

# SEE YOU AT THE POLE DRAWS HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS



**Above:** Students gathered around the singers for a few worship songs before breaking into prayer circles.

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In 1990, one youth group in Burleson, Texas – with just 10 students – decided to begin visiting the schools in their city and praying for them.

Thirty-three years later, millions of students internationally are lifting up their schools in prayer on the fourth Wednesday in September at an event called See You at the Pole, and hundreds of Crockett County High School and Middle School students joined forces in Cavalier Stadium at 7:20 this morning to pray.

When the event began, the original students behind it wanted a place where students could find their friends easily and get together. They realized that nearly every school has a flagpole at a central location, and that's how the prayer time developed its name.

See You at the Pole is student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led, which makes it constitutionally legal at schools in the United States. The event is designed for students to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God.

At Cavalier Stadium, the Crockett group used a portable flag stand in order for everyone to gather around with room to spare. Students participated in a few worship songs led by Ayden Anderson, Ella Cate Haynes, and guitarist Jiorgia Elmore before breaking into smaller circles and sharing prayers from cards handed out as they gathered.

The event finished with one large circle around the flag in the middle of the football field, with several students volunteering individual prayers before returning to their classes.

Because the organizing students asked, teachers were allowed to help organize the gathering, and Doug Wede and Julie Nass accommodated their request worthily.



**Above:** Ella Cate Haynes, Jiorgia Elmore (with guitar), and Ayden Anderson led worship songs to kick off the See You at the Pole celebration.



**Left:** Cavalier Stadium's football field is filled with high school and middle school students praying for friends, families, teachers, schools, and the nation.