



APPLAUSE

LISD Sends Four Marching Bands to the UIL State Marching Band Contest

Leander ISD's four class 5A bands placed first, second, third and fourth, advancing beyond the Area D UIL Marching Contest. Cedar Park High School, Leander High School, Vandegrift High School and Vista Ridge High School will compete in the State Marching Band Competition on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the San Antonio Alamodome. Congratulations to our awesome bands, and good luck at State!

VHS Teacher Lauded by Humanities Texas

At the school's homecoming pep rally Wednesday, Oct. 21, Vandegrift High School teacher Leslie Giesenschlag received the Award for Outstanding Early-Career Teaching from [Humanities Texas](#).



Leander ISD Archery Teams Score Bullseye at Tournament

The Four Points Middle School Archery Club hosted its first archery tournament Saturday, Oct. 24. More than 80 archers from across Texas competed at the event, with LISD represented by teams from FPMS and Vandegrift High School. FPMS swept the middle school division; Ruess Roloff (boys) and Corain Marneweck (girls) placed first, Gage Pankey (boys) and Katelyn Murphy (girls) placed second and Mickey Smith (boys) and Katie Wills (girls) placed third. VHS had a strong showing in the high school division; Sarah Barstow (girls) placed first,



Cheyenne Fryar (girls) placed second and Ashton Davis (boys) placed third. [More information is available here.](#)

Henry Middle School students say "Hats off to a Healthy Life without Drugs" during Red Ribbon Week.



RHS Student News Paper Honored by TAJE

The Rouse High School student newspaper, The Raider Rumbler, was named Best in Show at the Texas Association of Journalism Educators Fall Fiesta, Oct. 19. The paper won Best in Show in the small newspaper category for its homecoming issue. The RHS yearbook also won an award, taking third place in the small yearbook category.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

LISD's DI Teams Need Your Help!

This year, LISD has more than 90 Destination Imagination (DI) teams that hope to participate in the creative problem-solving competition, but they need your help. Each team must have two adult appraisers to participate. If you're interested in serving as an appraiser for a DI team, please contact your campus DI Coordinator/QUEST teacher or email sarah.hyde@leanderisd.org. The responsibilities of a DI appraiser are to attend a half-day morning training on Feb. 6 at Henry Middle School. At the training, you will have the opportunity to select what role you'd like to have at the DI tournament, either time keeper, door keeper, check-in desk or scoring judge. Then, you'll need to attend the DI Regional Tournament at Vista Ridge High School on March 5. For more information about DI, please visit the [LISD website](#).

Stopping the Flu is Up to You

The Department of State Health Services is urging everyone six months old and older to get vaccinated against the flu. It is particularly important for pregnant women, young children, older adults and people with chronic health conditions, because people in those groups are at a greater risk of severe complications if they do get the flu. The flu vaccine is now available. DSHS encourages people not to wait to protect themselves and their family and get vaccinated as soon as possible. [Read more...](#)



LISD Reminds Families that **Missing School Matters**

Student absenteeism is a concern for school districts statewide, including LISD. It is estimated that Central Texas students are absent 2.4 million days of school each year. All absences, whether excused or unexcused, are a lost opportunity to learn. Families can help reinforce the value of education by keeping a few things in mind:

- Don't make others sick. If your child is ill, he or she should stay home.
- Try to schedule appointments when they are least disruptive to learning.
- If your child must miss school for a medical appointment, get a note from his or her doctor.
- Use the LISD calendar, available at www.leanderisd.org, to plan trips and vacations to line up with school holidays.
- Remember that every absence is a lost opportunity to learn.
- Absences cost your child's school about \$40 per day (per absent student) in state funding.
- Make school a family priority.

CNS Seeking Part-time Employees

Leander ISD's Child Nutrition department is looking for part-time employees for school cafeterias. Come join the energetic CNS team as we work together to nourish tomorrow's leaders! This is a great opportunity to work during the hours your kids are in school.

Job responsibilities include:

- Assist in preparation of foods following established Food Service methods and recipes.
- Set up serving line, condiments, etc.
- Follow assigned clean-up schedule.
- Perform other kitchen duties as directed.
- Operate cash register during breakfast and lunch.

[View current job postings.](#)



COLLEGE AND CAREER INFORMATION

Earn College Hours through ACC

Austin Community College's spring semester registration opens in early November for returning and new students. If you are interested in earning college credit while in high school, contact your campus Transition Coordinator for details.

Application Deadlines Coming Soon!

Don't forget to check deadlines for college applications! The first deadline for state universities is Dec. 1 for both UT-Austin and Texas A&M. Be sure to submit transcript requests for these schools by Nov. 1 as campuses are closed the last week of November for Thanksgiving and will not be able to process any last minute requests. In addition to the admission deadlines, don't forget to check the scholarship deadlines for the universities to which your student is applying.

Sign Up for the SAT and ACT

The deadline for the Dec. 12 administration of the SAT is Nov. 6 and the deadline for the Dec. 5 administration of the ACT is Nov. 5. Register early so you can get your first choice of the testing sites. Fee waivers are available to students participating in the free- or reduced-lunch program (see your child's counselor for details). Free test prep materials can be found at www.khanacademy.org.



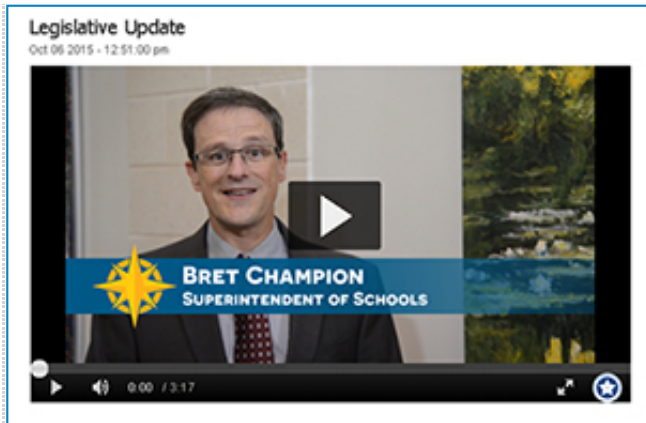
SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

LISD Superintendent Bret Champion reminds families about the district's inclement weather processes.

[Read more...](#)

[Dr. Champion's Latest Webcast](#)

View Dr. Champion's webcast where he addresses updates from the 84th Legislative Session.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November	
5	LISD Board Meeting, Support Services, 6:15 p.m.
19	LISD Board Meeting, Support Services, 6:15 p.m.
23-27	School Holiday
December	
10	LISD Board Meeting, Support Services, 6:15 p.m.
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	School Holiday