



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

Hot Off the Press!



TOMBALL ISD

DESTINATION EXCELLENCE



#1 Best School District

#1 Best Teachers
#1 Best Places to Teach **IN HARRIS COUNTY**

Tomball ISD Earns #1 Best District in Harris County for 6th Straight Year!



Tomball ISD Students Perform at txEDCON24

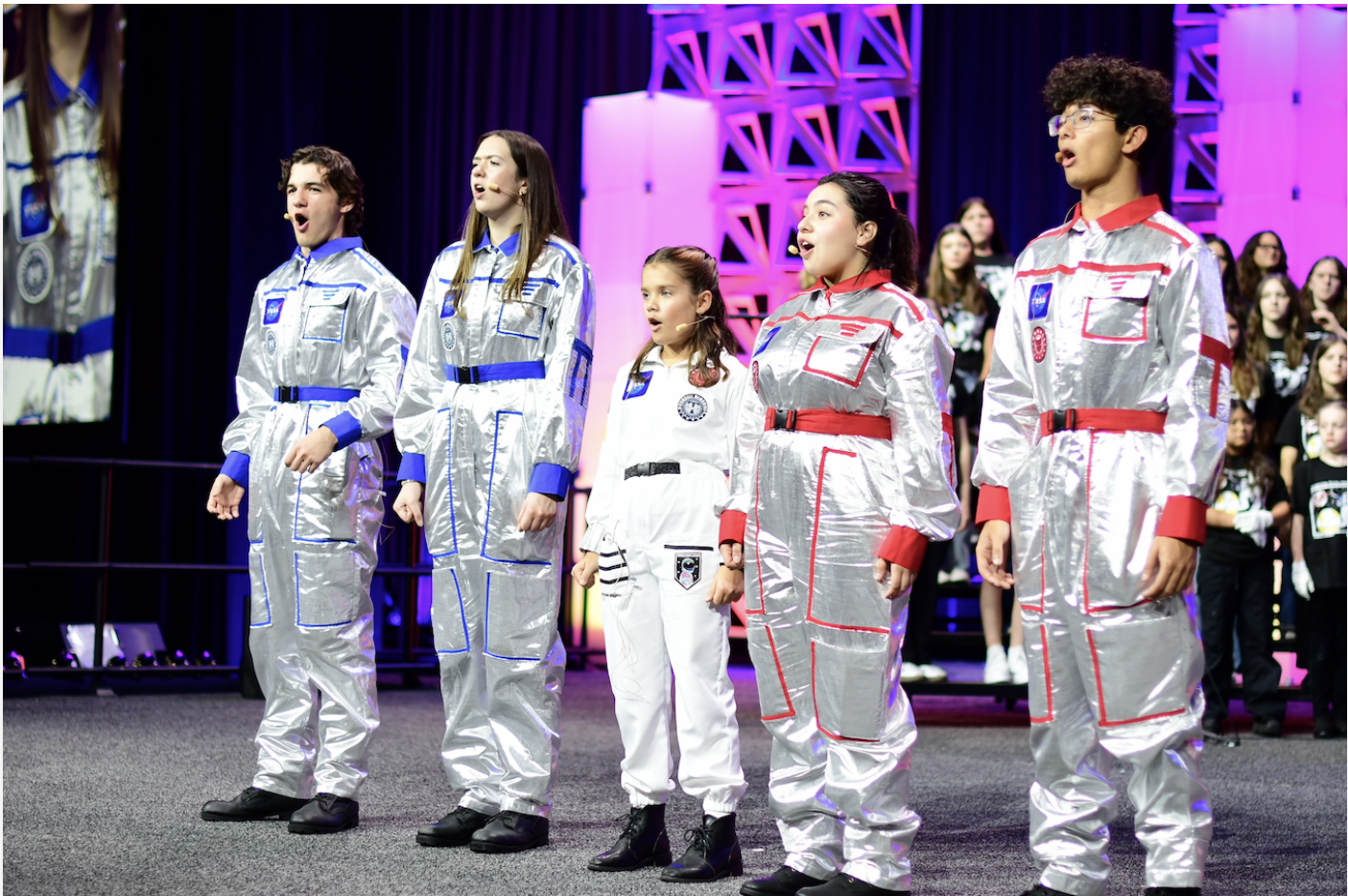


Over 250 Tomball ISD students worked collaboratively with fine arts teachers over the last three months to create an incredible performance, highlighting their journey as students in TISD.

