



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

Tomball Star Academy Applications Open Until Dec. 8



TOMBALL STAR ACADEMY

Prospective Owl Open House

November 16, 2023 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Tomball Star Academy • 11211 FM 2920 Bldg. 3



Tomball Star Academy is an Early College High School with P-TECH programming opportunities. More info at tsa.tomballisd.net.

Current 8th graders interested in an Early College High School experience, consider applying for Tomball Star Academy.

The Early College High School will provide students the opportunity to complete a high school diploma and earn transferable college credits (up to 60 hours) with the opportunity of earning an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at no cost. The ECHS provides students with a "seamless" pathway from high school to college.

[Learn all about Tomball Star Academy.](#)

**Dr. Z Selected as Texas Nominee for 2024 National Superintendent
of the Year**



Tomball ISD Superintendent Martha Salazar-Zamora, Ed.D., has been selected by TASA as Texas' nominee for 2024 [National Superintendent of the Year](#), an award given by [AASA, The School Superintendents Association](#).

Salazar-Zamora has served as superintendent of Tomball ISD, a fast-growing district of more than 22,000 students northwest of Houston, since 2017, when she became the first female and the first Hispanic to hold the position in the district's history. Prior to that, she served as the district's chief academic officer for three years.

Salazar-Zamora says what makes her most proud of Tomball is the staff's dedication to students and commitment to working as a team to the benefit of everyone in the district. She works to cultivate "Team Tomball," a sense of community and teamwork and a culture of learning in the district that helps benefit individual learners day in and day out.

[READ MORE about Dr. Salazar-Zamora's nomination.](#)

Patriotic Show 2023

For 43 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.

2023 Patriotic Show Highlight | Tomball ISD

43rd Annual **PATRIOTIC SHOW**

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







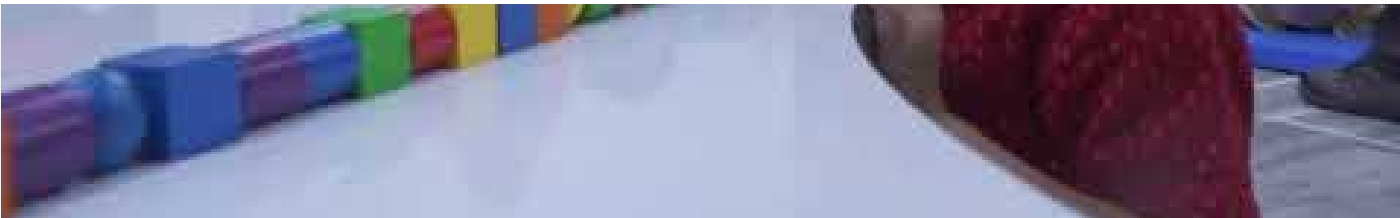
Elementary Board Walks

The Tomball ISD Board of Trustees joined by Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora spent an October morning visiting three elementary campuses for Board Walks.

The Team of 8 witnessed high-quality instruction and learning that was student-centered, and even student-led. They also saw intentional discussions, GE, problem-solving and took in the environment in which the youngest learners in the district experience every day. The group visited Decker Prairie Elementary, Early Excellence Academy and Wildwood Elementary.

Board Walks | Fall 2023 | Tomball ISD





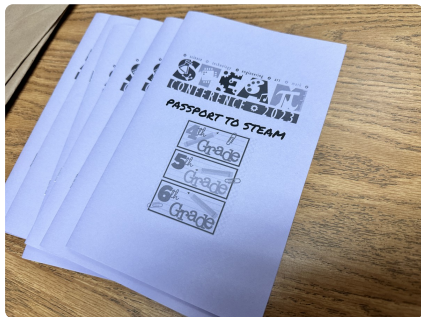




Unique Opportunities Available for ALL Students

STEAM Conference

Tomball ISD students enrolled in grades two through six participated in conference-style sessions that allowed them to experience hands-on activities that highlighted how Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math are integrated together.





Survey Field Day

Tomball ISD offered a real world experience for over 300 junior high students. Survey Field Day was a chance to explore the professional career of land surveying that saw a collaboration between community partners and TISD to support CTE learning.

