



## 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

# **Back to School 2024**



















# **Destination Paradise: Convocation 2024**





















# In the News

**Tomball ISD Celebrates Opening of West Elementary** 



Tomball ISD celebrated the opening of its 12th elementary campus, West Elementary, during a ribbon cutting ceremony. West Elementary is a Bond 2021 project and is the first of three campuses to open within the West Complex. Home of the Tigers, West Elementary, is the 24th campus to open in Tomball ISD, and will serve students Pre-K through fourth grade. Mr. Chad Schmidt will lead the campus as the school's first Principal.

#### Read more about the opening of West Elementary.



#### TISD Once Again Awarded EVERFI Empowered District Seal for Preparing Students for Success in the Real World

For the second straight year, Tomball ISD's dedication to providing an evidence-informed education that prepares students for success in the real world has led it to earn the annual EVERFI Empowered Seal.





# Tomball ISD Wins 2024 TAEA District of Distinction Award

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) announced the 94 winners of the 2024 District of Distinction Award. Among the list of honorees is Tomball ISD. The districts received the honor for providing a well-rounded education that advocates and integrates visual arts curriculum to inspire creativity and build social emotional learning that connect learners to their community and beyond.



#### Read more about Tomball ISD's honor.

# **Tomball ISD Launches Grow Your Own Program to Support Aspiring Teachers**

Tomball ISD is excited to announce the launch of its Grow Your Own program, which will offer a no-cost pathway to support current staff who aspire to become teachers and earn their Texas teaching certification.

Read more about Grow Your Own in Tomball ISD.





#### TMHS Football Creates Community Connection through Team Events

With the 2024 season finally here, the Wildcats recently hosted its annual event, "Helmets & Heroes", which recognized educators who have made a profound impact on the life of one of the TMHS varsity football players.





#### Mariachi at THS Offers New Opportunity for Students to Embrace Heritage

Cultivating an environment where all students feel welcomed and a celebration of heritage and culture is appreciated, Tomball ISD is excited to welcome Mariachi, a new Fine Arts program, to Tomball High School.

Read more about the new Mariachi program at THS.



# Tomball ISD Bus Driver Connects with Community through Meet & Greet Event

Bus driver Liz Kelm, now in her fourth year of driving a school bus for TISD, hosted a 'Meet Your Bus Driver' event for the neighborhood in which she serves prior to the start of the new school year.

Read more about an inspiring bus driver in TISD.

#### **Click Here for All Feel Good Friday Stories**









## **DID YOU KNOW?**

# ALL TOMBALL ISD ROUTE BUSES ARE EQUIPPED WITH AIR CONDITIONING

School buses are designed to cool 15-20 degrees below the ambient temperature; therefore, the extreme heat we are facing coupled with the opening and closing of doors at every stop will



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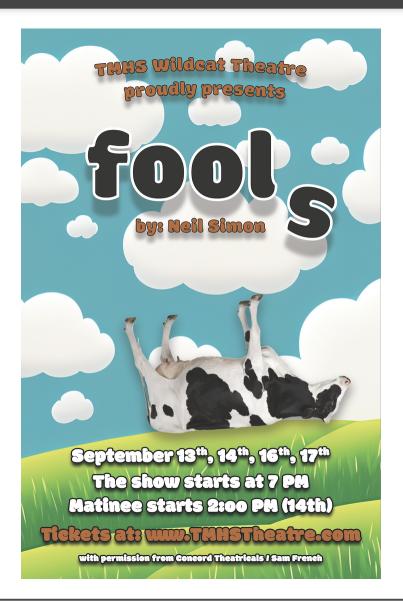
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# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Tomball Memorial High School Wildcat Theatre Tickets



**Tomball High School STAGE Tickets** 

# Little Women The Musical

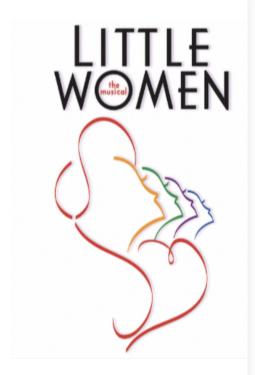
By Mindi Dickstein
September 19, 20, 21, & 23 at 7:00 PM
September 21 at 2:30 PM

Our first musical of <u>Little Women</u> is great for those who love a good classic. It is an emotional piece about a creative family navigating life while their father is in the army. It is a touching musical for all

friends and family.