Students from every campus and every grade level represented Symphony Orchestra, Secondary and Elementary Choir, Electric String Ensemble, Elementary Handbell Choir, Steel Band, Marching Bands, Theatre, Drill Teams, Color Guard, and Visual Arts.







Congrats, Dr. Z on Serving as TASA President this Year!

Congratulations to our Tomball ISD Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora on serving as this year's Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) President. She is also the first Hispanic Female Superintendent to serve in this capacity during the 100-year span.





October is

NATIONAL PRINCIPAL

Month

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DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

Tomball High School Homecoming



Congratulations to Tomball High School Homecoming:

Queen: Lexington Lopez

King: Gehrig Heckathorn





Congratulations to Tomball ISD's National Merit Semifinalists!

**TOMBALL HIGH SCHOOL
NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS**



**Charles Hadzic
Benjamin Prince**

CONGRATULATIONS!

2025 Tomball Memorial High School
National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists



Leyton Bammel



Luca Gasparini



Jessica Ho



Lauren Taylor

Congratulations



Owen Hanson

National Merit Semi-Finalist

Tomball Star Academy

In the News

TISD Becomes First in Texas to Add AI Asst. PowerBuddy to Curriculum Development



Tomball ISD is excited to announce its partnership with PowerSchool (NYSE: PWSC), the leading provider of cloud-based software for K-12 education in North America, to pilot PowerBuddy, PowerSchool's AI-powered assistant that is uniquely crafted for students, families, teachers, and administrators.

[Read more about this partnership.](#)



School Safety & Social Media Reminders

Tomball ISD is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students, but we need your help. We will continue to educate students on digital citizenship and responsible social media use, but your involvement at home is vital to reinforcing these lessons and reminding students, "It's Not a Joke. Think Before You Post"

[Read Dr. Z's community letter addressing school safety & social media reminders.](#)



2024-25 Stars of Distinction Awarded!

Early Excellence Academy Earns Three Stars of Distinction for Excellence

TASA and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) have announced that 41 projects will be included in the 2024-25 Exhibit of School Architecture and Tomball ISD's Early Excellence Academy earned three distinctions in value, planning, and transformation.

[Read more about the distinctions.](#)



Digital Citizenship Week
September 30 - October 4

Tomball ISD to Recognize Digital Citizenship Week, Sept. 30 - Oct. 4

To help prepare our students to navigate the digital world we are incorporating a Digital Citizenship week promoting positive online practices for students in Grades K-12.

[Read more about Digital Citizenship Week in Tomball ISD.](#)



COMMUNITY *Captures*







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Feel Good

FRIDAY



Tomball ISD Brothers Invent Hydraulic Hammer Break Cover with Pending Patent

Tomball ISD brothers Navinu and Dihen Koswatta collaborated for several years to design and create the Hydraulic Hammer Break Cover.

[Read more about the Hydraulic Hammer Breaker Cover invention.](#)



TCES Begins Building Bridges Club to Empower English Language Learners

Timber Creek Elementary Emergent Bilingual Instructional Specialist Heather Ling begins Building Bridges Club on campus to empower and support English Language Learners.

[Read more about the Building Bridges Club at TCES.](#)



19 TMHS Students Excel Earning the Prestigious AP Capstone™ Diploma

Congratulations to Tomball Memorial High School students for earning the prestigious AP Capstone™ Diploma recognition.

[Read more about this distinguished accolade.](#)



Tomball ISD CTE Partners with TEDC for Summer Youth Employment Program

Tomball ISD CTE partnered with the Tomball Economic Development Corporation to provide a real-world internship opportunity to interested students.

[Read more about this community partnership.](#)



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.

[Read more about TMHS' community building events.](#)



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](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[STEAM Conference Grades 6-7 Registration Open](#)



October 26 from 8 AM - 12 PM at Tomball Junior High

Registration is still open for Grades 6-7 at this year's STEAM Conference. The deadline has been extended. Registration for Grades 3-5 is currently accepting waitlist applicants as the number of spots has filled.

For more information on the [STEAM Conference](#).

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.



STUDENT HOLIDAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT

OCTOBER 10-14

Classes Resume Tuesday, October 15



TOMBALL ISD



ENGAGED IN EXCELLENCE

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.

