



Tomball ISD: Not Just a District, a Destination

VISION

Tomball ISD students will lead in creating the future.

MISSION

Tomball ISD educates students to become responsible, productive citizens by providing innovative, individually rigorous, and personally valuable educational experiences.

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora



Board of Trustees



Pictured: (Back Row, L-R) Mark Lewandowski, John E. McStravick, Matt Schiel, Dr. Michael Pratt
(Front Row, L-R) Justin Unser, Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Lee McLeod, Tina Salem

District Leadership

Tomball ISD Cabinet



Pictured: (L-R) Jim Ross, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Michael Webb, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Amy Schindewolf, Chief of Staff & School Leadership; Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Superintendent; Holly Sherman, Legal Counsel; Dr. Steven Gutierrez, Chief Operating Officer

#1 Best School District, again!



Tomball ISD Board of Trustees Issued Oath of Office



Tomball ISD Trustees were officially sworn in on Dec. 6, 2022. Harris County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4, Place 1 Judge Lincoln Goodwin administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected trustees.

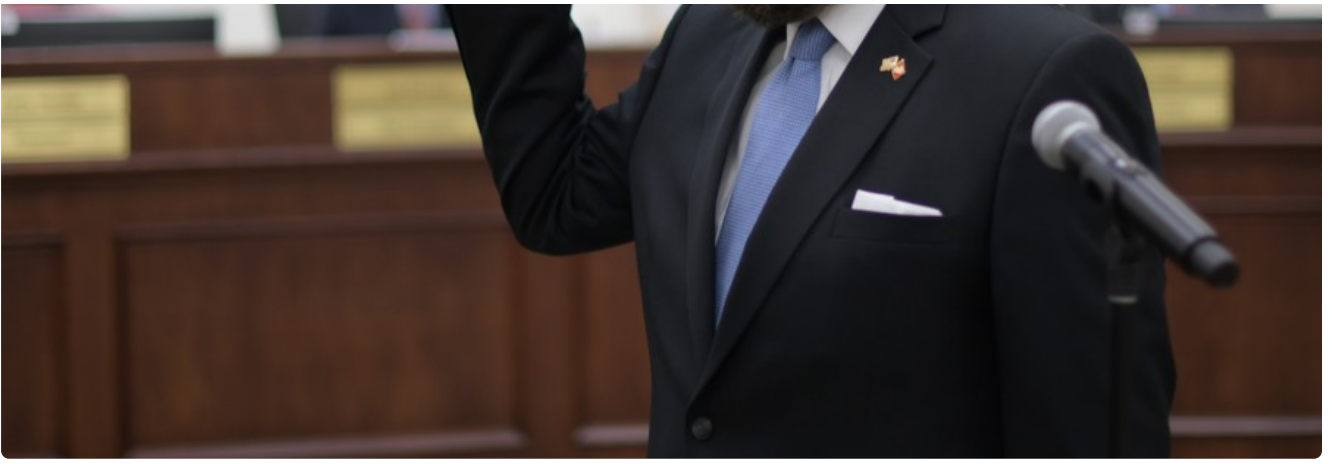
Tina Salem was newly-elected to Position 1, Dr. Michael J. Pratt was re-elected to Position 2, John E. McStravick was re-elected to Position 3, and Mark Lewandowski was re-elected to Position 4.

All four elected officials will serve four-year terms, expiring in 2026.



Tina Salem: Position 1





Dr. Michael Pratt: Position 2



John E. McStravick: Position 3



Mark Lewandowski: Position 4



Over the last 12 years, Kathy Handler has served the Tomball ISD Board of Trustees, positively impacting the student experience and shaping TISD as a Destination District.



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DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

From the Board of Trustees & Dr. Salazar-Zamora

Happy Holidays

We look forward to welcoming students back on January 4, 2023!

Tomball ISD Central Office Holiday Choir Performances



Grand Lakes Junior High



Tomball Junior High





The 47th Annual TISD Project Show will be held January 25-27, 2023.