From hands-on experiences to drones and more, TISD students are continuously exposed to educational experiences that will help them lead in creating the future.

Survey Field Day 2023 | Tomball ISD



**TOMBALL ISD CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION &
TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS PRESENTS**

SURVEY FIELD DAY





In the News



Congrats to our Fall 2023 Superintendent Shining Stars!

Honored for their commitment to creating a high-quality learning environment for their students, these four educators were recognized as Fall 2023 Superintendent Shining Stars.

- Luz Benjamin (Tomball Intermediate)
- Jacob Ortiz (Tomball Junior High)
- Jessica Noack (Willow Creek Elementary)
- Sara Guynes (Creekside Forest Elementary)



Thank You, Whataburger!

Tomball's newest Whataburger location off Cypress Rosehill Road celebrated its recent grand opening by providing a generous donation to Tomball ISD to pay off the balances for school lunch debt. Thank you for your partnership and for supporting the families of Tomball ISD!



TISD Teachers Honored as GTACC Teachers of the Month

Congratulations to our two educators who were honored as October Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce Teachers of the Month, sponsored by The Juice Plus+ Company.

- Sophia Manix (Timber Creek Elementary): 1st year SPED teacher
- Sarah Ellison (Tomball Memorial HS): Award-winning cheer coach & communications teacher



Leadership Tomball ISD Applications Open

Leadership Tomball ISD provides an opportunity for you to take part in an interactive, in-depth learning experience from January through April.

Participants will meet the people who are responsible for programs and services, and see first-hand how the district creates a climate of success for our rapidly growing, diverse student population. Applications are now open and close on December 18, 2023.

[Read more about Leadership Tomball ISD.](#)



Dr. Z Welcomes in Realtors, Faith-Based Leaders

Tomball ISD Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora recently welcomed in a room full of local real estate professionals and faith-based leaders for two discussions. These groups play a vital

role in telling our #DestinationExcellence story every day.



Tomball ISD Parent University Sessions Set

Parent University is designed to empower parents with knowledge and tools to become effective advocates for their children. There are a variety of sessions from Pre-K through High School Senior content delivered through cross-district collaboration. The events are free to attend and are open to our Tomball ISD community. We will continue to strengthen our relationships with our families throughout the school year and hope to see you soon.

[Learn more about Parent U.](#)

Learn More About District Zone Reset



Volleyball

Tomball Memorial HS

Regional Quarter Finals

Photo credit: TMHS Volleyball

[Purchase TMHS Volleyball Playoff Tickets](#)



Undefeated District Champions (14-0)

Bi-District Champions

Photo credit: TMHS Athletic Booster



Tomball HS

2nd in District (12-2) ; Advanced to Playoffs

Photo credit: THS Volleyball



Water Polo

Tomball Memorial HS Girls

District Champions
Regional Semifinalists

Tomball Memorial HS Boys

Area Champs



Tomball HS Boys

District Champions
Bi-District Champions

Tomball HS Girls

Bi-District Champions

Cross Country State Qualifiers

Tomball High School

Laney Nash
Scarlett Berthelot
Landon Flies
Fintan Lehmann

Photo credit: THS Athletics



Tomball Memorial High School

Alexis Garza

Photo credit: TMHS Athletics

RESULTS

10.23 | REGION 2-6A XC MEET | LYNN CREEK

**VARSITY BOYS
18TH PLACE**

**VARSITY GIRLS RESULTS
ALEXIS GARZA
7TH PLACE
STATE MEET QUALIFIER**

TOMBALL MEMORIAL CROSS COUNTRY

Football Playoffs

Purchase Tomball Memorial High School Playoff Tickets

TMHS BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF GAME

TMHS vs. Cy Springs

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
TOMBALL ISD STADIUM

7 PM KICKOFF



Purchase Tomball High School Playoff Tickets

THS BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF GAME

THS at Cy Falls

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
PRIDGEON STADIUM

11355 Falcon Road, Houston, Texas 77065

7 PM KICKOFF



Fine Arts

TMHS' Roarin' Blue Band Advances to State for 3rd Year in a Row

Photo Credit: Doug Opfer



TMHS Wildcat Theatre Presents:

TMHS THEATRE THE ICE WOLF EXPERIENCE

Time

Experience: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Show: 2-3:30

Date: November 11th

CUBS [GRADES K-4]

Price: \$50

Included:

1 child ticket, 1 adult ticket, snacks,
activities

WOLVES [GRADES 5-8]

- Face Painting or DIY Wolf Mask
- Drumming Circle
- DIY Props
- Bracelet Making
- Storytime w/ Characters
- Technical Rotations Ex: Lighting Stage Makeup, Costuming
- Learn TMHS Warmups
- Workshop Monologues (feel free to bring one!)
- Improv Workshop



Registration



Payment

TMHS Wildcat Theatre
PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE ICE WOLF

Joanna H. Kraus

NOVEMBER 9TH, 10TH, 11TH & 13TH

RESERVED TICKETS \$12 SENIOR CITIZENS/MATINEE \$6

MATINEE STARTS AT 2:00PM - NOVEMBER 11TH

SHOW STARTS AT 7:00PM

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SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024
SUPERINTENDENT'S

Fun Run

Register Early
& Save \$5!



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 February 16, 2024.



Tomball ISD Recognizes Its Own Through Student2Staff Initiative

Over 200 current Tomball ISD employees graduated from a Tomball ISD high school, and now give back to the school district they once were a part of as students.

In honor of these individuals, Tomball ISD has begun a new initiative called Student2Staff, recognizing those individuals with a coveted yard sign to showcase their pride and loyalty to this school district and community.

[Read more about the Student2Staff Initiative.](#)



DPES Student Owen Crane Writes & Publishes First Book

His love for animals coupled with his dad's leadership experience inspired Decker Prairie Elementary third grader Owen Crane to co-author his first children's book, titled *Leadership for Little Humans* with his dad, Luke.

[Read more about Owens book.](#)



THS, TMHS Marching Bands Continue Rich Tradition of Advancing to Area Competition

Tomball ISD was well-represented by both bands at the Region 9 UIL Marching Band Contest as they each received unanimous first division ratings from the judges (the highest possible score) to advance to the Area Competition!

[Read more about TISD's Marching Band success.](#)



CPES Teacher Sandy Guillory Selected as ConocoPhillips Math Teacher of the Month Grand Prize Winner

Celebrations erupted at Canyon Pointe Elementary on Friday morning when fourth grade teacher and former ConocoPhillips Math Teacher of the Month Sandy Guillory was named the ConocoPhillips Math Teacher of the Month Grand Prize Winner through a random drawing.

[Read more about Ms. Guillory's surprise.](#)



GOES Library Supported by Dedicated Volunteers

For Grand Oaks Elementary, its volunteers have proven to play an integral role in the overall success of the campus' library thanks to a supportive group of mothers who have joined together to provide consistent support in the library throughout the year.

[Read more about library volunteers at GOES.](#)



CES 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.](#)



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 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](#), 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](#)



[Amy Mason, THS '96](#)



AMY MASON, Tomball High School, 1996

Director of Communications, Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

Tomball thrives on its hometown connections, local business, and history, but continues to empower its residents despite its immense growth over the years. It truly is a small town with a heart, and the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce helps drive that success.

For Amy [Wilkins] Mason, her ties to Tomball have only strengthened since re-joining her community as the Director of Communications for the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce.

A 1996 graduate of Tomball High School, Mason attended Decker Prairie Elementary, Beckendorf Junior High and Tomball High School where she was extremely involved in athletics. As a member of the Varsity Basketball team all four years, serving as captain her final two seasons, and as a Varsity Captain for Volleyball, Mason's involvement in athletics led to an athletics scholarship where she played basketball at Temple College for two years.

Following her time at Temple College, she attended and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Concordia University in Austin.

From there, she began her professional work with her family at W&W Technologies before starting a career in benefits administration. She spent six years administering pension plans with Hewitt

Associates/Aon Hewitt. She continued administering retirement plans for the next six years with AIG/Valic.

“While I appreciate my time and relationships built while at those jobs, I was not fulfilled,” she said. “I was on the lookout for opportunities closer to home and that aligned more with my values.”

It was then that the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed her home.

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[Read entire Alumni Spotlight.](#)

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