Learn More about Tomball ISD's Parent U

Upcoming Parent U: October 15

Empowering Digital Citizenship: Ethical & Responsible Use of Generative AI

Navigate AI safely! Learn responsible use of generative AI, protect against misuse, and become an ethical digital citizen. Join "Empowering Digital Citizenship" to unlock AI's potential while prioritizing safety and integrity.

Tuesday, October 15

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tomball ISD Technology & Staff Development Center

1302 Keefer Rd, Tomball, TX 77375

Patriotic Show Details



**Tomball Star Academy Applications for 2025-2026 School Year
Open October 21**



**TOMBALL
STAR ACADEMY**



Earn your
*Diploma
& Degree*
for free.

Tomball Star Academy • Student Info Meetings

All student info meetings will take place during the school day at the school/date listed

@WWWJH
OCT.
8

@TJH
OCT.
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@GLJH
OCT.
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@CPIJH
OCT.
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[Click Here for Tomball ISD Stadium GAMEDAY Information](#)



2024 FOOTBALL TOMBALL ISD STADIUM



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

[Fun Run Details + Register Here](#)

FUN RUN + FREE FESTIVAL SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025 SUPERINTENDENT'S

Fun Run



Register Early
& Save \$10!

TOMBALLISD.NET/FUNRUN

TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALUMNI

Spotlight

Lauren Kirchner, Tomball High School, 2004



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President and Co-Owner of Spring Creek Growers, Inc.

Her story began on a Christmas Tree Farm off Decker Prairie Rosehill Road. The pine scent illuminated the air and families from all over would create memories visiting Spring Creek Growers for their annual choose-and-cut Christmas tree.

For Lauren Kirchner, formally Lauren Jones, working the family Christmas Tree Farm as a young girl was one of her favorite memories, and as she grew older, a memory she thought would only be a

childhood pastime.

Now, in 2024, Kirchner leads Spring Creek Growers, Inc. as its President and Co-Owner. A creative horticulture marketer and accomplished business developer, she brings 15 years of experience to this role, having joined the family business shortly after pursuing a career that just didn't completely fulfill her.

Kirchner is a 2004 graduate of Tomball High School where she attended Beckendorf Intermediate, Tomball Junior High, and THS during her grade school years. In a family full of Cougar graduates, Kirchner was a proud member of the swim team, competing on the first team to call the Natatorium home during her senior year. She was involved in summer theater productions, and broadcasted school announcements each morning.

Following high school, Kirchner thought she would pursue broadcast journalism, but once she began her time at Baylor University she focused on business and received her degree with a double major in Marketing and Finance.

"As I graduated [from Baylor], I left thinking I'd have a long career with a Fortune 500 company, but only after one year of corporate life, I quickly realized the young business her parents had begun was something of great opportunity," Kirchner said.

A true family business, Kirchner approached her parents with the idea.

"I came to my father, shocking us both, that I was interested in joining the family business, something I'd never ever considered before, and asked if he could use my help."

She began her time working at Spring Creek Growers, Inc. as a Sales Representative with no formal horticulture training or background despite working the Christmas Tree Farm her whole life.

"After joining the family business, I quickly realized how much of an impact growing flowers makes for the community."

To rewind and reflect on what Spring Creek Growers, Inc. has become over the years is quite inspiring.

The land was farm land originally owned by Kirchner's great grandparents where they raised turkeys and produce for Houston Farmers Markets. Kirchner's parents took over the land and began Spring Creek Growers, Inc. in 1992 as a Christmas Tree Farm.

In 2004, Kirchner's father quit his day job and began the commercial nursery business full-time, embarking on an entrepreneurial leap.

"As I went through college, he and my mom wore many hats to keep a young business going," Kirchner remembers. "Those early years were challenging for both of them but they successfully laid a foundation for the company making it what it is today."

Kirchner officially joined in Year 5 of the commercial business, and a few years later her brother joined as well. Today, Spring Creek Growers, Inc. has 60 employees and ships to over 200 H-E-B

stores regularly along with other customers like SiteOne Landscape Supply, Costco, and many premium commercial landscaping companies across Texas.