Live Auction and Sale will be held on January 28, 2023.

Visit the [TISD Project Show page](#) for more details.



Tomball ISD Principal Partners Day is Monday, February 6, 2023.

Tomball ISD Principal Partners are community leaders who participate in a project in TISD designed to

- Increase awareness and understanding among individuals in the private sector of the strengths and challenges of schools in Tomball ISD
- Demonstrate the private sector's commitment to ensuring a quality education for all students
- Strengthen communication between the schools and the communities they serve

Who Can Participate? Parents, businesses, and civic leaders who wish to learn about the operations in our public schools through an experience as a Principal Partner in Tomball ISD.

[Apply to be a Principal Partner.](#)

In the News



TISD Board Approves Names for Juergen Road Complex Schools

We thank our stakeholders for providing valuable input in our school-naming process. The School Board approved the name of the three future schools, located within our Juergen Road Complex:

- West Elementary
- West Intermediate
- Tomball West High School



Tomball ISD Launches New District Website

Tomball ISD recently flipped the switch and transitioned to its brand new District website, TomballISD.net, hosted by its new provider Finalsity.

With a fresh, simplistic new look and a more user-friendly mobile responsive approach, Tomball ISD expects its new website to continue providing the necessary content for its stakeholders.



Dr. Salazar-Zamora Recognizes TISD Educators as Fall 2022 Superintendent Shining Stars

Tomball ISD teachers were honored by Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora as Superintendent Shining Stars this November.

- **Tiffany Tranchilla** (LES, 2nd Grade)
- **Andy Easton** (TMHS Band Director)

- **Megan Johnson** (CES, 3rd Grade)
- **Jennifer Love** (GLJHS, Science)

[Read more.](#)



Tomball ISD Spelling Bee Champions Crowned

Congratulations to the Tomball ISD Spelling Bee Champions.

- 1st:** Ishika Varipilli (CPJHS)
2nd: Manthan Panchal (OIS)
3rd: Elina Chatterjee (GLJHS)

[Read more.](#)





Tomball ISD Spanish Spelling Bee Champions, Grades 3-5, Crowned

Congratulations to the Tomball ISD Spanish Spelling Bee Champions, Grades 3-5.

1st: Dylan Perez (RES)

2nd: David Flores Flores (TIS)

3rd: Karla Garcia Cardenas (RES)

[Read more.](#)



