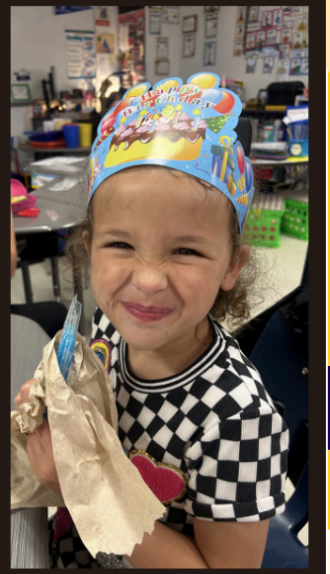












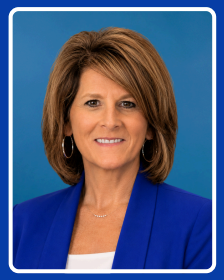


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Message from
Dr. Tonya Knowlton
Superintendent of Community ISD

Students, families, staff, and community members,

Welcome to another fantastic year of school in Community Independent School District. It is a privilege to continue serving as the Superintendent of Community ISD for another year, which will be my last year in education before stepping into a new adventure - retirement!

I have loved every minute of my time as a Brave, and I have been blessed to work with wonderful people at Community ISD. Our teachers, leadership team, and school board deserve all the credit for working together as a team for the success of our students. I am proud of our accomplishments together over the past five years, and I know this last year together will be the best yet!

I am also thrilled to announce a big change coming to Community ISD - the CODE.

As the District continues to grow at a rapid pace, the Board of Trustees has continually been considering what the future of Community ISD looks like - are we a one high school district that eventually has a “mega campus,” or do we start moving towards multiple high schools that still maintain a distinct Community ISD identity? Guided by the members of our Task Force for Growth, the Board has chosen to move towards multiple high schools as the next step for us.

With that in mind, Community ISD will begin transitioning away from the use of “Brave Nation” and the “Traits of a Brave” at the District level, with a new focus on the four identity pillars we want all students, families, and staff in Community ISD to build on - Character, Ownership, Drive, and Excellence. The “Traits of a Brave” will continue to be the character traits our students and staff should exemplify, but they will be folded into our “Character” pillar. You can find more about our new identity here: cisd.tiny.us/CODE.



Honored to keep the “CODE” with you,

Dr. Tonya Knowlton
Superintendent - Community ISD

CONTACT INFORMATION

Terry Pope Admin Building
972-843-6000

Community High School
972-843-6500

Community Trails Middle School
972-843-6650

Edge Middle School
972-843-6600

Dodson Elementary School
972-843-6250

Ellis Elementary School
972-843-6850

McClendon Elementary School
972-843-6800

NeSmith Elementary School
972-843-6100

Roderick Elementary School
972-843-6150

Braves Center
972-843-6325

View the 2026-2031 Community ISD Strategic Plan Here:

