



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



High School



Kennedy George
Weiss High School

This week was the first week of school for Pfisd students. On the first day of school we had a two hour delay because of rain, wind and some flooding. This year is my first year in high school so I have never had an "A day" "B day" schedule before. I have four classes a day. I have band both 'A' and 'B' day, and it is one of my favorite classes.

Some of my classes gave homework on the first day, and had a quiz on it the next time we went to that class period! I have just been stockpiled this past week. Since we normally stay after school for band rehearsal until 7:15, I have very little time to shower and eat before I must start my homework. I am glad that I have two days to do everything instead of one.

Some of my favorite class activities are notes. Normally the teacher clicks the powerpoint way too fast, but when I get home I have time to re-write them in another notebook and make them look pretty for when I study. School is definitely a challenge, but I am planning on staying focused to get the best grades.

Austin Educators and Activists



Tyler Allen
Gus Garcia YMLA

There four noted retire educator or activist that schools were named after that I know of. They are Mrs. Wilhemina Delco, Wm. Charles Akins, Gustavo "Gus" Garcia and Mrs. Bertha Sadler Means. All of them outstanding educator and were interested in the East Austin community. My grandparents remember all of them.

Mrs. Delco was active member of the A.I.S.D. and elected to that board in 1968. That was a 1st for African-Americans in Austin, Texas. Later she was elected to the Texas state House of Representatives. She continues to have an active roll in education. Dr. Wm. Charles Akins is remembered as longtime educator that wore many hats. Dr. Akins was an Aca-

ademic administrator and educator during the integration era. He was the son of the legendary Gospel broadcaster Elmer Akins. He was the first black teacher a Austin Johnston High School. Later was chosen as principal at the new L.C. Anderson School. Dr. Akin was an administrator with the Austin Independant School District board for many years before retiring. Mrs. Means is an educator and business women. She was been a tirelessly advocate for social change in the Austin community. She was received numerous distinctions, honors and awards for her involvement in education, civil rights and historical preservation.

Next is our own Gustavo "Gus" Garcia. I cannot go into detail about Mr. Garcia because it would be too long. He is a U.T. graduate, CPA, community activist and visits our school very often. Our school is proud to bear his name. He was a part of a group of dynamic Mexican-American activist starting back in the 1960's that fought for the rights for not just Hispanics but for all. He became the first Mexican-American elected to the A.I.S.D. school board. Fortunately for us Mr. Garcia is still with us.

Electives



Jada Stone
Kealing M. S.

My name is Jada Stone and I go to Kealing Middle school. It's not only about the main classes, the electives can teach you a little bit too. There's so many fun and unique electives that you can take, it seems endless.

One of the electives I took was culinary Arts. If you like to cook you should take this class. You have to cook something at least

once a week, but you mostly bake. You have to bake stuff like cookies, cakes, and pies. You have to worry about knowing how to cook because the teacher shows you how to make whatever you making. Also you watch videos about people making food. The thing I like is that after you make something you get to eat it.

Another amazing is Avid. Avid is an elective where your the leader and you get to help other people. Your gonna do a lot of stuff that's gonna help your future like community work, blue santa and stuff like that. You also do lot's of essay's, but it's worth it at the end because you get to do lot's of fun projects and field trips. In conclusion, you can learn interesting stuff from electives too.

Pep Rally



Averill Topps
Stephen F. Austin H.S.

Hello everyone, today I want to talk to you about the pep rally that we had on Friday and about the amount of homework we are getting every week.

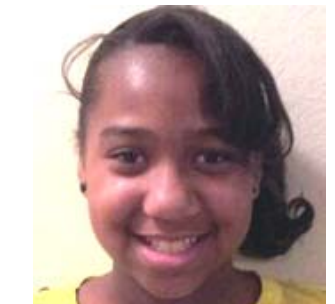
On Friday, my school had a prep rally so that we could encourage our teams to play better. I just joined the Cross Country team so

when our team went to the center of the gym to get cheered on it felt really amazing to have people want you to win. It was a really cool experience to be a part of the teams that were getting cheered on.

The amount of homework we are getting from just these two weeks is astonishing. I have had 4 projects, 3 quizzes, and I had a Chemistry Exam on Wednesday. I also am getting homework assignments every day except on Fridays. This is the reason that we teenagers should get into the habit of doing work when we get it and not when its the last minute.

