



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) Dr. Steven Gutierrez, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Michael Webb, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Superintendent; Dr. Amy Schindewolf, Chief of Staff & School Leadership; Zack Boles, Chief Financial Officer; Holly Sherman, Legal Counsel

Congratulations, Dr. Z!

Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora Wins Texas Superintendent of the Year for 2023



For her visionary leadership and relentless pursuit of excellence, Tomball ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora has received one of the highest honors for a Superintendent in the State of Texas, being named the 2023 Texas Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) in a special presentation at the annual convention hosted by TASB and the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA).

Dr. Salazar-Zamora becomes the first-ever Tomball ISD Superintendent to be named Texas Superintendent of the Year, and was selected for this prestigious award from a group of five finalists:

- **Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Tomball ISD, Region 4**
- Wade Stanford, Westwood ISD, Region 7
- Jim F. Chadwell, Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD, Region 11
- Sheri Blakenship, Hereford ISD, Region 16
- Jose Lopez, Kermit ISD, Region 18

“The entire committee was so impressed by the candidates for this year’s Superintendent of the Year award,” said Kerrville ISD Trustee Rolinda Schmidt, who chaired the TASB selection committee. “As school board members, we understand the challenges involved in successfully leading a school district and it’s no small accomplishment to be a state finalist. It’s always so inspiring to hear about what these public education leaders are doing to advance student outcomes in their districts and to create learning and working environments where everyone has the opportunity to achieve.”

Schmidt said the committee was particularly impressed with Salazar-Zamora's approach to finding creative and innovative solutions to ensure every child gets a quality education."

[Read more about Dr. Z's honor.](#)



5 Years in a Row! Tomball ISD Named #1 Best School District in Harris County



TOMBALL ISD
DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

#1 Best School District
IN HARRIS COUNTY

5 YEARS
IN A ROW



Tomball ISD Teachers Named #1 in Harris County & Houston Area



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DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

#1 Best Teachers

IN HARRIS COUNTY AND THE HOUSTON AREA



Tomball Star Academy Applications Open Oct. 23



TOMBALL
STAR ACADEMY



Earn your
*Diploma
& Degree*
for free.

Tomball Star Academy • Parent Info Meetings

All parent info meetings begin at 6:00 PM in the Cafeteria at the school listed

@CPJH OCT.
23

@TJH OCT.
26

@WWJH OCT.
30

@GLJH NOV.
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Parent meeting dates for current 8th graders at Creekside Park Junior High, Tomball Junior High, Willow Wood Junior High, and Grand Lakes Junior High are set. Applications to attend Tomball Star Academy will open on October 23.

REMINDER



STAFF DEVELOPMENT / WORK DAYS
STUDENT HOLIDAYS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

CLASSES RESUME ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

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In the News



Tomball ISD Students Named to National Merit & Recognition Program Lists

Tomball ISD students were once again well-represented among National Merit and Recognition Programs as 138 students across Tomball High School, Tomball Memorial High School and Tomball Star Academy were awarded for their exceptional work in the classroom and beyond.

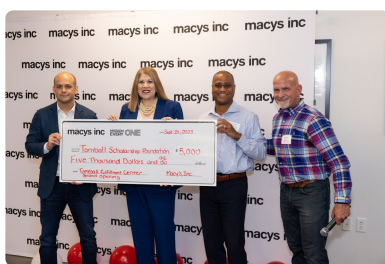
[Read more about our student success.](#)



Tomball ISD Welcomes in 9 New Additional Officers from Pct. 4 on Oct. 2

As of October 2, Tomball ISD has added an additional nine officers, in partnership with Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office, to bring the District's total from 20 to 29 law enforcement individuals serving our schools, providing at least one SRO at every TISD campus.

[Learn more about our SROs.](#)



Tomball Scholarship Foundation Receives \$5K Donation from Macy's

Recently, Macy's supported the Tomball Scholarship Foundation with a \$5K grant for student scholarships! Superintendent of Schools Dr. Salazar-Zamora accepted the donation.

