

High School SADD

The membership kick-off for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) started on September 11, 2009. SADD is an all-inclusive organization of student leaders concerned about their peers and their community. The SADD mission simply stated --- To provide students with the best prevention and intervention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving and other destructive decisions. In addition to the membership drive, the group will be electing officers. SADD projects for September will be Suicide Prevention Week (week of Sept. 21st) and Think About It...Friendship (Sept. 30th-Oct. 1st). Plans for October will center on Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23rd -31st) and Domestic (Dating) Violence Awareness Week. The TBHS chapter sponsor is Suzan Henderson.

FFA

The FFA held the first District VI meeting here at Tom Bean on Tuesday the 8th, there were 63 students in attendance throughout the district. Saturday the 12th, 11 freshmen (Greenhands) went to the Area V Greenhand Camp in Krum, Texas. Our first chapter meeting is Sept. 15th at 7:30. Members are urged to attend and participate in as many activities as possible. In return, at the end of the year the Chapter Officer will have Ag Olympics at the barn. The event is scheduled for May 7, 2010. At the end of the month members will be taking animals to the State Fair of Texas to participate in the shows. Good Luck! Our Annual Meat, Fruit and Cookie sales will begin on October 1, 2009. Please contact the Ag department or a member to place an order.

FCCLA

Tom Bean FCCLA is off to a great start! We finished last year by raising \$500 for the Share Our Strength - Feed the Children national campaign. These funds will be returned to area food banks and entities who help feed needy families. We had great participation from the community, and especially the elementary school - THANKS!!

This year's FCCLA will have an exciting opportunity early in the year - we will visit the Free Enterprise Institute at the Dr. Pepper museum in Waco on Sept. 18. This trip includes a tour of the museum, as well as the opportunity to create our own soda flavors. We will then name our beverage, label it, and write and perform an original commercial. This is a fun trip and a great kick-off to our year.

On October 6, some FCCLA members will travel to Paris, Texas to attend a student-led Leadership Workshop.

Officer elections are upcoming and plans are being made for Community Service and Focus on Children projects.

Sharin Stephens

Technology Updates

We at Tom Bean ISD are proud to announce that we will be offering a new Parent Portal to students and families. This parent portal will allow you and your student to keep up with grades and assignments. We are no longer using K12 Planet. However, we are still in the process of getting everything set up for the new parent portal. We feel that you will be very happy with the new product.

Once we are ready to go online, we will let you know.

In addition to our new Parent Portal we have installed a new gradebook and Student Information System. While the conversion has been challenging we are getting through it and are excited about the new system.

We are also in the process of increasing our Internet bandwidth. This will allow us to have faster Internet access and allow students and faculty more options when using the Internet.

Thank you,
Cheryl Jones
District Technology Director
Tom Bean ISD

Yearbook Update

We still have ONE 2009 Yearbook left in the vaults, which can be yours for the price of \$45. Act now before your final chance to own a 2009 yearbook is gone!

Brag buttons for high school Volleyball will soon be on sale, along with middle school volleyball and football; the high school football and band brag buttons have already been sold but can still be ordered. Return order forms to the high school office.

Make sure to show off your student by purchasing a brag button to wear to their games!

On August 27, everyone in the district had their fall portraits taken; these are the pictures that everyone sees in the yearbook. If your student was not at school this day, make sure to have them

dressed their best on October 7 for the picture retake day.

Senior Parents!

The yearbook staff will also begin selling senior ads soon. This is your opportunity to congratulate your graduating senior with pictures and a special senior message or wish in their senior yearbook. So start searching for your favorite pictures of your favorite senior.

Sports pictures for high school and middle school volleyball, and middle school football will be taken soon. Watching for the order forms coming home.

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“Counselor’s Corner”

IMPORTANT STUFF TO KNOW:

Senior Parent Night will be held **Thursday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m.** in the high school cafeteria. Anyone interested in finding out about applying for colleges and scholarships should attend this important meeting. Representatives from Grayson County College will be on hand to answer your questions.

