



Tomball *talk*

Tomball ISD: Not Just a District, a Destination



#1 Best School District

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

VISION

Tomball ISD students will lead in creating the future.

MISSION

Tomball ISD empowers students to become impactful, contributing citizens by providing innovative, individually rigorous and personally valuable educational experiences while partnering with the community.

Board of Trustees



Pictured: (Back Row, L-R) Coco White, John E. McStravick, Mark Lewandowski, Dr. Michael Pratt
(Front Row, L-R) Jennifer Kratky, Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Amanda Bass, Tina Salem

District Leadership

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora



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

In the News

Tomball ISD Celebrates School Board Recognition Month



January is School Board Recognition Month, and Tomball ISD is honoring its Trustees for their dedication and commitment to the District and its students.

The theme this year is “leadership for tomorrow’s Texas,” which exemplifies the critical role our School Board Trustees have in shaping the future of our communities. These elected and invaluable community members help connect educational opportunities for our students and the state’s future workforce.

[Read more about the impact our School Board makes in Tomball.](#)



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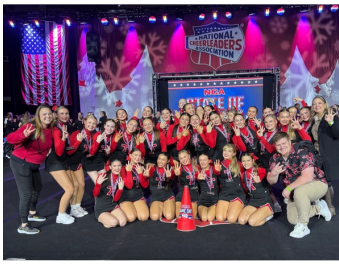


Mr. Coco White, Trustee



COMMUNITY *Captures*







TOMBALL ISD
DESTINATION EXCELLENCE



Feel Good

FRIDAY



TMHS Baseball Fosters Inclusion Through Annual Unified Kickball Game

TMHS Baseball builds meaningful friendships with PALS students through annual Unified Kickball Game.

[Read more about the TMHS Unified Kickball Game.](#)



TISD Schools Brighten the Holiday Season through Community Outreach Projects

Tomball ISD schools came together this holiday season to support its local community through outreach initiative and community-service projects.

[Read more about TISD community projects.](#)



TES Counselor Brings New High-Level Approach to Support Student Success

Tomball Elementary school counselor Tiffanie Toohey has brought a new high-level approach to support student success since joining Tomball ISD this year.

[Read more about TES counselor Tiffanie Toohey.](#)



TIS Student Celebrates Send-Off with Classmates After Being Granted Wish Through Make-A-Wish Foundation

Tomball Intermediate fifth grader Sabreen has been battling a rare disease for over 6.5 years but her hope and determination have inspired so many that she was recently granted her wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation and her classmates and teachers were there to celebrate her sendoff to Disney World.

[Read more about Sabreen's journey.](#)



Tomball ISD Implements Hope Squad, a Peer-to-Peer Connection, on High School Campuses

Amidst a growing need to address mental health concerns among today's youth, Tomball ISD took a bold step forward this year in implementing Hope Squad, a proactive approach to mental health support, enabling students to become trained peers supporters, in all three TISD high schools.

[Read more about Hope Squad.](#)



Tomball ISD Principals Connect with Community through Principal Partners Initiative

Tomball ISD hosted its annual Principal Partners Day at all campuses where each Principal Partner was paired with a campus leader and spent the morning in a specific school.

[Read more about Principal Partners.](#)



TMHS Librarian and Softball Team Up for Book Club

Tomball Memorial High School Librarian Mindy Garcia facilitates a Book Club with the Wildcat Softball Team, led by Coach Marissa Stevens.

[Read all about the Book Club.](#)



Tomball ISD Transportation Committed to Serving Students

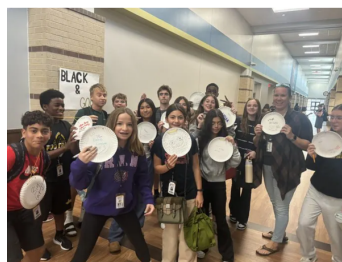
School bus drivers and the transportation department, led by Director Sandy Dillman, play a vital role, often the unsung role in the success of our Tomball ISD schools. Every day, drivers start early and face long hours to safely transport children to and from school, navigating various weather conditions, busy streets, and unforeseen challenges on the road.

[Read more about the Tomball ISD Transportation Department.](#)



Tomball ISD Orientation & Mobility Specialists Lead Promotion of White Cane Safety Day for Students

Tomball ISD Orientation & Mobility Specialists recently led the awareness effort of White Cane Safety Day across the District, promoting the use of a cane and its ability to create independence and safety for students with low vision and blindness.



GLJHS Student Leaders Model Campus Core Values During Student-Led Character Lessons

Led by CTE teacher, Leslie Wilson, and supported by Principal Dr. Kim McKinney, 34 GLJHS student leaders are creating character and leadership lessons designed for their peers that are implemented during Tiger Den every 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](#)

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[Read more about White Cane Day in Tomball ISD.](#)

[Read more about GLJHS' initiative to model Core Values.](#)

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

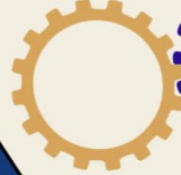


MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Tomball Event Center
JANUARY 11, 2025

TOMBALL ISD
Science Fair



COMMUNITY VIEWING

5:00-7:00PM

AWARDS CEREMONY

6:00PM

WANTED



Deal Me In Sterling Moore 12th Grade TMHS

Your Presence at the Tomball ISD
Rodeo Art Show

JANUARY 18TH

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

TOMBALL EVENT CENTER



No School on Monday, January 20



[Learn More about the 49th Annual FFA Project Show](#)



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

49th Annual FFA Project Show

January 21 - 25 at Tomball Agricultural Center

A Look Back at Year One in our New Tomball Agricultural Center

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[Learn More about Tomball ISD's Parent U](#)

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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.

