

Crowley ISD Points of Pride

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026

1. North Crowley Debate Team

I want to recognize sophomore Samia August and junior Kayla Franklin from the North Crowley High School Debate team. The duo recently went head-to-head with Mansfield Legacy, the reigning state champions in Lincoln-Douglas debate, at the district competition for cross examination. Although they didn't advance, the Panthers held their own, competed with confidence and earned a ton of genuine respect and compliments from judges and competitors alike.

This is the first time North Crowley has fielded a cross examination debate team in years. And in their first year back, they faced elite competition and proved they belong in the conversation. That doesn't happen by accident. It happens because of grit, preparation and students willing to step into something new and uncomfortable. I'm excited to see this program grow. Great job!

2. Retired Educators Breakfast

Last week, stories, smiles and laughter were on full display as Crowley ISD hosted retired educators for a special breakfast where they learned about opportunities to support our students! Collectively, more than **550 years of service** was represented in the room and it was so good to see some familiar faces again!

Be on the look out for other opportunities to connect and share them with a retired teacher or administrator that would like to get involved with Crowley ISD!

3. All-State Band

Congratulations to our newest All-State musician from Crowley High School, Scoddrick Haynes! Through a highly-competitive audition process, Scoddrick has earned a position in the 2026 Texas All-State Band and will perform this Saturday during the 2026 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention in San Antonio.

Scoddrick is a four-year member of the Mighty Eagle Band, currently serving as Principal Clarinet in the Wind Ensemble, tenor saxophone in the jazz band, and Woodwind Captain. He has earned All-Region honors every year in high school and has advanced three times to the UIL State Solo and Ensemble competition.

All-State is the highest individual honor a Texas music student can achieve. Congratulations again to Scoddrick Haynes!

4. Thank You Teachers!

In Crowley ISD, we act like a family and work like a team. Our teachers are dedicated to supporting student success every day, and last Friday, members of the Central Administration team visited our newest educators to offer encouragement and personally thank them for their hard work. They shared words of affirmation along with a small goody bag as a token of appreciation for their commitment to excellence in education and ensuring that all students reach their full potential.

5. National Signing Day

Crowley ISD was well represented during National Signing Day on Wednesday, Feb. 4. From baseball and football to dance and tennis, we celebrated **33 student-athletes** who officially signed their National Letters of Intent to compete at the next level, joining seven others who signed during the early signing period in December. That makes **40 seniors from the Class of 2026** that have committed to keep playing their respective sport in college.

We're proud of you and cheering you on every step of the way!

6. National School Counseling Week

Although National School Counseling Week was last week, I want to take a moment to say we are all grateful for our incredible Crowley ISD counselors who support, encourage and guide our students and families each day.

We have more than **50 counselors** serving across the district, and their impact is felt in every school and every success story. Tomorrow, this team is hosting the **Mind Over Medals Mental Health Summit**, bringing in dynamic guest speakers and offering another line of support to our students families, serving as another example of **Excellence Every Day** from our outstanding counselors.

Thank you for all that you do! We appreciate you!

7. TIA Suprises

If you didn't catch the excitement on social media yesterday, Crowley ISD surprised and celebrated **60 teachers** designated through the state's Teacher Incentive Allotment, including eight teachers who are advancing to a higher designation.

We now have **161 teachers** designated through TIA, a direct reflection of the powerful impact our educators make every day in our classrooms.

This investment celebrates instructional excellence and reinforces our commitment to recruiting, retaining and rewarding highly-effective educators. And our teachers deserve it!

We're excited to introduce all of our new TIA teachers at our next school board meeting at the end of the month!