CLASS RANKING AND G.P.A.

An updated transcript with new class ranking is now available. You must complete a “**Transcript Request Form**” (in front office or magazine rack) in order to receive an updated transcript. Senior class rank and G.P.A. will be calculated again at the end of the 5th six-weeks for graduation and class ranking purposes.

Final senior class ranking and G.P.A. will not be calculated until after the end of the spring semester. This is the information that will be sent to the college on your final transcript. Make those last six-weeks grades count!!!

A LITTLE ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Community Service is anything that you do to volunteer to give back to your community without being paid for it.

Most scholarships ask you about your community service or volunteer hours. There are several organizations in the community where you may be able to help out. For example, cleaning yards for the elderly, visit a nursing home, baby-sitting, helping with Habitat for Humanity, making cards for a children’s hospital, or helping with the Special Olympics. If you need help finding a place to donate your time, please see Mrs. Royal. You may also visit www.volunteermatch.org for other resources. Community Service tracking forms are available on the high school website or in the magazine racks outside the counselor’s office.

Visit the high school counselor website for the latest and up to date information at www.tombean-isd.org – click on the High School Link!!!

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Updated scholarship lists are in the magazine racks and posted on the Tom Bean High School website at www.tombean-isd.org. They are also e-

mailed to parents/students if you have signed up for the “On the Road to Success” list. Sign up today!!!

Scholarships are added to the list as they come in to the office. Don’t miss out on FREE money for college by not filling out any applications. If you need help, please stop by and see Mrs. Royal. If you’d like to hear your name called out at graduation for scholarship awards, you *MUST* complete the applications first!

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept. 21st – Senior Parent Meeting at high school

Sept. 22nd - Nighttime college fair at Sherman High School-parents encouraged to attend!!!

April 16th – Prom at Southfork Ranch

A word from Mrs. Getrum...

The AP Calculus class is off to a fabulous start! If parents would like to check out the AP Calculus Home Page they should go to http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub_calab.html

MISC KNOWLEDGE TO HAVE:

TEXAS COMMON APPLICATION

By using the Common Application, you can complete one application to apply to as many Texas public universities as you wish. You should always keep the original

application and send copies to the admissions office of the universities, along with the application fee (if any), a transcript (which you request from Mrs. Rogers), and an essay (required by some of the colleges).
www.applytexas.org

There is also a Common Application for private universities, including Austin College, SMU, Southwestern, TCU, Rice, and Tulane (and others). Apply online at
www.commonapp.org

TOP 10% AUTOMATIC ADMISSION

The Top 10% rule applies to all public Texas universities. If you are in the top 10% of your graduating class, then you have automatic admission to any public Texas university.

HOWEVER, you must still meet all application deadlines and requirements, take the ACT or SAT, and pay the application fee (if applicable). Check individual colleges for restrictions.

For more information visit
www.collegeforalltexas.com or contact the Texas Financial Aid Information Center at 1-888-311-8881.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Any student athlete who has a possibility of receiving a Division I or II athletic scholarship must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at
www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Note to all Males

Please remember that it is the law that you register with Selective Service within 30 days of your 18th birthday. If you do not, you will not be able to receive any federal grants for college. You can register as early as when you turn 17 years and 3 months. It's as easy as going online at

www.sss.gov

FINANCIAL AID:

<http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/>: The FAFSA Forecaster will allow students to submit current income information to determine the type of federal aid for which they may qualify. This is a great tool! Newsletter September 2009 for students to use now to assist in planning for paying for college.

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. THE form required to begin the financial aid process. Students may apply on FAFSA beginning January 1, 2010 for college admission in the fall of 2010.

<http://www.finaid.org/>: FREE comprehensive guide to student financial aid.

<http://fastweb.monster.com/>: FREE scholarship and college search that can be saved and updated.

<http://www.scholarships.com/>: FREE scholarship search.

<http://www.meritaid.com/>: FREE school-based scholarship search.