August 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes and Reminders:			**Month and Week-Long Observations and Events:** **Month-Long** • National Wellness Month **Week-Long** • CLI Engage - Pre-K, ECSE, Kindergarten - all elementary campuses - August 10 through September 10 • Be Kind to Humankind Week: August 23-29 • World Water Week: August 24-28			1
2	3 **First Day of School** All Grades & Campuses **Quarter 1 Begins** All Grades & Campuses	4 **Think College Tuesday**	5 **Edge MS: Photo Day**	6 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Senior Sunrise** Community HS **Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary	7 **Meet the Braves** 7-8 pm - Braves Stadium **Instrument Drive** Edge MS	8
9	10 **IReady - Reading** All Grades & Campuses **English Pre-Tests** Community HS	11 **IReady - Reading** All Grades & Campuses **English Pre-Tests** Community HS **Virtual Title 1 Night** All Elementary Campuses **Photo Day** Community High School	12 **IReady - Reading** All Grades & Campuses **English Pre-Tests** Community HS **Photo Day** Community High School	13 **IReady - Reading** All Grades & Campuses **English Pre-Tests** Community HS **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses	14	15
16	17 **Social Studies Pre-Test** Edge, CTMS, Community HS **CTE Pre-Tests** Edge, CTMS, Community HS **School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session	18 **Social Studies Pre-Test** Edge, CTMS, Community HS **CTE Pre-Tests** Edge, CTMS, Community HS	19 **Science Pre-Tests** 5th, Edge, CTMS, CHS **CTE Pre-Tests** Edge, CTMS, Community HS **Substitute Orientation** Terry Pope Admin Building 9 am	20 **Science Pre-Tests** 5th, Edge, CTMS, CHS **CTE Pre-Tests** Edge, CTMS, Community HS **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses	21	22
23	24 **iReady - Math** All Grades & Campuses **Boosterthon Kick Off** Ellis Elementary **Back to School Night: Kinder-2nd** Ellis & Roderick Elementary 6-8 pm	25 **iReady - Math** All Grades & Campuses **Photo Day** Ellis Elementary **Re-Take Photo Day** Edge MS **Back to School Night: 3rd-5th** Ellis & Roderick Elementary: 6-8 pm	26 **iReady - Math** All Grades & Campuses **Women's Independence** All Grades & Campuses **Boosterthon Kick Off** McClendon Elementary **Fall Photo Day** McClendon Elementary	27 **iReady - Math** All Grades & Campuses **Pep Rally** Community HS **Donuts & Dialogue** Ellis Elementary **Coffee & Chat** NeSmith Elementary **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses	28	29
30	31 **Boosterthon Kick Off** Roderick Elementary					

Stay "In the Know" with our Weekly Podcast!

One of the best ways to keep up with everything happening in Community ISD is to subscribe to our weekly podcast, "In the Know," hosted by our superintendent, Dr. Tonya Knowlton. We cover news from the week, highlight a "Community CODE Keeper of the Week," and celebrate the achievements of our students and staff. Find "In the Know" wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify, Apple Podcasts, YouTube, Facebook, and the Community Braves Network!

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Board of Trustees

The seven-member Board of Trustees is Community ISD's policy-making body and the official representative of the community. The Board of Trustees' goal is to ensure quality educational opportunities for all students in the district. The Board functions according to state and federal laws, regulations of the State Board of Education, the Texas Education Agency, and the will of the people as expressed in elections. The Board of Trustees, while composed of individuals, acts officially as one body.

Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Brave Nation Training Center and Board Room of the Terry Pope Admin Building.

Individuals wishing to address the Board may do so at 6 pm each meeting. More information: https://www.communityisd.org/school-board/public-comments.



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Our District

Established in 1947, Community ISD encompasses 89 square miles that include the cities of Lavon, Copeville, Nevada, and Josephine - the namesake of our mascot, LaCoNe Jo. We are home to over 6,000 students attending nine schools: Dodson Elementary, Ellis Elementary, McClendon Elementary, NeSmith Elementary, Roderick Elementary, Edge Middle School, Community Trails Middle School, Community High School, and the Braves Center. We are empowering students by building **Character**, equipping them to take **Ownership**, fueling their **Drive**, and preparing them to achieve lifelong **Excellence**.

Facts and Figures

- In the 2025-26 school year, Community ISD was 39.49% Hispanic, 32.25% White, 20.68% African-American, 3.64% two or more races, 3.3% Asian, 0.56% American Indian, and 0.09% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.
- 54.63% of our student population is categorized as economically disadvantaged, 27.01% are emergent bilingual, and 18.36% of all students receive special education services.
- Community ISD is proud to maintain an 18.7-to-1 average Student/Teacher ratio across all classrooms.
- Community ISD students maintained a 94.53% attendance rate for the 2025-26 school year. Please keep in mind that attendance is the best indicator of a student's future academic and career success!
- Community ISD received full approval as a Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) school district in the 2025-26 school year and will have its first designees receive stipends in 2026-27. We are so proud that 33 teachers received "Recognized," "Exemplary," or "Masters" designations from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in our first year of eligibility and will receive stipends from the State of Texas that are tied to their teaching certificates for the next five years!

