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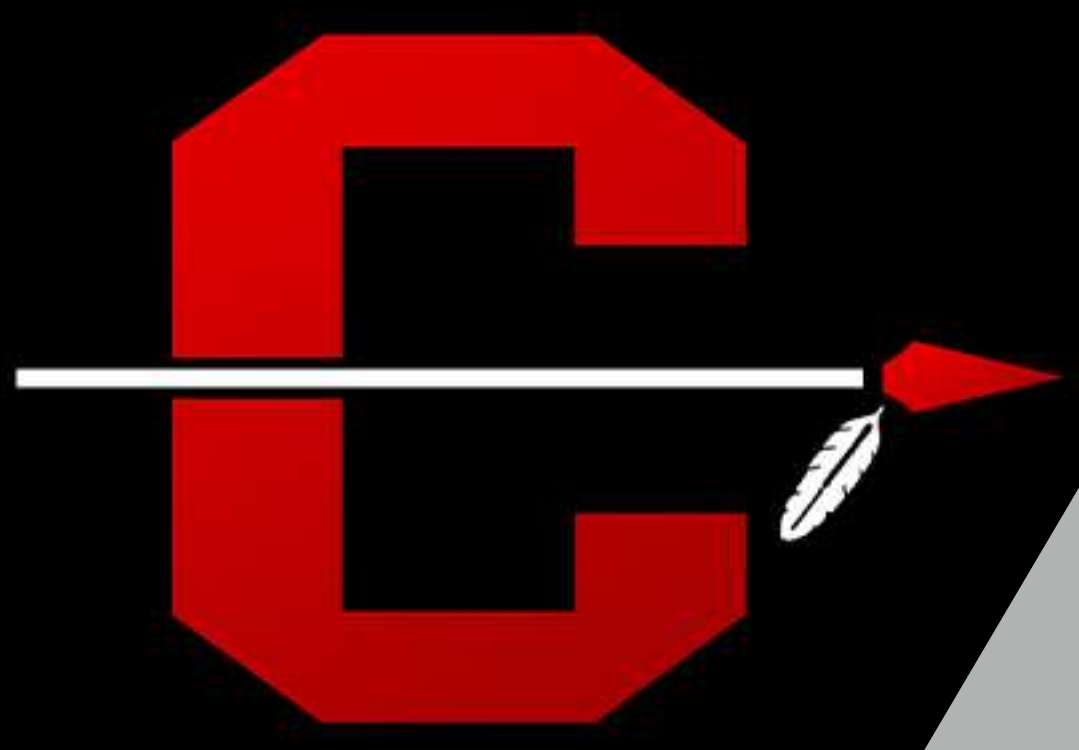
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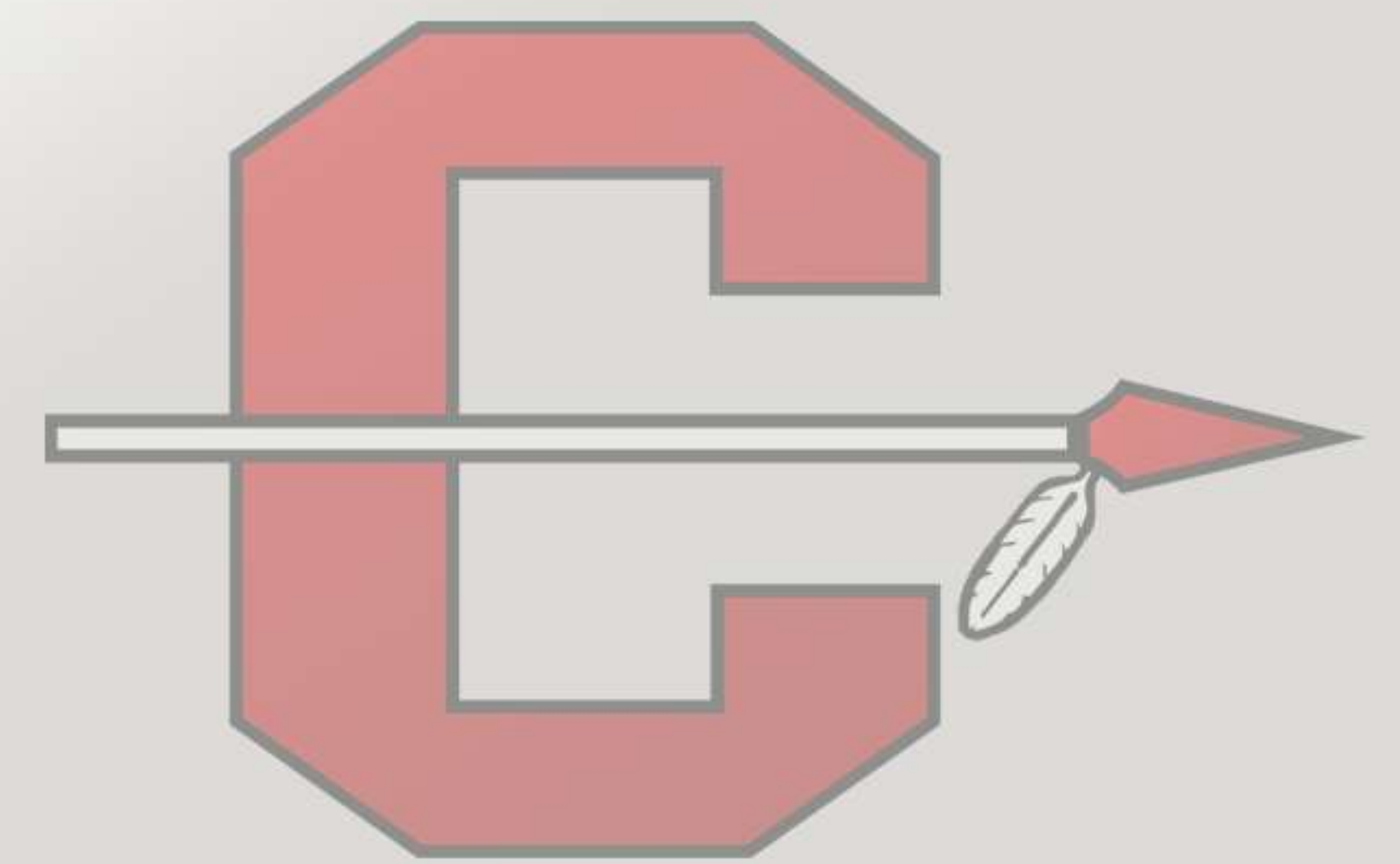
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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT SEASON'S GREETINGS

