

# R.E.A.C.H. High School

## News

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Institute Speaker  
January 16th

Student Holiday/Teacher  
Work Day  
January 19th

Attendance Bowling Party  
January 23rd

Saturday School  
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
January 24th

Lincoln Tech Speaker  
January 30th

Graduation/7:00 p.m.  
January 30th



Wanda Mitchell  
Principal

## Note from the Principal's Office

As we end the semester, we are very excited about our January 30th graduation. So far, Diane G., Allie H., Ashlee L., and Melinda M. have completed all of the credits for graduation and will participate in the ceremony. The excitement will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the A.V. Cato Multi-Purpose Building and we would love to see you there.

The students have been working hard and are making amazing progress as we end the semester. As you know, there have been some positive changes around REACH in regard to student expectations as to when classes should be completed. Students have been working very hard to complete 18 weeks worth of work in 12 weeks, and have been willing to stay after school in addition to attending Saturday school in order to meet the tighter deadlines. Their hard work is definitely paying off, as twice as many credits have been completed for this year in comparison to last year during the first semester. Thanks, also, for getting your student to school each day and on time. Clearly, this also is a major factor in the increased success of the students this year. Great job!!

*Wanda Mitchell*

## School Board Appreciation Month

January is School Board Recognition Month. Our children benefit every day from the dedication and commitment to public education by our Trustees. CISD is very proud and fortunate to have such an incredible group of dedicated individuals.

On Thursday, January 7th, REACH honored Bill Seybold with a very special luncheon, prepared by Seth H. and Rey L. under the supervision of Mrs. Underbrink. Lacey T. and Brandy W. assisted in serving. In addition, Mr. Seybold was presented with an appreciation banner which was signed by the staff and the students as well as a gift basket.

Be sure to let Dr. Bob Mullen, President; David Holder, Vice President; Mary Lou Martinez, Secretary; Doug Lee, Member; Tracy Gallman, Member; and W. E. "Bill" Seybold, Member, know how much they are appreciated during this month of recognition.

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**The Mission of Castleberry ISD is to graduate all students as lifelong learners who will excel in our changing world and competitive workplace.**

## Counselor's Corner

Another semester's end is fast approaching in most high schools in the area. However, that is not the end of learning at REACH High School. One of the tremendous benefits of a time schedule and curriculum built around the individual student's needs is that a student can complete many classes ahead of schedule or follow up in the following semester. Students who finish far ahead of schedule are rewarded by being allowed to begin a second class and therefore getting ahead of their goals. Students who need more time are not penalized by being given a failing grade just because the present class demands more time than the traditional 18 weeks.

Later this month, REACH High School will be graduating successful, energized, radiant and goal oriented students. Most students have already been accepted at Tarrant County and other area colleges. Money will not be an obstacle to their college education because they have learned how government and scholarships can assist them. They already have life goals set for themselves. At least five of our students this year may be your nurses in the future. So be kind to them. At REACH High School, students build networks and relationships with each other and their teachers which will be a support for them in the years ahead. As a counselor, I am so blessed to have been a small part of their academic lives.

*Dr. Homer Cole*

## District News

### Castleberry ISD Nominations for the Gifted and Talented Program

Nominations for the identification of Gifted and Talented students will be underway between January 12 and January 28, 2009.

If you have a student who is currently in grades K-11 and feel he/she may qualify for the Gifted and Talented program, you may nominate him/her by picking up a parent nomination packet from the counselor at your child's school.

Once the nomination packet is received additional information such as teacher observation surveys, state testing information, as well as samples of student work may be used to determine eligibility. Beginning in late February, all eligible students will be given individual assessments that will include a creativity test and an age appropriate IQ test. Parents will be notified of results following all assessments.

All nomination packets must be filled out and returned to the school counselor by Wednesday, January 28, 2009. For more information contact Dr. Cole at (817) 252-2090.

### For more information about Castleberry ISD

- Explore our Webpage: [www.castleberryisd.net](http://www.castleberryisd.net)
- Watch **Charter Cable Channel 30** in the River Oaks and Sansom Park Areas.
- Call **817-252-2000** and choose **Option 8** for weekly events.

### Schedule of Events

- Your school's calendar, as well as a district-wide calendar, are available on our website.
- From our home page, choose "schools," then your school, then "School Calendar."

### Family Access

- CISD parents can now go online and view their student's grades, health records, attendance, and much more.
- Sign up for Skyward Parent Access today by calling 817-252-2023.

### Volunteers

- From our home page, choose "Volunteer Program."
- You can print out a volunteer application and turn it in to your school secretary.

### School Board Meetings

- A summary of each Board meeting is available on our website.
- From the home page, choose "Board of Trustees."