District Awards & Accomplishments - Last Five Years

- **Community High School earned a 100% CCMR rate in 2021, 2023, 2024, & 2026.** The Class of 2022 held a 98% CCMR. The state average in 2024 was 82%.
- **Over 80 students have earned their Associate's Degrees** from either Collin College or Trinity Valley Community College since 2021, including 33 students in the Class of 2026.
- **Four campuses earned Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools designations in 2025-26:** Dodson, Ellis, McClendon, and Roderick ES. Nationwide, only 970 schools earned the distinction this year out of over 7,000 participating campuses.
- **Five facilities have opened in the last five years**, including Roderick Elementary (2022), Dodson Elementary (2023), Ellis Elementary (2024), Community Trails Middle School, and the Bob Bean Agriculture Facility, which opened in July 2026.



- **Six facilities have received or are currently receiving renovations since 2021**, including McClendon Elementary (2024), NeSmith Elementary (2024), the Braves Center (2023), the CISD Athletics Facility (Fall 2026), Edge Middle School Storm Shelter (Fall 2027), the Air Force JROTC facility (Fall 2026), and Community High School (Fall 2027).



- Community High School has continued to graduate students well above the state average of 90%, with every class since 2021 surpassing 95%. **The Class of 2026 ranked even higher with a 96.8% graduation rate**.
- McClendon Elementary's Student Council received an American Student Council Association (ASCA) School of Excellence designation in 2025-26, one of just 54 programs nationwide to receive this prestigious honor. **Their sponsor, Mrs. Pamela Simmons, was one of just 25 Exemplary Advisors in the nation!**
- Of the 391 teachers in Community ISD, 37.2% have at **least 11 years of experience in education.**
- **The CHS Automotive Technology program had all 14 seniors achieve a perfect pass rate across 11 industry standards,** a milestone never achieved by any other high school autotech class in the United States.
- **Community FFA** had one of its most successful seasons in program history, capturing **72 Top 5 finishes across nine livestock shows and three district titles in Career Development (CDE) and Leadership Development (LDE) events.**



Quick Links

Federal Report Cards:

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THE BRAVES CENTER







Overview

The Braves Center is our Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEP) services center and the home of The Gold Feather Academy, Community ISD's Early Graduation facility.

Administration

The Braves Center has an administrator who is joined by a staff of five teachers, one paraprofessional, and a clerk. The campus is located behind Edge Middle School and opened in January 2023.

DAEP

DAEP is a temporary education setting for Community ISD students in grades 6-12 who violate Community ISD's Student Code of Conduct. This environment is highly structured and focuses on teaching behavior skills, maintaining academic progress, and helping students succeed when they return to their regular campus.

The Gold Feather Academy

Since the 2025-26 school year, the Braves Center has also served as the location of The Gold Feather Academy, Community ISD's Early Graduation facility.

Students who participate in The Gold Feather Academy receive focused guidance on completing all academic requirements to receive their high school diploma and must also prove through a series of life coaching seminars that they are ready to enter adult life. A sample of these seminars includes obtaining a driver's license, filling out paperwork for rental applications, mock interviews, career consulting, and assistance filling out job applications.

In just one year, the Gold Feather Academy saw 26 high school graduates, including a Class of 2027 student who completed their degree a year in advance.













