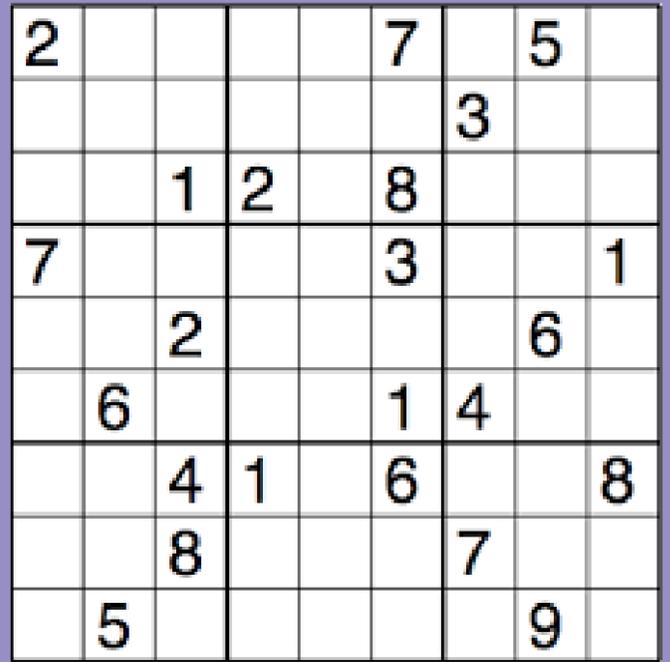
ACROSS

- 1. Used to wrap a present
- 4. Decoration for a banister
- 7. Striped and sweet
- 9. Used to open a walnut
- 10. Door decoration
- 11. Many times these are strung together
- 13. Glitter for the tree



DOWN

- 2. Decorative spheres
- 3. Another word for decorations
- 5. Christmas tree fruit
- 6. Might light the dinner table
- 7. Place where greetings are found
- 8. Hung by the chimney
- 12. Might be cedar, fir or pine



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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| CANDYCANE | SEASON | GIFT | MISTLETOE |
| CARDS | SLEIGH | GIVING | NOEL |
| CELEBRATE | STOCKING | GREETINGS | NORTHPOLE |
| CHIMNEY | TREE | HOLIDAY | REINDEER |
| CHRISTMAS | WREATH | JOLLY | |



MONTHLY EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7 StuCo Adopt-A-Child gifts due to Tiger Den Debate @ Tompkins HS 4:00 PM Girls bball vs Klein Cain (teacher night) 4:00 PM Boys bball @ Klein Cain	8 6:00 AM Orchestra Booster Club breakfast Debate @ Tompkins HS Swim - JV Districts @ Natatorium 9:00 AM Wrestling Tournament at CHS 9 Christmas Parade
9	10 2:35 PM NHS meeting in LGI 3:00 PM ASHP Christmas Party - cafeteria 7:00 PM Fall Dance Show - Auditorium	11 7:00 AM Junior Ring Ceremony in Auditorium letter jacket distribution 3:00 PM Band Social - cafeteria 4:00 PM Girls bball @ Kleir 6:00 PM Swim @ Klein Cair 6:30 PM FFA Meeting in Rotunda	12 6:30 AM FCS Meeting in CCC 11:00 MPF in CCC Chili Cookoff in LGI 2:45 PM Interact Club Meeting in Cafeteria 3:00 PM Leo Club Meeting in LGI	13 6:30 AM FCA Meeting in CCC Boys bball @ Grand Oaks Tournament 6:00 PM JV Wrestling meet in Porter 7:00 PM Band Concert in Auditorium	14 Boys bball @ Grand Oaks Tournament 12:00 PM Cheer Christmas Party - LGI 4:00 PM Girls bball vs. Grand Oaks **7th period final**	15 Boys bball @ Grand Oaks Tournament
16	17 4:00 PM Girls bball vs. TWHS 4:00 PM Boys bball @ TWHS **1st and 2nd final & early release**	18 1:30 PM Faculty Meeting in LGI **3rd and 4th final & early release**	19 **5th and 6th final & early release**	20 4:00 PM Girls bball @ Klein Collins 4:00 PM Boys bball vs. Klein Collins	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 2:00 PM Girls soccer tri-scrimmage - Aux field 9:00 AM Boys soccer @ Cy-Lakes Christmas Classic - gyms	29 Christmas Classic - gyms

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