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Oversee New School Plans

Growth projections and facility expansion make long range plans a necessity. We are fortunate to have a school board that is steady to the course, always putting children first, in their path to resolutions. We thank them for overseeing the new school building plans as well as their tireless efforts to improve and meet the educational needs of CISD.

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Dedicated to Excellence in Student Achievement

This newsletter is written and distributed for the parents and patrons of the Celeste Independent School District. Blue Devil Link uses Associated Press style and focuses on student and teacher achievements. Comments, questions, concerns and suggestions may be directed to the superintendent, Collin Clark, at the CISD Administration Bldg., or to Nancy Longino at longino@celesteisd.org. Please remember that space is limited, therefore we may or may not be able to share your ideas. The Celeste Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

Upcoming Events

8th Grade Graduation Ceremonies
 Thursday May 29, 2008
 6:30 p.m. CHS Gymnasium

 H.S. Baccalaureate
 Sunday May 25, 2008
 2:00 p.m. First Baptist Church

 H.S. Graduation Ceremonies
 Friday May 30, 2008
 8:00 p.m. CHS Gymnasium

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Linking Education and Community

"At the desk where I sit, I have learned one great truth. The answer for all our national problems - the answer for all the problems of the world - come to a single word. That word is "education." - Lyndon B. Johnson

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Texas Monthly Magazine Includes CJHS as a Top Performing School



Texas Monthly Magazine has given its coveted stamp of approval (actually it's an orange stamp that says "THE BEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS") on its distinguished list of the top public schools in Texas, and once again Celeste Independent School District has the honor of sharing print page space with the likes of Highland Park, and Coppell school districts. The magazine article presented the higher-performing schools ranked according to the number of subjects (such as reading, writing, math, science, and social studies) in which they excel. The National Center for Educational Accountability (formerly Just for the Kids), which analyzed student test results for the past three years as the basis for this year's ranking, partnered with Texas Monthly

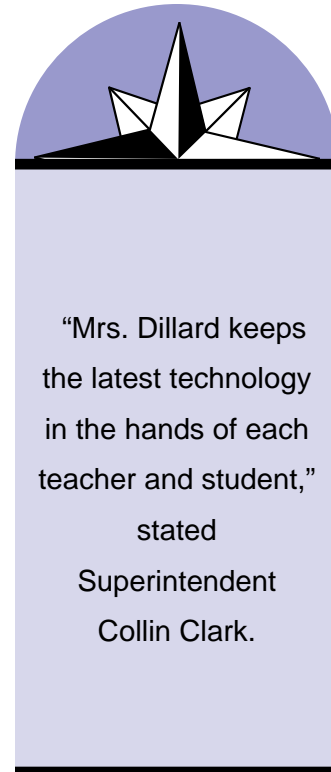
to provide the results for the general public. Celeste Jr. High School was listed in the category for schools that performed better, across all grades, on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test than did their counterparts at other schools around the state. Also noted was the fact their students' improvement on the TAKS test was higher than predicted by their previous test scores. Texas Monthly Magazine is a high-profile magazine read by many Texans wanting to know where the best eateries are in the area, as well as by many people wishing to relocate to Texas. Knowing where the best schools are is a high priority piece of information – valuable to both prospective homeowners and realtors.


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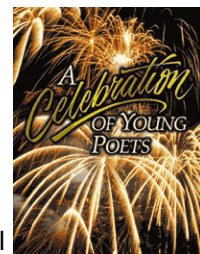


Celeste Librarian Chosen for TCEA Educator Award

Celeste Public Schools' Librarian / Media Specialist, Mrs. Julie Dillard, has been chosen as "Librarian of the Year" by the Texas Computer Education Association. She had been selected earlier in the month as a finalist in the top three categories out of many qualified nominees submitted. The Librarian of the Year Award is given to a Texas certified librarian who actively promotes the integration of technology in the Library Media Center and works collaboratively with administrators, teachers and students to promote and support the integration of technology throughout the curriculum. "Mrs. Dillard keeps the latest technology in the hands of each teacher and student," stated Superintendent Collin Clark. Mrs. Jessica Stenbridge, a Technology Teacher at Celeste High School, nominated Mrs. Dillard. She was commended in a written description submitted to the committee, highlighting her dedication to both the students and the teachers of all three Celeste campuses. Her willingness to go above and beyond the job requirements, as well as her ability to incorporate technology opportunities at CISD campuses has earned her tremendous respect and admiration from her peers, as well as the students who visit her libraries. Mrs. Dillard was awarded the title at an awards ceremony in Austin on February 5th at the Texas Computer Education Association State Convention in a private awards ceremony.



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CHS Student to be Published in Anthology of Poets Book

Sophomore student at Celeste High School, Amber Stenbridge, has received the honor of having an original poem published in the anthology A Celebration of Young Poets. Each year English teacher, Dr. Suzanne Sorrells, searches for that gifted student writer who can compose a poem worthy of submission to the Creative Communication writing contest in Logan, Utah. This year there were thousands of entries in this contest and not every entry is invited to be published. It is considered an honor to be chosen for the anthology and makes a strong statement about both the student as well as the classroom teacher submitting the piece for competition.

"It is an excellent tool for motivation and stimulates an appreciation for poetry. It has proven to be a self-esteem booster for the chosen students and stirs a sense of energy hard to generate from everyday regular instruction in the classroom" said Dr. Suzanne Sorrells.

Amber's poem will now be entered into the final Top Ten winner's category for possible awarded prize money and scholarship money from the contest.

CISD strives to be a family oriented school district of learners in which all members use their minds well. We engage our students with challenging academics and the unique resources of constantly changing technology, enhanced by great teachers and staff members. It is our goal to be instrumental in guiding our students to become active citizens and responsible stewards of our world. We strive to develop them into self-directed and life long leaders by working together, as a team, with our community.



Celeste High School will graduate thirty-nine class members this year, each with a personality of their own, along with great potential to succeed in life. The teachers and staff at CISD have enjoyed the journey with these students and wish them much success in their bright futures. We would like to offer these words of advice : *The paths of life are infinite and the results uncertain, but we encourage each of you to create the highest, grandest vision possible for your life because you become what you believe.*

Good Luck Seniors - We honor you.

CHS Class of 2008

Jimmy Wayne Alderson
 Angelia DeAnn Bates
 Madison Elaine Cantu
 Dane Alexander Cawthon
 Rebecca Jean Claxton
 David Carson Cotton
 Colton Alan Darter
 Karen Michelle Davis
 Meaghan Lynn Marie Esser
 Evan Stoker Etheridge
 Jenene Hillary Ann Evans
 Cheri Delynn Freeman
 Emily Michelle Giles
 William Justin Glenday
 Andrew Colin Hackler
 Harrison Parker Hayes
 Courtney Jenee' Jones
 Faith Danee Ketner
 Merissa O.C. King

Jacob Taylor Morman
 Brandon Michael Mott
 Clinton Matthew Mott
 Rachel Orenda Murphy
 Mandy Faye Nixon Tadlock
 Choice Alexander Orr
 Kyle Jordan Ortiz
 Steven Bradley Reisor, Jr.
 Micheal Shane Roberts
 Allen Louis Roby
 Kaylon Laray Sephus
 Crystal Nicole Spence
 Trey Walker Trentham
 Brittany Darlene Walsh
 Anthony Ray Stefanik Warren
 Derick Tyler Welch
 Zachary Ryan Willeford
 Russell Geordon Winters
 Dawn Michelle Workman
 Christopher Lee Wright

Commencement Ceremonies

Friday May 30, 2008

Celeste High School Gymnasium 8:00 p.m.