

Crowley ISD Points of Pride

Thursday, June 11, 2026

1. Spanish Spelling Bee

We are so excited to celebrate the accomplishments of **Armando Sanchez-Velasquez**, a Sycamore Elementary School fifth-grader who recently advanced to the Texas State Spanish Spelling Bee in El Paso. This is the first time a Crowley ISD students had a student reach the state level for this competition.

To reach the state level, he won first place at both the Sycamore and Crowley ISD competitions, then placed second at the Region 11 event. At state, he passed through six rounds and was only three positions away from nationals. Congratulations Armando!

2. Coach of the Year

After a magical state title run this spring, the accolades continue to roll in for the North Crowley Panthers boys basketball program. Just this week, **head coach Tommy Brakel** was named the Coach of the Year by the Texas High School Coaches Association for all divisions. Congratulations to Coach Brakel for the positive impact and influence he has made at North Crowley.

3. Faces of Excellence

Our Faces of Excellence recognitions continue to pour out on social media. Our latest highlights include **Jennifer Akers**, a collaborative special education teacher from Sue Crouch Elementary, and **LeShaun Batts**, the principal's secretary at Oakmont Elementary. Both nominees are doing phenomenal work for the students on their campus and their efforts are not going unnoticed.

If you know a student, staff member or a community stakeholder that is making a difference in our district, visit the Crowley ISD web site to make your nomination today!

4. Fine Arts Camp

Summer learning is shining across Crowley ISD! This week, more than 100 students are participating in the annual **Fine Arts Camp at Baylor Elementary**—the largest enrollment in the camp's history.

Campers are exploring their creativity through hands-on sessions in art, percussion, theater, music, choir, dance, cheer, and more, making for a fun-filled week of learning and artistic expression.

Thank you to our staff for making this annual summer event a reality for our students!

5. Back-To-School Roundup

One of the biggest back-to school resources in our community is the **Tarrant County Back-To-School Roundup** and registration is now open! This year, the event is scheduled for August 7 at Tarrant County College South Campus.

Qualifying families must pre-register online by June 22, 2026 to receive for free school supplies, backpacks, haircuts, health services, community resources, giveaways and more.

Visit the event's web site to see if your family qualifies and pre-register today!

6. Football Summer Camps

Football is a year-round sport in Texas! The past Saturday, future Eagles and Panthers attended the free **Tyler Smith Football Camp** at our CISD Multi-Purpose Stadium. Athletes ages 8-16 were able to run drills and spend time with the Pro Bowl lineman and former North Crowley Panther. We want to thank Tyler for pouring back into our community!

If you missed it, there's another exciting football camp coming to Crowley ISD. Super Bowl champion, current New England Patriot and former Crowley Eagle, **Milton Williams**, is also hosting a free camp at CISD Multi-Purpose Stadium on June 27 for kids ages 8-18. Visit the Crowley ISD Summer web site to register today!