[Read full spotlight.](#)

Nominate a Tomball ISD Alumni

Click Here for All Alumni Spotlight Stories



Great Expectaions (GE) in Tomball ISD

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Tomball Memorial HS Library @TMHSCatsLibrary · 5h
 Hey, Wildcats! We're celebrating #HispanicHeritageMonth2024 with lots of great authors and books! Come on in to find your next favorite read. 📖
 #WildcatsRead 📖 🇲🇽 @Tomball



Tomball Star Academy @TISDTSA · Sep 20
 We are excited to share the first winners of our staff core value awards! These staff members display our core values every day and we are excited to see who they pass the letters to in the future. DEDICATION INTEGRITY WISDOM #WingsUp



Decker Prairie Elementary @TISDDPES · Sep 21
 Thank you @FootballTomball for helping with arrival and classroom visits Friday. Our students absolutely loved it! Coach Short and his boys were so kind and gracious with our students 🙌🇲🇽



David Surdovel @Daviesurdovel · Sep 21
 Had a great time last night celebrating Luz Benjamin of @TISDTIS in @TomballISD as the @conocophilias and @astros Math Teacher of the Month! Also got to see the choir of @TISDCPHS and @TISDTHS sing the national anthem! Astros won 9-7 and the magic number is down to 4 🙌🇲🇽



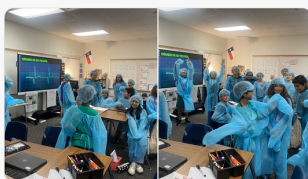
Brandi Halverson, M.A. @BrandiHalverson · Sep 21
 First "Adopt a Path" of the year with @CPH_C4K and @NJHS! Thank you to the staff and students who came out to help! @TomballISD @TheTownshipTX @AustinBankTexas @TISDCPHS



Dr. Martha SalazarZamora @m.salazarzamora · Sep 22
 What an enjoyable way to spend a portion of my Sunday with these talented young men talking about Leadership with students from @TomballISD @TISDTMHS & @TISDTHS. Thanks to the Young Men Service League (YMSL) for the invitation. The future is clearly bright with these students!!



Tomball Intermediate @TISDTIS · Sep 23
 Ms. Molina's 5th RLA students engaged in a "Surgery of Nonfiction" lesson by "dissecting" the text for better understanding using text features. What a fun way to engage students in their learning! 🇲🇽
 #wherechampionsaremade @TomballISD



Tomball Memorial Wildcat Choir @TheTMSChoir · Sep 23
 And our region candidates are already hard at work! Thank you to our guest clinicians for helping our singers get a jump start on this next set of audition music! @TISDTMHS @FineArtsTomball



Tomball High School @TISDTHS · Sep 23
 It's GOLD MEDAL MONDAY! and we want to take a moment to recognize these awesome teachers!!! Mrs. Spiegel, Mrs. Brewer, Mr. Michaelis, and Coach Smallwood we appreciate all you do for Tomball HS!!!



Grand Lakes Theatre @GLJH.Theatre · Sep 21
 Build Day for Matilda w/ @TMHSTheatre!




Wildwood Elementary @TISDWES · Sep 24
 Third-grade engaging in thinking tasks today! 🙌 #WeAreWES
 #WildwoodTogether #DestinationExcellence @TomballISD



Canyon Pointe Elementary @TISDCPES · 19h
 We had a great turnout for Book Fair today! Shout out to the Multicultural Committee for all the delicious treats. @CanyonPointePTO #HispanicHeritageMonth



JULY 2024							 2024-2025 Calendar							JANUARY 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	First Day of School August 13, 2024 Last Day of School May 22, 2025 Staff & Student Holidays Independence Day - July 4 Labor Day - September 2 Thanksgiving - Nov. 25-29 Winter Break - Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Martin Luther King Day - Jan. 20 Presidents Day - February 17 Spring Break - March 10-14 Good Friday - April 18 Memorial Day - May 26 Staff Development/Workdays Student Holidays July 31, August 1-2 (New Teacher) August 5-9 August 12 October 10-11, 14 November 4-5 January 6-7 February 14 March 17 May 23 and 27 Early Release Days <i>All Schools: Dec. 20, May 22</i> <i>High Schools Only: Dec. 19, May 21</i> Make Up Days (if needed) February 17 March 17 May 23 Reporting Periods End October 11 December 20 March 7 May 22	S	M	T	W	T	F	S						
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