

Crowley ISD Points of Pride

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026

1. Welcome Back, Crowley ISD

After the winter weather iced down the state of Texas, it was exciting to have blue skies return today and our students and staff back in the buildings to learn and lead.

Campuses were buzzing again with smiles and collaboration and while there were a few icy spots in the drop-off lines and parking lots, I want to give a huge shout-out to the maintenance and operations teams, our dedicated bus drivers and anyone else that helped get our district up and running for our students to return today. THANK YOU!

2. Basketball Game Atmosphere

Last Friday night, the Crowley High School and North Crowley High School girl's and boy's varsity basketball teams delivered an electric showdown, and our community showed up in a BIG way.

Despite the cold temperatures, the stands were packed, the student sections were loud and the energy was unmatched from tip-off to final buzzer.

This is what makes Crowley ISD special - the passion, pride and our community showing up for our students and schools.

3. Learning During the Winter Weather

Although we had to close our doors over the last few days, students were still learning! Families across the district engaged in learning activities, while taking advantage of staying warm at home together.

From online lessons to arts and crafts, families submitted photos and we shared them on our Crowley ISD's social media channels to show-off the different ways students continued to stay focused and grow from home.

Great job, Crowley ISD!

4. Middle School Preview Night Rescheduled

Since the winter weather cancelled school Monday and all afterschool activities, CISD has rescheduled **Middle School Preview Night** to next Monday, February 2.

The doors will be open from 6-7:30 at all four middle schools for current fifth-grade families to tour the campus, explore academic courses, meet their principal and learn about fine arts, athletics and other opportunities available for middle schoolers in Crowley ISD.

We look forward to welcoming you and helping your child prepare for future readiness.

5. Top-Ranked Basketball Teams

While we have enjoyed the success of the North Crowley Football teams in recent years, the Panthers are also boasting two of the top basketball programs in the state.

The girls varsity squad, led by head coach Lori Shead (pronounced “Shed”), is currently 23-4 overall with an undefeated 8-0 record in district and **ranked #2 in the state of Texas!**

Not to be outdone, the boy’s varsity team, led by head coach Tommy Brakel, has gone 23-3 overall, is unbeaten in district as well, and is **also ranked #2 in the state of Texas!**

Trustees - it looks like we may need to clear our schedules for a long playoff run this spring!

6. Cooking Competition Winners

The heat was on in our Chopped-style cooking competition, hosted by our child nutrition partners from Sodexo earlier this month. Student chefs in grades 6–12 stepped into the kitchen at the Bill R. Johnson CTE Center and created impressive entrées using a mystery basket of ingredients revealed at the start of the challenge.

Special thanks to H-E-B plus! for providing a full spice station and generous first-place prize baskets for both divisions.

After a fierce and flavorful competition, these talented chefs rose to the top:

- David Thang, Crowley High School, 1st Place
- Angelo Norman, Summer Creek Middle School, 1st Place
- Mia Garcia, Crowley Middle School
- Jasmyne Fiero, North Crowley High School

I can’t wait to see what we cook up next year!

7. CHS Football Alumni Success

Congratulations are in order for a few Crowley High School football players that have moved on to the next level.

Despite suffering a season-ending injury earlier in the year, CHS Class of 2020 graduate **Bryson Bonds**, became a national champion as a member of the historic Indiana Hoosier football team that defeated Miami in the big game this month. Bryson has been with the Hoosiers since committing out of high school, and along with his Big 10 Championship ring, Rose Bowl ring, Peach Bowl ring and National Championship ring, he will also leave Indiana with a bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

We also need to tune in and cheer on CHS Class of 2017 graduate, **Milton Williams**, and the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl on Feb. 8. This will be the third time in five seasons for Milton to play in the Super Bowl, and his second-straight appearance after winning it all last season with the Philadelphia Eagles.