Tickets \$15 Online & \$20 at door

Tickets Available 09/09/24



## Nominate a Tomball ISD Teacher Today!

The H-E-B Excellence in Education program awards cash grants to finalists, winners, and their schools. A nomination starts a journey that can lead to impactful benefits for the schools and districts in your community.

Nominations for the 2025 Excellence in Education Awards close on October 7, 2024.



**Click Here for Tomball ISD Stadium GAMEDAY Information** 



Friday, August 30   7 PM	TMHS vs. Humble
Thursday, September 5   7 PM	TMHS vs. Cy Creek
Friday, September 6   7 PM	THS vs. Cinco Ranch
Friday, September 13	Bye Week
Friday, September 20   7 PM	TMHS vs. Magnolia
Friday, September 27   7 PM	THS vs. Magnolia West
Friday, October 4   7 PM	TMHS vs. Klein Forest
Friday, October 11   7 PM	THS vs. Klein Oak
Friday, October 18   7 PM	Patriotic Show: THS vs. TMHS
Friday, October 25   7 PM	THS vs. Magnolia
Friday, November 1   7 PM	TMHS vs. Klein
Friday, November 8   7 PM	THS vs. Klein Forest



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Community engagement has become a part of Dennis Wilkins' daily life.

His contributions to his hometown of Tomball and his desired commitment to help improve the experience others have when visiting Tomball have been enlightening and a great benefit to this community.

Serving professionally as the Vice President and Account Manager for W&W Technologies, a family-owned business located in the Tomball area, Wilkins is a proud Tomball High School graduate from the Class of 1992.

In 1978, his family moved from Magnolia to Tomball, and since then - he has called this town his home.

During his grade school years, Wilkins attended the old school on Cherry Street, a few years at Tomball Elementary before finishing up fourth through sixth grade at Decker Prairie Elementary. He went on to attend Beckendorf Junior High, a ninth grade campus on Main Street, and his final three years as a THS Cougar.

While in high school, Wilkins described himself as the guiet kid.

"I was the kid in the corner at school but was very involved in Drafting my entire time at THS. My interests were drawing and art," Wilkins said.

After his time at THS, Wilkins attended some classes at Lone Star College before transferring to Sam Houston State for some time. While he was attending college, he began working part-time for the family business.

"While at Sam Houston, I realized that the part time work was rewarding and had the potential to make me happy in life doing the tech things that I liked," Wilkins recalls. "Technology was changing fast back in the mid 90s and I saw I had a knack for understanding it, so I went full-time and still love learning new technology."

W&W Technologies has been a member of the Tomball Greater Area Chamber of Commerce since the mid-80s, but Wilkins personal involvement with the organization really kicked off in 2016.

For Wilkins, initially becoming involved with the Tomball Chamber was sparked by a favor for a friend but it wasn't until he really became immersed in community events that he realized how special his hometown really was.

"Initially, I became involved because it got me out of the house and off the computer," he said. "As I got to know more people in Tomball and the good things that happen in this town, you never want to step away."

Wilkins not only is involved in the Chamber through the family business, but as a volunteer.

He serves the community as the 2024-2025 Tomball Rotary Club President, and as through his involvement, he helps ensure the organization's effort of supporting local charities and student scholarships.

"As a Rotarian, our motto is 'Service above Self', and the great people we have living in this town make it really easy to want to be around doing things to give back to the community," Wilkins said.

Read full spotlight.

### Nominate a Tomball ISD Alumni

## **Click Here for All Alumni Spotlight Stories**

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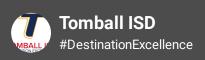


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