

All Worth It



SaNaya White
Ann Richards

Friday, September 28th, Ann Richards held our last day of homecoming week. We had shortened classes due to our pep rally. I had to leave one of my classes extra early, in order to be prepared to perform our cadences, march around the school, and prepare for our pep rally with the rest of the band. During our pep rally, it was announced that I had been nominated for our 9th grade Homecoming Court as Countess. The winner would be announced during our homecoming dance, and I did not attend it because of our homecoming volleyball game and the fact that I had to be back at school at 5:30am the next day for our Bands Of America (BOA) regional competition. After the pep rally and school, we had our volleyball game. The order was switched, JV and Varsity played first so they could attend the

dance afterwards. I later found out that I had won and been announced Countess at the dance! Freshman played last and unfortunately we lost. Our Varsity successfully beat Anderson though! I did not attend the dance and I still went to sleep at 2 in the morning (due to homework). I woke up on Saturday at 4:45 to be at school at 5:30. We packed, and traveled to our BOA regional competition that would last all day. We performed really well and gained first in our category class 1A. That meant that we got to perform once again in front of a large crowd, with the stadium lights. It was super exciting and crazy to play knowing how well we did, this time just enjoying it and not worrying about the judges. We did so well and I'm so proud of my band, and color guard. We all did marvelous. We had to face difficult challenges such as some needed electronics were not working and then came the pouring rain. We faced those challenges and still did amazing. We returned to the school with medals around our necks around 12:30am. It was a super long day but it was definitely worth it.

Fall Season Is Upon Us



Ruby George
Cele Middle School

One of the reasons I love fall season is because November is my birthday month. I really would like to have a sleepover party at a hotel with my friends. I

think it will happen, and I'm really excited.

I have found myself being interested in jewelry such as rings, charm bracelets, and necklaces. I really want to get my second ear piercing, and get some jewelry from Kendra Scott and James Avery. My birthday is also a time I go shopping for shoes and clothes since winter is right around the corner.

I need a bunch of new jackets, so that's on my list too. Birthdays is the best thing ever! I will have been here for twelve years! That is an amazing thing!

Homecoming



Joshua Moore
Manor New Tech M.S.

October 2, 2018 is our Homecoming football game and our school will have a few spirit events. Monday is twin day, where we can dress alike as long as we follow district dress code. Tues-

day, we can wear Manor New Tech Middle School (MNTMS) spirit shirts or shirts from any MNTMS organization with jeans. This is also the dresscode on Fridays if scholars choose.

On Tuesday afternoon, we will have a pep rally during school hours. However, we are not allowed to stay on campus to wait for the game. We have to leave campus after school and then come back to school if we want to go to the game. I think the spirit events will make this an exciting week. Let's Go Gladiators!

My Volleyball Experience



Ava Roberts
Pflugerville M. S.

This year is the first time that I was eligible for my school's athletics program. When the season started for volleyball, I tried out. After four days of try-outs, I made my school's B team. That first game was a scrimmage against another school. The game was played two days after the teams were named. This was my first time ever playing a volleyball game against a team other than mine. To date, we have played four games not counting the scrimmage.

So far this season, the B team has lost more games than we have won. This might sound bad, but it is not! Since the start of the season,

my team and I have learned so much. We have learned the rules of the game, each other's strengths, and to communicate with each other during play. We practice being a team who support each other and show good sportsmanship. We have good attitudes and want to learn even more techniques.

We did win a few games! The team was screaming with excitement and many of us lost our voices that night. We had the chance to watch a Pflugerville High School Volleyball game and a university level volleyball game between UT and Baylor. Watching the skills of the higher-level volleyball players was an amazing experience!

I love playing volleyball and want to get even better. So, I plan to continue my training, join a volleyball club, and try out for the school's team on next year. If you have never played, you should give it a try!

PGA Junior League Golf



Sarah Robertson
Connally H. S.