[Fun Run Details + Register Here](#)

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TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALUMNI

Spotlight

Lisa Covington, Tomball High School, 1992



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Director of Tax for US Silica, Tomball City Council

Tomball is a special place, and for Tomball High School alumna Lisa Covington - it's home.

Covington, a successful tax accountant and Director of Tax for US Silica and a member of the Tomball City Council, is a 1992 graduate of THS. She attended Beckendorf Junior High for 7th and 8th grade, the ninth-grade campus on Main Street, and the current Tomball High School for grades 10th-12th.

Her drive and motivation led her to fulfill a very successful high school career. Involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, drama, Spanish Club, Do-It Interrelations Committee and tennis, Covington stayed busy and developed lifelong memories through her experiences.

Talented at tennis, Covington was a four-year varsity letter winner, serving as the team's No. 1 player all four years of her career. In fact, she placed second in women's singles at the District Championship - making her the first girl from THS to qualify for the State Tennis Tournament in singles.

"While being on the tennis team was fun and very rewarding, what I appreciate most about being a THS alumna is that I was gifted with the most incredible teachers and administrators who challenged me, taught me how to learn, instilled in me a lifelong love for learning, highlighted the

importance of thinking and analyzing my way through every problem, taught me how to write well-developed research papers, build confidence in my academic abilities and cemented a belief that I can accomplish anything and achieve all my goals,” Covington said.

From Tomball High School, Covington found her way to Baylor University. Her path to Baylor was quite unique. In Mrs. Harrington’s sophomore English class, she was asked to write a letter requesting a viewbook to a college that was randomly provided to her. The writing assignment turned into a life-changing experience for Covington as she learned more about Baylor and what it could offer her as a student.

“Baylor University is an incredible university that was perfect for me,” Covington said. “It was small enough to receive individual instruction but large enough to grow into who I am today.”

It was at Baylor that Covington discovered accounting. She graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration and earned a graduate degree in Taxation.

From there, Covington spent eight years with Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers), in the firm’s international tax consulting group in Dallas.

“There, I enjoyed great successes, being assigned to very exciting projects, traveling all over the world, and gaining an enormous amount of knowledge and experience,” she recalls.

In 2005, she moved back to Tomball where she worked for several large oilfield services companies around Houston as an international tax professional. In 2019, she joined US Silica Company, a Katy-based sand and industrial products company as the Director of Tax. In this role, Covington did not have an international presence and was able to remain close to Tomball.

Since returning home to Tomball in 2019, Covington has found her niche and shared passion for giving back to her community.

“Tomball is my home, and I want to do everything I can to make this wonderful city the best place it can be for all residents now and in the future.”

Her newest endeavor - an elected official serving on the Tomball City Council.

Growing up, Covington was inspired by her father who served as the city attorney and judge. Little did she know at the time, her experiences accompanying him to countless city functions as well as learning how cities function and work at such a young age, would lead her to a similar role serving her hometown.

“I am incredibly honored to have the opportunity to serve this great city as a councilman, and I commit to always being prepared, consider all viewpoints, be fair, think long term, and do my very best to address the needs of the entire city,” she noted.

In 2022, the Tomball City Council appointed Covington to the Tomball Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. She has continued in this role as the Vice President and Council Liaison, where she is also able to contribute to the growth, development, and beautification of Tomball.

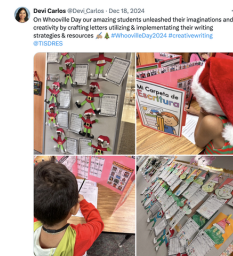
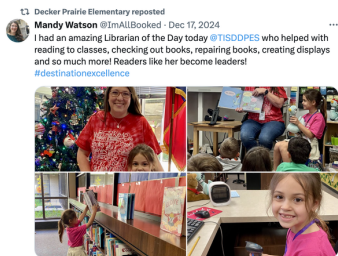
“It seems everyone wants to move to Tomball,” she said. “This growth creates a different set of demands and challenges for the City, and I want to be part of the team that guides and navigates the City through this growth.”

Covington’s strong ties to Tomball, her passion for her hometown, and her love for preserving and cherishing what makes this place and her past experiences so special, drive her decisions and empower her to play a significant role as a Tomball resident and TISD graduate.

Nominate a Tomball ISD Alumni

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2024-2025 Calendar

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

- All Schools: Dec. 20, May 22
- High Schools Only: Dec. 19, May 21

Make Up Days (if needed)

- February 17
- March 17
- May 23

Reporting Periods End

- October 11
- December 20
- March 7
- May 22

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