A new Macy's Fulfillment Center is now located Tomball, and Tomball ISD took part in the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Paul Ladd - AP Images for Macy's



New Law: Mandatory DAEP Placement for E-Cigarette Violations

A new law (HB 114) requires school districts to implement **mandatory [Disciplinary Alternative Education Program \(DAEP\)](#) placement** for students found in possession of, using, selling, giving, or delivering e-cigarettes on school grounds or at a school-related event. **Tomball ISD will be fully enforcing this new law.**

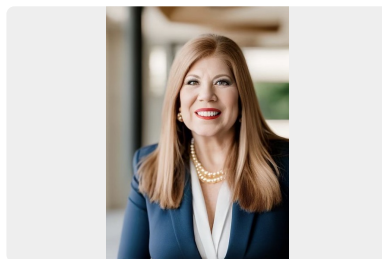
[Read more about HB 114.](#)



Tomball ISD High Schools Rank in the Top 11% Nationally by U.S. News Rankings

All three Tomball ISD high schools not only earned the coveted “Best High Schools in the US” ranking by U.S. News & World Report for the 2022-2023 academic year but were among the Top 11% in the United States. The U.S. News rankings include data on nearly 25,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

[Read more about the US News recognition.](#)



Texas A&M University-Kingsville Honors Dr. Salazar-Zamora as Hispanic Heritage Hero

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, Tomball ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora has been selected as a Texas A&M University-Kingsville Hispanic Heritage Hero.

[Read more about Dr. Z's TAMUK honor.](#)

What makes your
PRINCIPAL
the best?



October

is National Principal Month



Share why your Principal is the best!

[Click to share](#)

GAMEDAY at Tomball ISD Stadium

[Click for gameday details.](#)



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ATHLETICS UPDATE

Athletics Success!

FOOTBALL

TMHS (5-0 Overall, 2-0 District)

THS (4-1 Overall, 2-0 District)

VOLLEYBALL

TMHS (6-0 District)

THS (5-1 District)

WATER POLO DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!!

TMHS Girls - UNDEFEATED DISTRICT CHAMPION (6-0 District)

THS Boys - DISTRICT CHAMPION (5-1)

TEAM TENNIS

THS - (6-0 District with Championship match on 10/3 at Klein Cain)

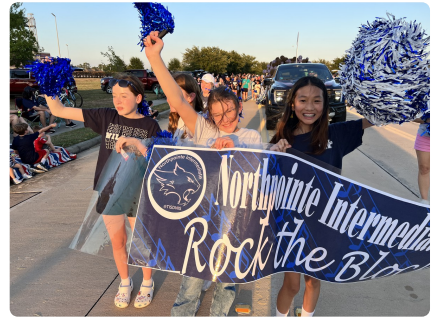
CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country will compete at District Meet on Thursday, Oct. 12.

as of Tuesday, October 3 at 5 PM CT

Tomball Memorial High School Homecoming 2023







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Athletics Event Calendar

Congrats to WWJHS Honors Band & TMHS Chamber Orchestra on National Recognition

The **Willow Wood Junior High Honors Band** was named a **National Winner** and the **Tomball Memorial High School Chamber Orchestra** was named a **Commended Winner** in the *Foundation for Music Education's* Mark of Excellence National Wind Band and Orchestra Honors Project competition!

National Winners are the top tier of recognized groups, with Commended Winners coming in next. This places both groups among the best of the best in the country.

The competition received 442 entries from 40 states. It is a tremendous achievement to be on the short list of recognized ensembles.



MARK OF EXCELLENCE

NATIONAL
WIND BAND HONORS

2023

NATIONAL WINNER



MARK OF EXCELLENCE

NATIONAL
ORCHESTRA HONORS

2023

COMMENDED WINNER

Congrats to Tomball High School Cougar Pride Band for 1st Place Finish

The Tomball Cougar Pride Band competed at the Galena Park Marching Festival on Saturday, September 30. **Out of 12 bands competing in Class 6A, the Cougar Pride Band earned first place in their class and first place overall at the festival.** The Band is under the direction of Shaka Hawkins, Patrick Lemanczyk, Tyler Broadhurst, and Conner Adams.

Their next contest performance is on Saturday, October 7 at the Gulf Coast Classic held at Challenger Stadium in Webster, TX.



TMHS Wildcat Theatre Presents:



Purchase Tickets to: Dracula

The Tomball STAGE Presents:



The Tomball STAGE



The
Addams
Family
A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY

October 26, 27, 28, and 30 at 7:00 pm
October 28 at 2:30 pm

TOMBALL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Tickets \$15 Online & \$20 At Door

tomballstage.org

Purchase Tickets Beginning Oct. 16: The Addams Family

Save the Date: Patriotic Show

43rd Annual **PATRIOTIC SHOW**

October 13, 2023 • 7:00 PM • Tomball ISD Stadium

The 43rd Annual Patriotic Show will be held on Friday, October 13. Kickoff is slated for 7 PM. Tomball Memorial High School will be the designated home team this year with Tomball High School as the visiting team.