On Sunday, September 30 at the Harvey Penick Golf Campus, I participated in a PGA Junior League golf tournament. Throughout the summer I've played in other PGA Junior League tournaments across the Austin area. The tournaments are set up as a match play; Match play is when you and your partner pick the best ball to play. My

partner and I have played together before, so we knew each other strengths and weaknesses and use that against our opponents.

The first couple of holes wasn't our strongest hole but we pushed through and continued to improve during the day. The weather was gray and wet but throughout the day after a short shower it warmed up making great weather to play golf. This tournament showed me what I need to improve on for the upcoming golf season at school. I enjoyed playing on Sunday, although I regret missing church. I really appreciate The First Tee of Greater Austin asking me to play in the tournament. I can't wait for upcoming tournaments.

Red River Rivalry

Jackson Owens

The 112 year old Red River Rivalry between the University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma will commence Saturday and this is looking like a good one. The high powered Oklahoma Sooners led by Kyler Murray will have to face the improving Texas Longhorns led by

Sam Ehlinger. The stakes are high seeing as the Texas Longhorns are ranked 19th in the nation and the Oklahoma Sooners are ranked 7th in the nation. Will there be an upset, or will this be a long haul into overtime? Will Texas' 4 game win streak be snapped or will the Oklahoma's 5 game win streak be snapped?

Juvenile Justice Book Drive



AUSTIN, TX – We are teaming up with Huston-Tillotson

Zeus



Zaila Pearl Rowland
TOPS

Last week I shared with you my opinion paragraph. This week we learned how to write a personal story. A personal story is something important that happened in someone's life. In this article I will share my personal story with you.

Zeus is the sky and thunder god in ancient Greek religion, but that's not the Zeus I will be telling you about. Little tiny cries were the first thing I heard. Zeus is just a little puppy. He is half Chihuahua and part Terrier. I was so excited when I first saw him. I was very eager to take him home. However, he wasn't ready yet because he was too small, and his eyes were not open. Since I

couldn't take him home I felt sad. Every day I asked my mom was it time to go pick him up. Whenever she said no I became more eager.

After weeks of waiting the time had finally come. I was a little nervous because I have never had a dog before. The moment he was in my arms he felt warm and I was joyful. His white fur was soft and cuddly. A few moments later he fell asleep in my arms and I was in love. Zeus was most comfortable in my lap. Ewww! I didn't know you would have to clean so much with puppies. I was grossed out. I didn't want to do it, but I knew I had to. I held my breath and cleaned up every mess Zeus made. Aaaaahh! I couldn't sleep because he wouldn't stop crying. My parents had to come get him. I didn't think it would be this hard.

Zeus's first day home was a little rough but I'm not going to give up. I pray every day gets better. He is my forever friend and I hope we are friends for a very long time.

Four Day Weekend



Averill Topps
Stephen F. Austin H.S.

Hello everybody, today I want to talk to you about our upcoming four day weekend.

On this Friday and Monday, the students of Austin High School, and other nearby schools, will not be having school. This is because on Friday the Austin City Limits Music Festival

(ACL) will start. ACL is an annual music festival held in Zilker Park. It was inspired by the PBS music series of the same name.

Monday is a staff development day, which means the teachers are given that day to plan school projects, prepare a interesting lesson, or input new grades. I think that staff development days are good for teachers because they have to grade lots of different homework assignments and it could be overwhelming. So the staff development day would help them catch on on grading.

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

College Fair



Alyssa James Winn
Manor H.S.

Manor Senior High School held a district college fair on September

28, 2018. MSHS had over 80 colleges come give us more information on college. We had trade schools, four-year colleges, two-year colleges, and military. The colleges I decided to visit was University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Huston-Tillotson University, and the university of North Texas. Those are my top pick colleges and I got to hear more about the environment and see if they had the major I want to do.

University NAACP Student Chapter to have a Juvenile Justice Book Drive to provide quality books to the teens in the Gardner-Betts/ Travis County Juvenile Detention

Center. The drive is from October. 1st - 31st. Drop of location: Carver Branch, Austin Public Library, 1161 Angelina St, Austin, TX, 78702, USA



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