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Nominations for 2010-2011 Board and Officers

The PTSA is looking for board members for next year's PTSA board. All SEM parents, teachers and students are eligible. For freshman parents or parents of any student, it is a great opportunity to get involved and learn firsthand about opportunities for your student while getting to know the teachers, staff and helping the SEM community. There are many positions that are not large time commitments. The PTSA has formed a Nominating Committee that will seek out and nominate individuals for the four elected Officer Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. The members of the PTSA Nominating committee are Rita Hines and Cindy Santillan and Frank Rosenbloom. If you want to be involved, know someone you believe will make a great contribution or have any questions, you can contact Rita Hines & Cindy Santillan at school or email Frank Rosenbloom at frank@classicce.com.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring parent-teacher conferences will be held on Monday, March 8 from 4:15 to 8:15 p.m.

SEM Robotics Team

The SEM Robotics Team competed in the First Tech Challenge at UTA on Saturday, February 27. They placed 8th out of 21 in the preliminary round, but did not advance. As this was their first time in this competition, they did very well.

~ Kevin Carter

Snacks for District UIL Meet

The District UIL Meet will be on March 27th, 2010. We would like to provide snacks and drinks for our students through out the day while they are competing. If you are able to donate individually wrapped snacks or drinks, please contact Mr. Newton at josnewton@dallasisd.org or bring them by Room 223.

Thank you for your support,
Josh Newton

Correction

Felipe Reyes should have been included in last week's list of "A Honor Roll" students for the 3rd six weeks.

PTSA General Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 7:15 p.m.
Townview Theater

Guest Speaker:
Stephanie Laughlin
ACE Mentoring of Dallas

ACE has been a highly successful program for SEM students this year. More than 40 SEM juniors and seniors are participating in the program. Come hear what your students are doing or what they can do next year.

ACE Mentoring of Dallas/Fort Worth introduces area high school juniors and seniors to the many rewarding **career opportunities** offered by the **architectural, construction and engineering professions.** Through programs that integrate hands-on activities, office tours, videos and field trips, mentors from area building industry firms expose students to a wide variety of skills and specialties.

This deepens students' understanding of the career paths open to them, while giving them experience in applying the tools and techniques used by experts in the field.

Snacks will be provided before the meeting!

Summer Volunteer Opportunity

Dallas Museum of Nature and Science Discovery Corps

Does your teen between the ages of 14 and 17 have some time on his or her hands this summer and want to contribute to the learning experience of others (as well as experience some enriched learning of their own)? If so, check out this MNS summer volunteer program designed just for teens! Click here for more information.

Mansfield UIL Results

Here are the results of the Mansfield Summit UIL competition on February 27th, 2010.

Number Sense:
9/10 division:
Second Place Team: Chun Lin, Jonathan Arvizu, Collin Cathcart, Felipe Reyes

Calculator:
9/10 division:
Second Place Team: Collin Cathcart, Chun Lin, Felipe Reyes, Danh Nguyen

Math:
9/10 division:
Felipe Reyes - 3rd place
Second place Team: Felipe Reyes, John La, David Mai, Danh Nguyen

Science:
9/10 division:
Collin Cathcart - 4th place
11/12 division:
Julia Hossu - 3rd place
Ben Bell - 4th place
Ben Bell - Top Chemistry Score
Second Place Team: Julia Hossu, Ben Bell, Jacob Rosenbloom, Raul Rios

News Writing:
Nia King - 3rd place
Christina Chanthanivong - 4th place
Literary Criticism:
Second Place Team: Anastasia Dodd, Megan Mininx, Xuan Lein Ho

Social Studies:
Ben Bell - 3rd
Hang Nguyen - 4th
Guadalupe Sanchez - 6th
Second Place Team: Ben Bell, Hang Nguyen, Guadalupe Sanchez, Marcial Sanchez

Current Events:
Marcial Sanchez - 5th place
Rojesh Koirala - 7th place
Third Place Team: Marcial Sanchez, Rojesh Koirala, Ridhima Chada, Andrew Mills

Computer Science:
Julia Hossu - 6th place

Thank you to everyone who competed for our school and congratulations to all of our students who placed.

Josh Newton

PTSA Annual Fund Campaign

Help us make SEM even better.
Please support the PTSA.
No amount is too small or too large.
Every dollar helps.

Make your contribution today!

Checks should be made out to SEM PTSA. Put the check in an envelope addressed to the SEM PTSA and deliver or mail it to the SEM office: 1201 East 8th St, Dallas, TX 75203.

Thank you for generously supporting the SEM PTSA!

Healthy Snacks and Bottled Water Needed for AP Exams

To help students perform at their best on TAKS Tests and AP Exams, we ask parents to help the school out with donations of healthy snacks and bottled water. AP Exams will not be until May, but we wanted to give you a heads up now. If we receive enough donations, we would also be able to offer snacks and drinks for TAKS tests. Last year SEM students took nearly 1,000 AP exams and they really appreciate the pick-me-ups! You can bring them to the SEM office anytime.