Tomball ISD Spanish Spelling Bee Champions, Grades 6-8, Crowned

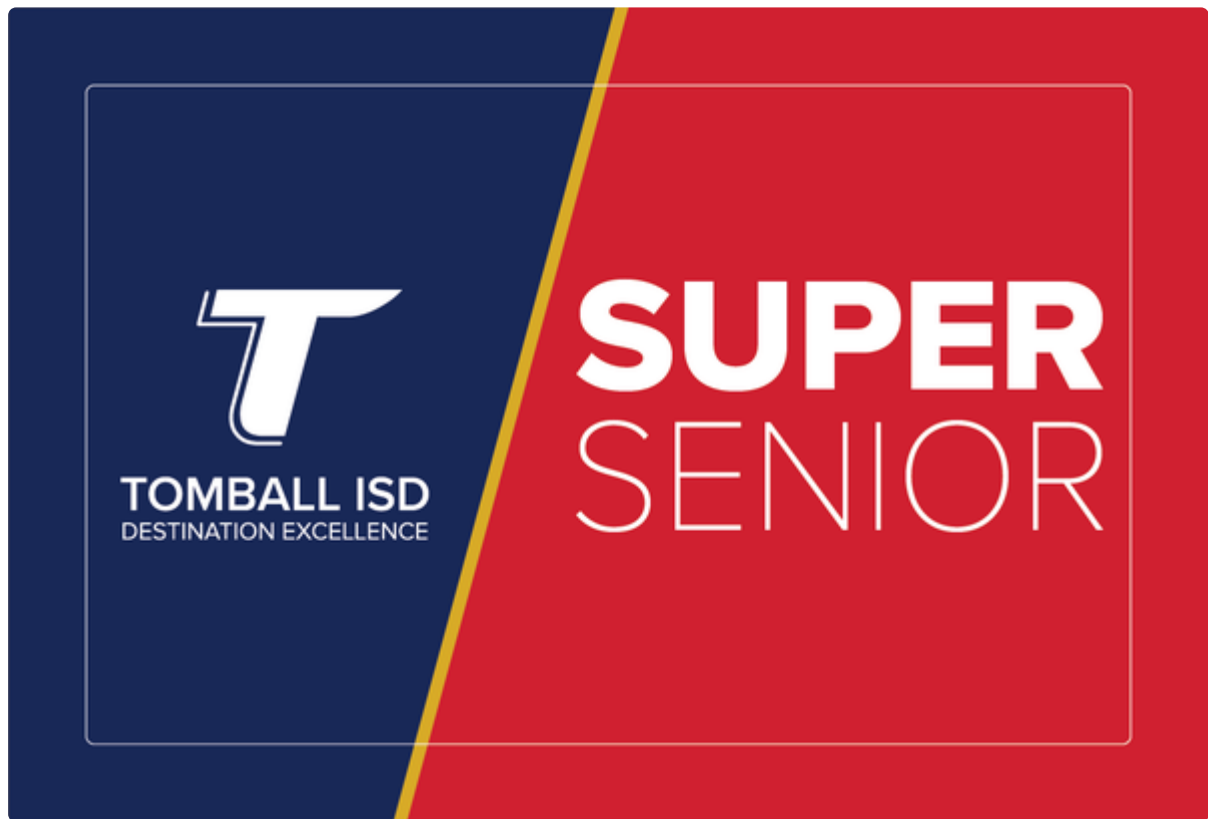
Congratulations to the Tomball ISD Spanish Spelling Bee Champions, Grades 6-8.

1st: Emilio Fuentes (CPJHS)

2nd: Nicole Haase (GLJHS)

3rd: Sophia Suazo (TJHS)

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TISD Launches Super Senior Program

Tomball ISD is proud to announce the roll-out of the new “Super Senior” program. District residents aged 60 and above are eligible to receive this new Super Senior card.

[Read more.](#)



Congratulations to Tomball Chamber of Commerce Teachers of the Month

teacher Kimberly Schutt on being honored as the December Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce Teachers of the Month.

Athletics Update

Tomball High School Football



Area Champions!

- 8-5 overall
- 5-2 district play, 3rd place finish
- Bi-District Champions
- Area Champions

Tomball High School Volleyball



Area Champions!

- 34-13 overall
- 14-0 undefeated district play
- District Champions
- Bi-District Champions
- Area Champions

Tomball Memorial High School Tennis



Area Champions!

- Undefeated District Champions
- Bi-District Champions
- Area Champions
- Finished No. 7 in Region 2

Tomball High School Tennis



Bi-District Champions!

- 3rd place in District
 - Bi-District Champions
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Feel Good Friday Stories





Student Voice Showcased at Creekview Elementary during Faculty Share

At Creekview Elementary, student voice matters, and for Principal Allyson Jordan, the opinions and viewpoints coming directly from her students provide honest feedback for campus reflection.

Six CES students ranging from first grade through fifth grade participated in the first-ever CES Student Panel during the campus' bi-weekly Faculty Share meeting. A library full of CES teachers and staff gathered on Friday morning to be welcomed in by a surprise panel of students.

[Read more.](#)



TMHS Vet Med Students Offer Spa Day for Dogs of Staff

Tomball Memorial High School staff members are in for a treat as the campus' Vet Med Applications course offers Wildcat Kennels.