Tickets will go on sale at 8 AM on Sunday, October 8.



Partner. Learn. Share.

Have you ever wanted to know what it is like behind the scenes on any given day at school? Well, you are in luck!

Apply now to be a Tomball ISD Principal Partner and join us on Thursday, November 9 from 8 AM to 1:30 PM (includes lunch).

Applications are open, and the deadline to apply is Friday, November 3.

Apply to Become a Principal Partner on November 9

FUN RUN + FREE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024
SUPERINTENDENT'S

Fun Run

Register Early
& Save \$10!



TOMBALLISD.NET/FUNRUN

Register for the Superintendent's Fun Run

Registration Open!

Tomball ISD MOVES presents the Tomball ISD Superintendent's Fun Run. The TISD Superintendent's Fun Run is a 5k (3.1 miles) timed race that will take place on April 13, 2024 at the Tomball Event Center.

Take advantage of early registration with a savings! Price increases after October 13, 2023 at 11:59pm CDT.

Feel Good Friday Stories



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Feel Good

FRIDAY



Creekview Elementary Implements New Initiative to Support Learning

At Creekview Elementary, teachers, staff, and administration have continued to provide 'great learning for all in a nurturing and collaborative environment' through the implementation of a new intervention and extension initiative.

[Read more about CES' new intervention initiative.](#)



TMHS Students Lead Clean Up Effort After Home Football Games

Tomball Memorial High School students have continued to lead in the area of community service. Spearheaded by TMHS Student Council a few years ago, the after-game clean up effort has grown to include many other student organizations and groups, who are all in to provide after-game support for the Tomball ISD Gameday custodial staff and event staff.

[Read more about TMHS student volunteers](#)



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[Read more about US News' rankings.](#)



Timber Creek Elementary Fosters Relationships with Families through ‘Games with Grands Night’

In honor of Grandparents Day, Timber Creek Elementary hosted its annual ‘Games with Grands Night’, a family-fun night on campus for students to introduce their grandparents to their school in a relaxed environment, full of fun, food, and games.

[Read more about TCES' event.](#)



TISD Celebrates Opening of Early Excellence Academy with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

With the 2023-2024 school year off to a great start, Tomball ISD celebrated the opening of its first ever Pre-K Center, the new Early Excellence Academy, during a ribbon cutting ceremony.

[Read more about EEA Opening.](#)



Character.Org Recognizes Creekside Park Junior High's Cougars 4 Kindness

Creekside Park Junior High's service-based organization, Cougars 4 Kindness, was recently recognized as a Promising Practice by [Character.org](https://character.org), a national advocate and leader for character in schools and communities.

[Read more about Character.org's recognition of CPJHS.](#)



KPRC 2 and Shell Federal Credit Union Honor TMHS Teacher Canita Lee during Surprise Classroom Visit

Tomball Memorial High School teacher Canita Lee was honored with a surprise visit and gift basket, courtesy of Shell Federal Credit Union, as part of KPRC Channel 2's We Love Teachers! segment during the first week of school.

[Read more about Canita Lee's surprise honor.](#)

[Click Here for All Feel Good Friday Stories](#)



DeShaun Washington, THS '03



DESHAUN WASHINGTON, Tomball High School, 2003
Tomball ISD Transportation Supervisor

The Tomball ISD Transportation Department plays a critical role in a child's school experience. Whether one is a bus driver, in charge of routes, supervising staff, or scheduling field trips, all roles are critical in a successful transportation operation within a school district.

For DeShaun Washington, being able to serve in a role that positively impacts a child's school experience was exactly what he was meant to do in life. Through hard work and dedicated time spent learning and growing, Washington has elevated himself into a Transportation Supervisor in Tomball ISD, and he never goes a day without thanking those who helped him along the way.

A proud 2003 graduate of Tomball High School, Washington has called Tomball home his entire life. He attended Tomball Elementary, Beckendorf Intermediate, and Tomball Junior High where he played football, and finished at THS where he was a member of the ROTC.