That's all for this week. Until Next Time. Go Austin High Maroons!

The First Week of School



Erika Lipscomb
Manor Middle School

My first week of school was pretty nice. Being in the 8th grade so far doesn't feel like your up there, but the feeling will come. I did meet alot of new people, I am making friends quickly, and I did see some good old friends from last year. I have classes with some of my old friends from last year. My first period is called AVID which is a class that helps you with learning to act professional in class/college. Teachers will be offering tutoring if you need help in any of your classes. My 2nd period is Spanish for which i am tak-

ing for high school credit and to try to learn a new language. Right now were learning how it began and about the culture and places where people speak Spanish like Cuba, Honduras, Nicaragua and other places such as Mexico and Puerto Rico.

I will update you on my other classes next time. In 8th grade, the classes in my opinion are a bit more serious. The 8th grade seems to be a bit more challenging than 6 & 7th grade. Next year we will be heading into high school. So you have to mature at some point. Another interesting thing this year is that I have no P.E. So for right now, I have no stretches, no running, no laps no working out, and especially no sweating, just all classes which i'm happy about. I look forward to making this year great for this is my last year in middle school.

School Has Started



Kevin Parish
Hendrickson H. S.

The First week of school is done! I had a good time at my school Hendrickson High School. I am entering my sophomore year and it is going to be very interesting.

When I was in 9th grade it was kind of tough because I really didn't pay attention but this year is going to be different. I realized if you don't get the grades, you can't and won't do anything in or out of school. So this year I am determined to do better. And when I say "do better", I mean by studying, turning in my homework and passing all of my tests. I'm determined to pass all my classes with good grades. And for those who are taking any type of classes I hope you do well.

Back To School



Ava Roberts
Spring Hill Elementary

My first day of school was different than I had expected. We started the day on a two-hour weather delay. When school started, I went to the classroom where students with my last name collected schedules. When I got my schedule, it was very different than the elementary school one! I had eight classes and

no recess!

School began at the 3rd period class. Each period, I met my teachers and classmates. All of the teachers spent time welcoming us to their class, reviewing the rules of the class and school, and listing the required school supplies. The day seemed to pass very slowly.

At the end of day one, it felt good to be back at school. I was glad to see my old friends but most of all I was glad to meet some new friends. My favorite class was Beginner's Band. I left school feeling tired and exhausted. But, I could hardly wait for the next day to come.

Goodbye Summer Hello School



Montrae Nelson
Four Points M. S.

Hello, Summer is over and school began this week for my brothers and i. My first week was different because this year my classes and lockers are upstairs, I have 8 classes and they are called periods, each class are 45 minutes long and you

have 5 minutes to get to your locker in between classes.

Later in the coming weeks transition time from your class to lockers is shortened from 5 minutes to 4 minutes since the classrooms are so close together. Band and lifetime classes are downstairs so we still get 5 minutes to get there.

Finally, School this year is really confusing so far and its go na take a while for me to get comfortable with where I'm going and what I'm doing. It will get better and I'm confident this will be a good year for me. Thank you for reading.

First Football Game



Cyrena Matingou
Cedar Ridge H. S.

The home stands of the Kelly Reeves Stadium were filled with purple, white, and silver, as students, teachers, and parents cheered on the Cedar Ridge football players. On Friday, September 1st at 7:30 pm, the Cedar Ridge High School Raiders played their first football game of the season. The game was played against the Canyon High School Cougars, who the Raiders beat 46-14. Both schools' drill teams performed a half time show, amazing the crowd with their leaps and kicks.

The Raiders started off strong and had 7 points within the first 10 minutes. By half time, the score was 19-0, then they won

the game by 32 points. The Cedar Ridge student section was filled with students wearing face paint, ringing bells, and hollering at the top of their lungs. The atmosphere of football games is Kamryn Johnson's, a junior at Cedar Ridge, favorite part of the games. She says she looks forward to "seeing our team win. School spirit is really high and it's nice to see everyone come together." Football games attract everyone from school to cheer the players on, this game being no exception.

Besides the first game of the season, Homecoming is another event that attracts lots of people from the community to the stadium. The morale in school is also exceptionally high. As September continues, football games will vary in location, but will continue to be held on Friday nights. No matter what clubs or social groups students hang out in, everyone comes out to football games unifying the school.