Once a month, TMHS staff members can bring their dog to school for a Spa Day, all led by TMHS students. This school year (2022-2023) is the second year Wildcat Kennels has extended this grooming service to staff. Each month, between 10-12 dogs of various breeds and sizes join Vet Med Students in Wildcat Kennels for this grooming service.

[Read more.](#)



Willow Wood Junior High Implements Activity Focused on Student Connection

Willow Wood Junior High, led by Principal Kevin Williams, has made an intentional effort this school year to implement a campus-wide activity for students that focuses on connection, called 'Links & Chains'.

This activity begins when students notice the 'Links' on ID badges and ask about them. When the students inquire about the 'Links', teachers complete a form and Mr. Williams schedules one-on-one meetings with the students to connect, set goals and have a conversation about their importance, not only at school but in the community.

[Read more.](#)





Veterans Day Celebrations Become Staple in Tomball ISD

Each year on and around November 11, Tomball ISD celebrates the importance of honoring our country's heroes and veterans on Veterans Day. Students across the district spend time planning, organizing and preparing for their campus ceremonies. A true community event, Tomball ISD schools welcome friends and family to campus to honor veterans for the sacrifice, service, and unwavering commitment to protecting our freedom.

[Read more.](#)

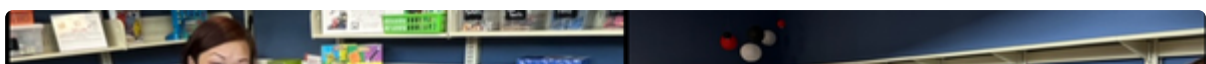


TISD MOVES Promotes Culture of Health & Wellness District-Wide

In an effort to positively promote health and wellness throughout Tomball ISD, TISD MOVES was created and implemented to support a Destination 2025 Strategic Plan goal in that the District will prioritize educator health through coordinated campaigns of stress reduction, anxiety management and physical health.

TISD MOVES stands for: Motivate, Optimize, Value, Empower and Support.

[Read more.](#)





TIS Students Flourish in MakerSpace Mentor Program

Tomball Intermediate School has created a space where students can flourish, learn, grow, and problem solve all while building connections with mentors. Through its newest MakerSpace Mentor Program, TIS welcomes campus and district staff members to join in on an opportunity to connect with students.

MakerSpace is a designated area in the library with a variety of STEM materials that students can use to create, build, and explore. This specific mentor program stems from a previous partnership between TIS and Tomball Star Academy. NHS students from TSA served as mentors to TIS fifth graders and enjoyed utilizing MakerSpace activities to build relationships.

[Read more.](#)



THS NJROTC Booster Club Continues to Create Memorable Night for Veterans during Patriotic Show

Each year, the Tomball High School NJROTC Booster Club hosts a Veterans dinner before the game on the night of the Patriotic Show. Businesses, many of which are local, donate goods and monetary donations, to help provide a meal and door prizes for each veteran in attendance. This event has become an incredible community event that is supported and put on by THS

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TISD Continues Rich Tradition with 42nd Annual Patriotic Show

For 42 years, Tomball ISD has remained steadfast in its commitment to honoring its local veterans all while celebrating the rich and established traditions of Friday Night Lights. The Patriotic Show has always been an event that brings together the community in a way in which no other district event does.

The Patriotic Show features Tomball High School vs. Tomball Memorial High School and the competitive rivalry between these two schools remains intact yet remains focused on community unity and the support of the veterans.

[Read more.](#)





TISD Creates More Robust Mentor Program to Support Teachers

Tomball ISD has been strategic and intentional in creating a more robust Mentor program. Mentee teachers will receive targeted professional development by some of Tomball ISD's best educators and will be supported on campus by hand selected mentors that will help guide their educational experience throughout the school year.

[Read more.](#)



TISD Encourages Youngest Learners to Grow and Thrive through Collaboration

The Pre-Kindergarten (PK) Collaborative classroom is an inclusive setting enabling general education and special education students to access the same curriculum and lesson delivery, together.