"I have fond memories of my time in school here," he said. "The teachers were well educated, and the schools left a good impact on my life."

While attending school, Washington discovered a new passion.

"I'm very appreciative of the experiences I had in school, most importantly school lunch. Good food gave me the thirst for knowledge about the food industry."

At the age of 14, and still attending THS, Washington joined Savannah Steak and Seafood Restaurant as a dishwasher. Over time, continued hard work led the restaurant to put him through culinary school. He later became a sous chef, followed by chef, then became General Manager.

"I am grateful to Chuck Berry, along with his daughter Susan and Dennis Wilkenson for offering me a job opportunity when I was only fourteen years old," Washington said. "This opportunity helped me become the person I am today."

Washington always had the drive to work hard, and between working at a restaurant, attending school, and focusing on his future, Washington has never taken a career opportunity for granted.

In addition to working in the restaurant world, Washington wanted to assist those that aided him in becoming who he is today, and while still in school, decided to apply for a position with the JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) program that works with students to get them work ready.

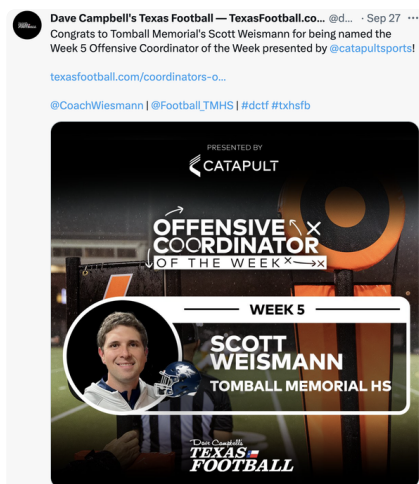
From there, he graduated in 2003, continued working his way up in the restaurant industry, and soon began his journey within Transportation. Knowing that Tomball was dedicated to children excelling in life, led him back to where it all started.

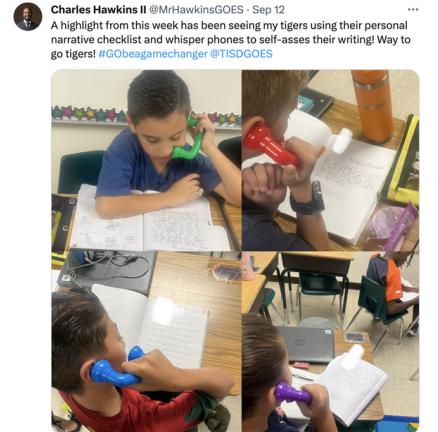
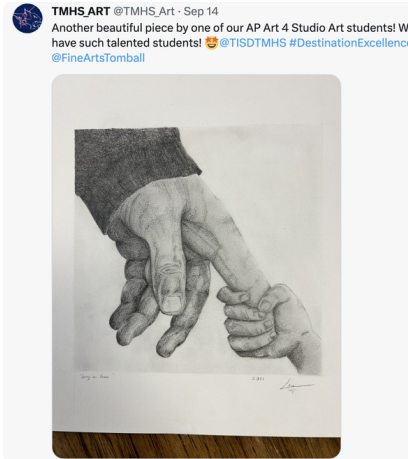
"When I started working in transportation in Tomball ISD, I was a sub-driver, then learned different fields of transportation," he recalls. "During those early years, I assisted in routing and worked in dispatch. I want to thank longtime Tomball ISD Transportation Director Beverly Beisert for giving me a chance at such a young age."

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[Read entire Alumni Spotlight.](#)

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JULY 2023	TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024 Calendar First Day of School August 15, 2023 Last Day of School May 23, 2024 Staff & Student Holidays Independence Day - July 4 Labor Day - September 4 Thanksgiving - November 20-24 Winter Break - Dec. 21-Jan. 3 Martin Luther King Day - Jan. 15 Presidents Day - February 19 Spring Break - March 11-15 Good Friday - March 29 Memorial Day - May 27 Staff Development/Workdays Student Holidays August 2-4 (New Teacher) August 7-11 August 14 October 6 and 9 November 6-7 January 4-5 February 16 March 8 and 18 May 24 and 28 Early Release Days All Schools: Dec. 20, May 23 Make Up Days (if needed) February 19 March 18 May 24 Reporting Periods End October 13 December 20 March 8 May 23	JANUARY 2024
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