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September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes and Reminders:		**Think College Tuesday** All Grades & Campuses 1	**Boosterthon Fun Run** Ellis Elementary 2	**Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 3	4	5
6	7 **LABOR DAY** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	**BelieveKids Fundraiser** Dodson Elementary 8 **Fall Photos** NeSmith Elementary	**Boosterthon Fun Run** McClendon Elementary 9	**Grandparents Breakfast** All Elementary Campuses 7:30-9 AM 10 **Boosterthon Fun Run** Roderick Elementary **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses	**Patriot Day** **Texas First Responders Day** 11	**Community HS Fall Play** CHS Auditorium Multiple Performances 12
Community HS Fall Play CHS Auditorium Multiple Performances 13	**Homecoming Dress Up** **Out of This World** All Grades & Campuses 14 **Homecoming Parade** Community High School 7-8 PM	**Homecoming Dress Up** **House of the Mouse** All Grades & Campuses 15 **National IT Professionals Day** All Grades & Campuses **National Voter Registration Day** All Grades & Campuses	**Homecoming Dress Up** **Game World** All Grades & Campuses 16 **Substitute Orientation** Terry Pope Admin Building 9 am	**Homecoming Dress Up** **Brave New World - Blue/Gold** All Grades & Campuses 17 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **CHS Pep Rally** Braves Stadium - 7 PM **McClendon 5th Grade Fine Arts** McClendon - 6 PM **Constitution Day** All Grades & Campuses	18 HOMECOMING GAME	**Homecoming Dance** Community HS 7-10 PM 19
20	**School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session 21 **Book Fair** McClendon Elementary **Fall Photos** Dodson Elementary	**Book Fair** McClendon Elementary 22 **Fall Photos Re-Takes** Ellis Elementary **Fall Photos Individuals** Roderick Elementary	**Book Fair** McClendon Elementary 23	**American Indian Heritage Day** **Teaching Assistants Day** **Blue & Gold Thursday** 24 **Book Fair** McClendon Elementary **Coffee & Chat** NeSmith Elementary **Hispanic Heritage Night @ Edge** Edge MS, MES, RES, EES	25	26
27	**Hispanic Heritage Night for CHS** Community HS Auditorium 28	29	30	**Month and Week-Long Observations and Events:** **Month-Long** • Childhood Cancer Awareness Month • Hydrocephalus Awareness Month • Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15 through October 15 **Week-Long** • Payroll Appreciation Week - September 7-11 • National Arts in Education Week - September 13-19 • Celebrate Freedom Week - September 13-19 • Finance & Accounting Appreciation Week - September 14-18 • Homecoming - September 14-18		

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Mary Lou Dodson Elementary











About Us

Dodson opened on the first day of the 2023-24 school year as Community ISD's fourth elementary campus and is located in Lavon.

The building is named for Mary Lou Dodson. Mrs. Dodson worked in Community ISD until 2000, when she retired after a 29-year career of teaching Title I and Fifth Grade Social Studies and Reading.

Though we're all Braves in Community ISD, Dodson's students are nicknamed the "Do-ers" for their can-do attitude and resiliency.

Bragging Points

In the 2025-26 school year, Dodson Elementary received its second consecutive Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School® designation, one of just 970 schools that were named a Showcase campus.

Dodson partners with multiple community outreach programs to provide resources for families. Student driven clubs like Kindness Club and Student Council are involved in community projects.

Dodson students have a fantastic daily update show, the "Dodson Daily", which you can watch on their Facebook page. They've compiled several hundred episodes over the last three years!

Campus Leadership

Shannon Heuss steps into the principalship of Dodson Elementary, joining Community ISD after serving in Mesquite ISD since 2008. Returning for her third year as assistant principal is Casey Willaby.

