



VHS Girls Choir to Perform at Prestigious Conventions

The Vandegrift High School girls choir has been invited to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention. The choir was selected through a rigorous process and will perform in February in San Antonio for thousands of music educators. Additionally, the VHS girls choir has been invited to perform at the Southwestern Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in March in Kansas City, Missouri. Congratulations to this exceptional group of choir students and their director, Michael Feris!

Community Partners Distribute Thousands of Backpacks

LISD would like to say thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who worked hard to make Backpack Attack a success! More than 3,600 new backpacks stuffed with school supplies were distributed to students on Saturday, Aug. 8. Volunteers provided games, books, resources and other goodies to help get the school year started. If you or someone you know needs assistance purchasing school supplies, please contact your child's campus or call 512-570-0000.



RHS Students Place at State Latin Competition

Rouse High School students Hayleigh Bardin and Glen Smith participated in the National Junior Classical League Competition in San Antonio at Trinity University with more than 1,500 other Latin students from all over America. Bardin, a state officer in the Texas Junior Classical League, organized a spirit rally for the state delegation. Smith placed 7th in Dramatic Interpretation, 8th in Costume Contest and 10th with

the RHS Latin Club scrapbook. The NJCL is the second largest youth organization in the USA with more than 45,000 members.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

Monday, Aug. 24 is the First Day of School.

General Information

- [LISD School Information](#)
- [Are you new to LISD?](#)
- [txConnect Parent Portal](#)
- [Free and Reduced Meal applications](#)

Helpful Parent Information

- [Dress Code](#)
- [Meal prices](#)
- [After-school care](#)
- [Immunization Information](#)

Important Back-to-School Events

- **Elementary Open House** – Aug. 20
Student last names: A-M at 5:30-6:15 p.m.; N-Z at 6:15-7 p.m.
- **Seventh and Eighth Grade Open House** – Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m
- **High School Open House** – Aug. 31, 6 p.m.

Visit Leander ISD's [back-to-school page](#) for more information.

LISD Calendar Available at Online

[Download the 2015-16 Leander ISD calendar.](#) Remember to plan family trips during school holidays and make sure your child is present and ready to learn every day, unless your child is sick. Attendance is the key to student success!



Summer Assignments for Middle and High School Students

The purpose of summer assignments is to continue skill practice and to develop necessary "habits of mind" beyond the school year. Summer assignments promote an early start to academic thinking and skill application while supporting common experiences that foster immediate instructional opportunities once students arrive on campus on August 24. [Summer assignments are posted here.](#)

Complete Your Child's First Day Packet Online

Parents can now complete their child's first-day packet forms and print forms through [txConnect](#). In the packet is the opportunity to fill out the following items:

- Updating student information
- Student health and allergy form
- Student residency questionnaire
- Student directory information
- Migrant survey
- Student code of conduct

Visit this [txConnect webpage](#) for help on setting up an account, or simply login to your txConnect account. If you have questions, please contact your campus registrar.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Public Meeting on 15-16 District Budget Scheduled

On Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015, at 6:15 p.m. the Leander ISD Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a public meeting on the 2015-16 Budget and Tax Rate at Support Services, located at 1900 Cougar Country, Cedar Park, TX 78613. For information about the 2015-16 Budget, visit the [Budget page](#).

Districtwide Educational Improvement Council (DWEIC) Seeking Reps for 2015-16

The Districtwide Educational Improvement Council (DWEIC) is seeking volunteers for 2015-16. This committee of parents, business and community members, teachers, principals and other district staff advises the Board in establishing and reviewing the district's educational goals, objectives, major districtwide classroom instructional programs, and to approve staff development of a districtwide nature. [Learn more...](#)

Site-Based Planning Committees Need You!

Each campus within Leander ISD has a Site-Based Planning Committee (SBPC). These committees are composed of district employees, community members, business representatives and parents. SBPC members provide input to the principal on a wide variety of subjects, with an aim of improving the achievement of all students. The committees address such areas as planning, curriculum, budgeting, staff development, staffing patterns and school organization. Elections for parent representatives are held every fall. Parents can only serve as a parent representative at the campus where they have a child attending school. If you would like to find out more information about the council, run for one of the parent seats or nominate someone for one of the seats, please call the campus your student attends no later than Friday, Sept. 4.

Athletic Family Pass Available from Athletics Department

The Leander ISD Athletics Department is selling the "Family Pass," which will allow immediate family into all LISD regular season sporting events, with the exception of varsity football games. Family passes are \$80 each, with one pass issued per purchase. [Learn more](#) or purchase your tickets [here](#).



Elementary After-School Enrichment Classes Now Enrolling

The deadline to register for Session 1 of LISD's After-School Enrichment Program is Tuesday, September 8. Classes will take place on your child's campus immediately after school. The campus office will let your child's teacher know the location of the class they will be attending. [Sign up today!](#)

School Health Advisory Council Members Needed

Leander ISD has several openings for new members to join the 2015-16 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). LISD parents, community members or organizational representatives are needed to assist district and campus staff in guiding the district as it addresses areas such as nutrition, physical activity, social-emotional, environmental wellness and human sexuality. SHAC will meet seven times this year from 5:30-7 pm at the LISD Support Services Building (across from Running Brushy Middle School). The meeting dates are scheduled for Mondays: Sept. 21; Oct. 19; Nov. 16; Feb. 15; March 28; April 18; and May 16. If you are interested, please email the Asst. Director for Whole Student Initiatives, Ray Langlois, at ray.langlois@leanderisd.org.



SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

LISD Superintendent Bret Champion highlights transportation updates for the 2015-16 school year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August

20	Elementary Open House
24	First Day of School
27	LISD Board Meeting/Final Budget Amendment, Support Services 6:15 p.m.
27	Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Open House, 6:30 p.m.
31	High School Open House, 6 p.m.

September

2	Camacho Elementary Dedication, 6 p.m.
3	LISD Board Meeting, Support Services, 6:15 p.m.
7	Student/Staff Holiday
16	Early Release Day
17	LISD Board Meeting, Support Services, 6:15 p.m.
21	LISD Festival of Bands, 6:30 p.m.