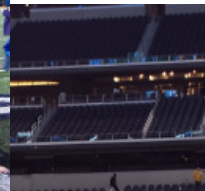


Football Recap:

Congratulations to our FHS Varsity Football. We are area champs for the third year in a row. Our Football team is one of three in the whole state to make it to the 3rd round of the playoffs three years in a row at the 4A level. FHS Varsity Football finished the year 9-4. Way to Go Raccoons!



Alma Hernandez:

by *Aris Hernandez, Journalism I*

Thirteen years ago, a college degree was a dream to current Frisco High School ESOL teacher Alma Hernandez. Good grades, hard work, a support system, and a couple of scholarships from the Frisco Education Foundation helped make her dream a reality. Mrs. Hernandez, a 2000 Frisco High graduate, focused on her extracurricular activities such as Color Guard, Choir, Spanish Club, and participated in Shattered Dreams. On scholarship night, she was awarded two Frisco Education Foundation Scholarships. After high school she attended Collin County Community College for two years, but then dropped out of school

due to the lack of funds. However, she refused to quit on her dream. She applied for a position as an aide as another way of becoming an ESL teacher. She first worked at Centennial High School and then, at Staley Middle School. While working as a teacher aide, she also enrolled herself back into college and worked twice as hard to reach her dream, she said being a teacher's aide "helped her tremendously." Mrs. Hernandez still continued working in the district, while attending Texas Woman's University, and she was hired in 2012 to teach at her alma mater. Applications for Frisco Education Foundation scholarships are being

accepted by the Foundation until 5 p.m. December 20. In 2013, the foundation awarded more than 700 FISSD students more than \$600,000 in scholarships. For more information about the scholarship application, please go to <http://www.friscoisd.org/ly/community/FEF/>. Even now, FEF helps Mrs. Hernandez as she gives back to the community. For the second year, she has been honored as a recipient of a "Grants for Great Ideas" award. This award is to help her fund the Frisco's Family Tutoring Program. She was the only high school award recipient.

Attendance Rules:

Attention All Students: State Law states that all students must be in attendance at least 90% of the time in order to get credit for a class. Due to our block scheduling, any student who has missed 4 or more classes may lose credit unless attendance hours are made up. These absences include unexcused and excused absences. Students who are in need of hours must see their assistant principal as soon as possible to arrange to make up hours. Hours must be completed by Friday, December 20 in order to receive credit in any class with 4 or more absences

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 16th:** Wear your College Shirts and Jeans
- Dec. 17th:** Library Books are due!
- Dec. 19th:** Jr Ring Honor Ceremony
- Dec. 19th:** Last day to request VOE's before the break!
- Dec. 20th:** **FEF Scholarship Applications Due @ 5:00PM**
- Dec. 20th:** Jostens will deliver class rings during all lunches.
- Dec. 20th:** End of the first semester
- Dec. 23rd - 4th:** **NO SCHOOLS** Winter Break
- Jan. 6th:** Spring Dual Credit registration ends @ 4:30 PM

HOSA Medical Drive:

by Claire Wilson, Journalism I

A medical-supply drive supporting North Texas Cares will be held by HOSA December 3rd through December 20th. Students will bring needed supplies, including bandages, antibacterial soap, and diapers, to their 2A classes. The most essential items are first aid supplies and baby care items. The class that collects the most items per student will win a pizza party. North Texas Cares is a non-profit clinic

that provides medical care for children and adults in Collin and Denton counties. The entire staff, including two pediatricians and a family practice doctor, is made up of volunteers. Because of this, they have a small budget and rely on donations for most of their supplies. HOSA members volunteer in the clinic, helping with clerical tasks and patient information. "It is a great way to help out the community, get a

little experience, and get some volunteer hours," HOSA sponsor Dr. Jan Swanson said.

Items Needed:

Saline Nasal Spray
Antibacterial Hand Soap and Sanitizer
Bandages
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Facial Tissues
Alcohol Prep Pads
Personal Care Items :
[Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Soap]
Pedialyte (Worth 2 points)
Adhesive Medical Tape
Baby Care Items such as Diapers (worth 10) & Baby Wipes
Vinyl Gloves (Worth 2 points)

Treats for Troops:

National Honor Society students asked for letters to send our FHS Alumni serving in the armed forces. With donations from NHS students, they packed 20 care packages. Four care packages were mailed for each of the five different soldiers on their mailing list for this year.

The care packages were mailed along with lots of letters written to our soldiers by our student body volunteers. After the care packages were done, there was even enough donations left over to make a donation to Frisco Family Services as well. Way to go Raccoons!



NHS Students, photo provided by Ms. Gates

FISD Swimming and Diving Invitational:

Congratulations to the girls and boys swimmers and divers. Frisco won both divisions at the FISD Swimming and Diving Invitational held over the Thanksgiving break. Frisco's girls totaled 574 points, well ahead of the 2nd place team and the boys totaled 406 points, 87 points ahead of the 2nd place team. Over 20 teams competed in the competition. Ashleigh Dehls won the girls' diving event and set a new school record. Others who won 1st in one or more events included Allie Massman, Rylee Lin, Hailey Jenkins, April McDonough, Alex

Kim, Courtney Nelson, Vivian Pham, Hannah Massman, and Lauren Lin. Placing 2nd or 3rd in one or more events also included Ben Lowry, Tommy Peterson, Trent Sandwisch, Andrew Inoue, Joey Belair, Andrei Prunoiu, David Smith, Thomas Lauerman, April McDonough, Allie Massman, Courtney Nelson, Hailey Jenkins, Bethany Crocker, Rylee Lin, Alex Kim, Hannah Massman, Vivian Pham, and Lauren Lin. The girls remain undefeated in 4-A competition.

Choir Area Competition:

Senior, Ellora Lattin competed in Choir Pre-Area on November 14 and was the first female at FHS to EVER be selected to advance to Choir Area Competition. She earned 3rd chair out of many talented Soprano 1's. Area Competition will take place in early January and is the final round of competition to earn a place in the prestigious Texas All-State Choir. These competitions are extremely competitive, so this is a huge honor for her. Ellora began her preparation this summer by attending a Texas All-State Choir Camp and has spent countless hours in practice since then preparing for this competition. Way to go Ellora.