December has arrived! I'm so glad to see our students and staff members back on our campuses and district facilities as we all returned from Thanksgiving break this week. The end of the calendar year is packed to the brim with festive events and activities all around our district, and we're so excited to help make this a fun and exciting holiday season for our students!

With hectic holiday shopping, gatherings, and other season staples, December can quickly turn into a very busy time of year. In the midst of this, I believe it's important to take a moment to step back and reflect on the year as a whole. A lot can be accomplished in a year's time, and Cleveland ISD has proven to be no exception. Here's just a few of the wonderful things 2022 had in store for CISD:

- Opened the new **Hal McClelland Sports Complex**
- Enhanced **safety initiatives** across the district
- Implemented **retention bonuses** for all full-time staff
- Opened **FOUR new campuses**
- Broke ground on a **new Administration building**
- and **much more!**



Just a couple of weeks ago, I reached an important milestone of my own. November capped off my first full year as Superintendent of Cleveland ISD. I'd like each and every one of our students, staff, faculty, and community members to know that it has truly been the greatest pleasure to serve as your district Superintendent. As with all jobs, it certainly has challenges to overcome - but with those challenges comes a rewarding sensation like no other.

There's no doubt that 2023 will also come with obstacles of its own. I take comfort in the fact that the district as a whole will tackle these obstacles together, and I'm extremely excited to see all that we're able to accomplish over the next year ahead. Remember - every decision we make is for the betterment of our amazing kids.

As always, thank you for playing your part in making Cleveland ISD the best district in Texas.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. McCanless
Superintendent of Schools

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HIGHLIGHTS

◆ **NCAA LITERACY TOUR** - You may remember from our last issue that Cleveland ISD is one of 11 school districts in the Houston area to participate in the #ReadToTheFinalFour literacy challenge, put together in partnership with the NCAA! Read to the Final Four is a bracket-style reading competition that inspires students to get excited about reading. Cleveland ISD is extremely proud of our third graders and all of the work they've put in so far for this competition!

On Friday, November 11th, the RTTFF Literacy Tour came and visited our own Cottonwood Elementary! Students were able to experience many fun activities to ignite their passion and spirit for reading, such as arts and crafts, games, and even VR headsets. We're so proud of our third graders for ROCKING this competition so far. KEEP READING!!!

IMPORTANT DATES

TUES-FRI **DECEMBER 6TH-9TH, 2022** ◆
Testing.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH, 2022 ◆
Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH, 2023 ◆
Classes Resume.

OUTREACH

◆ **FLY ON THE WALL** - Every parent finds themselves asking the same question to their kids throughout the week... "How was your day?" A simple, yet insightful question that can allow you to learn more about your child's daily experiences on their campus. While this is a great way to stay informed and involved, it's another thing entirely to truly experience a school day with your child. CMS principal Christina Castillo had this in mind when she held a CMS Parent Shadow Day earlier this month!

On National Parent Involvement Day, CMS Parents were able to shadow their kids throughout the school day and engage with their child's learning deeper than ever before. The campus was all smiles as parents accompanied their kids in their classrooms, the hallways, the cafeteria, and much more. This was a wonderful experience for students and parents alike, and we're so grateful for the parents that took time out of their busy days to bond with their kids during the school day! This dedication not only makes a difference *right now*, but creates memories that last a lifetime.



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