For snacks, go for more **protein** and **carbs** and less sugar. For drinks, **8 oz** bottles of water are best. **Thank you!!!**

Please bring your donations to the SEM office. Questions? Contact Hannah Le, PTSA Test Support Chair, at hannahliou@yahoo.com.

Mansfield UIL PIX

Current Events Team

Social Studies Team

More SEM UIL Team Members

Thanks to Ms. Dove for the pix!

Senior Skate Night

The seniors are having a SKATE NIGHT at White Rock Lake Skate Rink...Thursday March 11th, from 6pm to 8pm $10 at the door for each person this is a fundraiser...the senior class will make $5 for all guests attending...we are limiting this to parents, faculty and their families, staff and their families, and seniors.

UT Dallas Innovation Opportunity Camp

June 21 – July 2, 2010

The UT Dallas Innovation Opportunity Camp has been designed for incoming high school juniors, seniors, and 2010 graduates from area high schools. Applications will also be accepted from college-bound high school graduates. The camp will be held on the campus of the University of Texas at Dallas, in Richardson, Texas on June 21 - July 2, 2010. Sessions will run daily, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

The UT Dallas Innovation Opportunity Camp is a program of the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UT Dallas. Financial support for the camp has been provided by a grant from the Texas Instruments Foundation.

The cost of the two-week program is $895, which includes course materials, daily lunches, a camp T-shirt and awards. Need-based scholarship assistance is available (separate application). You may also register online and follow up with application, recommendation letters and scholarship application if applicable.

Learn more. *Hat Tip: Alan Gilkes, SBDM Chairman*

First Bytes Summer Camp

First Bytes Summer Camp is a one-week residential camp program for high school girls. It is designed to dispel myths about computer science and intrigue young women with the potential of computing and the excitement of problem solving. **FREE** (except travel to UT).

When: Sun, June 20 to Sat, June 26, 2010
Where: UT Austin
Application Deadline: Fri, March 26, 2010
Notification of Acceptance: Wed, April 21, 2010
Contact: Mary Esther Middleton

College Corner

SMU SpringFest 2010

Saturday, March 20

SpringFest is a great way to check out the campus early - and get excited about your future! Each spring we open our doors to high school juniors and their parents, giving them a sneak preview of college life. Wondering where to start your college search? We'll answer all kinds of questions during informal group sessions and workshops. It's a great way for to learn everything you need to know about college life - a little early. To register for SpringFest, please click **HERE**. **Registration deadline: March 6.**

Around Town

- **The Big Squeeze Accordion Festival**
  Saturday, March 6, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak, Free
  Now in its fourth year, this statewide festival is a full day devoted to the squeezebox (as the accordion is sometimes called) with a free youth accordionist contest and a concert program featuring leading DFW bands Ginny Mac and Baraja de Oro.
- **Butterfly House Tour**
  Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m., Texas Discovery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
  Join Texas Discovery Gardens entomologist John Watts on a tour of the Rosine Smith Sammons Butterfly House and Insectarium and discover fascinating tropical butterflies and the habitat that sustains them.
- **Arts in the Square**
  Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7, Frisco Square
  An annual juried show presenting works from the nation's top visual artists. Activities for children of all ages and live entertainment.
- **Irving Chorale's 4th annual "Side by Side" Concert**
  Saturday, March 6, 8:00 PM
  Irving Chorale's 4th annual "Side by Side" concert features the Irving Children's Choir and Irving ISD Elementary Honor Choir. Presentation features a commissioned work by Houston composer Todd Frazier. FREE (The concert is free but requires a ticket. Please call the Box Office to receive your complimentary ticket.) Box Office: (972) 252-2787, noon to 5 PM, Tuesday through Saturday.

Hat Tip: Toni Lewis

UT Arlington Summer Engineering Camps

UTA is offering six summer engineering camps – including RoPro College Challenge Camp and Girlgeneering Camp. Accepting applications now. Learn more.

Dallas Blooms 2009

March 7 – April 12

"Dallas Blooms 2009 is 'A Classic' with the most dazzling display of color in the country. Over 450,000 spring bulbs, 3,000 azaleas and a birthday cake topiary make this not only the Southwest's largest floral festival but is also has been named one of MSN's Top Ten places to visit in the spring." At the Dallas Arboretum.

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Upcoming Events

Date		Event	Time
Sa	March 6	AP Math Prep Session	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
M	March 8	Report Cards Issued Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:15 – 8:15 p.m.
Tu	March 9	PTSA General Meeting *Program: ACE Mentoring*	7:15 p.m.
Th	**March 11**	**Senior Skate Night**	**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
Sa	March 27	AP Science Prep Session at Townview	8:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Sa	**March 27**	**District UIL Meet**	
Sa	**April 10**	**AP English Literature Prep Session**	**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
Tu	April 13	PTSA General Meeting	7:00 p.m.
F	April 16	Fifth Six-Week Period Ends AP Math: Mock Exams	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Sa	April 17	AP Math Prep Session	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
M	April 26	Report Cards Issued	
New and changed events are in bold.			
Events are subject to change. Check the SEM calendar for updates. www.semagnetschool.org			