[Read more.](#)



High Schools Create Voter Registration Booths on Campus

In an effort to grow the voting population, especially in the younger generations, all three schools made registering to vote easily accessible on campus with informational items and voter registration cards on a visible table in high-traffic areas in each school.

[Read more.](#)



LES Students Keep their Home-Away-from-Home Clean

Lakewood Elementary fourth grade students in Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Weed's classes have spearheaded an initiative by helping their campus custodians keep LES a clean and comfortable place they can all be proud to learn in and call their 'home-away-from-home'

[Read more.](#)



TISD Community Steps Up Big to Support Stuff the Bus Initiative

The Tomball ISD community stepped up in a big way when they were asked to support the Tomball Education Foundation's 'Stuff the Bus' donation drive.

[Read more.](#)



Sept. 2: TMHS Football is Building Trust and Memories to Start 2022 Season

Tomball Memorial High School Football has made it a priority this season to really focus on TRUST. The TMHS Football Coaching staff hosted Decals with Dad event as well as provided a lesson on how to tie a tie for gameday.

[Read more.](#)



Aug. 26: 30 Years Together in Tomball ISD

Sarah Broughton, Holly Moore, Tina Niemann and Traci Sommers are experienced educators who have devoted their entire professional career to Tomball ISD. 30 years and counting.

[Read more.](#)





Aug. 19: Tomball ISD Celebrates Great Start to 2022-2023 School Year

Tomball ISD celebrates its 85th Birthday this year and a great start to the 2022-2023 school year!

By the numbers for the 2022-2023 start of school:

- 22 Schools
- 20,800+ students
- 2,900+ district employees
- 317 new employees

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Kaitlyn Palividas, THS '13



For Kaitlyn Palividas, volunteering on community boards and managing a sales team is a natural fit for this former Tomball High School Cougar.

Palividas currently serves as the Manager of Key Accounts and Recruitment, overseeing a sales team of 10, for NES Fircroft, a global staffing company focused on providing technical talent.

Her Tomball story began back in 2006 when her family moved to town. From there, she immediately became actively involved in school activities. During her time in Tomball, she attended Northpointe Intermediate, Willow Wood Junior High and Tomball High School, graduating in 2013.

In school, Palividas was a proud member of Tomball STAGE as well as the WWJHS Choir.

“The Tomball STAGE was a huge part of my high school experience. I made so many friends, both on stage and backstage, who were greatly impactful in my life. I also remember performing with WWJHS Choir at TMEA in San Antonio. It was such an incredible experience to perform in front of such a large group of Texas educators. I definitely look back on those memories fondly.”

Her early success as a professional stems from her preparedness and time learning from her teachers in Tomball schools.

“One of my favorite aspects of Tomball ISD were the coursework and teachers,” she said. “I always felt challenged and encouraged in my studies, which looking back I am so thankful for. My

As an alumna, and in addition to being a University of Houston football and basketball season ticket holder, Palividas volunteers for several UH Boards, including the Young Alumni Association and UH Alumni Association Foundation. She also plays a few intramural sports and enjoys attending shows.

[Read entire Alumni Spotlight.](#)

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Fine Arts in Tomball ISD

Tomball ISD continually focuses on educating the whole child and is always looking for ways in which to provide endless opportunities for students to excel in what they are passionate about. Tomball ISD students are equipped with an immense amount of support within Fine Arts.



Dr. Z welcomed several of the District's finest Fine Arts educators to her latest ConnectED podcast:

- Tomball ISD Director of Fine Arts: JD Janda
- Tomball Memorial High School Band Director: Andy Easton
- Creekside Park Junior High Art Teacher: Jodi Lea

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passionate about. TISD Director of Fine Arts JD Janda, TMHS Band Director Andy Easton, and CPJHS art teacher Jodi Lea join Dr. Z to chat about what makes being in Fine Arts so special.

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