Contact Us

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October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Month and Week-Long Observations and Events: **Month-Long** • Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15 through October 15 • Breast Cancer Awareness Month • World Bullying Prevention Month • Cyber Security Month • National Principals Month • National Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month • Fentanyl Awareness Month **Week-Long** • Dyslexia Awareness Week - October 4-10 • National School Lunch Week - October 12-16 • Accounts Payable Week - October 12-16 • National Safe Schools Week - October 18-24 • National School Bus Safety Week - October 19-23 • Red Ribbon Week - October 26-30				1 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Custodial Workers' Day** All Grades & Campuses **Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary **Fall Conferences** Dodson Elementary - 4-7 PM **5th Grade Fine Arts Night** Dodson Elementary: 6-7 PM **Quarter 1 Ends** All Grades & Campuses	2	3 **Marching Band at US Bands Show** Crowley ISD Stadium All Day
4	5 **World Teachers' Day** All Grades & Campuses **Quarter 2 Begins** All Grades & Campuses	6 **Think College Tuesday** All Grades & Campuses **National Coaches Day** All Grades & Campuses **Fall Developer Luncheon** Terry Pope Admin Building	7	8 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Go Red for Dyslexia Day** All Grades & Campuses **Fall Conferences** McClendon Elementary **Fall Fest** NeSmith Elementary **Pink Out Pep Rally** Community High School **Fall Fest - 1st Qtr Celebration** Community High School	9	10 **Marching Band at Royse City** RCISD Football Stadium All Day
11 **FALL BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	12 **FALL BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	13 **FALL BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	14 **FALL BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	15 **FALL BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	16 **FALL BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	17 **FALL BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**
18	19 **School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session	20 **Fall Photo Re-Takes** McClendon Elementary **Hispanic Heritage Night at Community Trails MS** DES, NES, CTMS	21 **Marching Band at UIL Region** Melissa Stadium All Day **Wear Orange for UNITY Day** All Grades & Campuses **Substitute Orientation** Terry Pope Admin Building 9 am	22 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **CHS Choir - Fall Concert** CHS Auditorium **Parent Conferences** Ellis Elementary **4th Grade Fine Arts Night** McClendon Elementary **Halloween Dance** Edge Middle School	23	24 **Marching Band at UIL Area** Melissa Stadium All Day - if advancing
25	26 **Fall Photo Re-Takes** NeSmith Elementary **Parent/Teacher Conference** Community High School	27 **World Occupational Therapy Day** All Grades & Campuses **Fall Photo Re-Takes** Roderick Elementary **PTO Bingo Night** Edge Middle School **PSAT - 11th Grade** Community High School **Senior Photos** Community High School	28 **Book Fair** NeSmith Elementary **National First Responders Day** All Grades & Campuses **Senior Photos** Community High School	29 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Book Fair** NeSmith Elementary **Coffee & Chat** NeSmith Elementary **Band Show & Tell** Edge Middle School **Fall Fest** MES, EES, and RES	30	31 **Band Halloween Party** Edge Middle School **Halloween**

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About Us

Ellis opened on the first day of the 2024-25 school year as Community ISD's fifth elementary campus and is located in Josephine.

The building is named for Mildred Barrett Ellis, the first African-American educator in Community ISD. She taught in Josephine before desegregation, and then joined Community's teaching staff when the district desegregated. Overall, Mrs. Ellis served in education for 38 years and was a 1974 Outstanding Teacher of America and the 1984-85 Teacher of the Year. She retired in 1987 and passed away in 2017.

Bragging Points

Ellis was recognized as a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School® in April 2026 in its first year of eligibility, making it the fourth CISD campus to receive the honor.

CISD's only "Master" designated teacher in the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) is Ms. Paige Burd, a veteran educator at Ellis.

Ellis Elementary's "Girls on the Run Club" finished off its inaugural season with a 5K run at Oak Point Park in Plano and was featured in a new article by NBC 5. Any Ellis female student in grades 3-5 is welcome to join the club by contacting Mrs. Fitzwater or Mrs. Skidmore. Ask your campus principal about getting a run club started at your campus too!

Campus Leadership

Mrs. Elizabeth McDorman enters her third year in Community ISD and her second as the principal of Ellis Elementary. She is joined by Assistant Principal Kendi Womack, also in her second year at Ellis.

Contact Us

If you have general questions about the campus, you can email EES.info@communityisd.org or call 972-843-6850. For absences and attendance, please email eesattendance@communityisd.org.

Mildred B. Ellis Elementary

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November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Notes and Reminders:

Month and Week-Long Observations and Events:

Month-Long
- Native American Heritage Month

Week-Long
- School Psychology Week - November 2-6
- American Education Week - November 16-20
- Generation Texas Week - November 16-20

Daylight Savings Time Ends All Grades & Campuses 1	**Book Fair** NeSmith Elementary 2 **Book Fair** Edge Middle School **2nd Grade Fine Arts Night** NeSmith Elementary **PTO Meeting** NeSmith Elementary	**Book Fair** NeSmith Elementary & Edge MS **Father of Texas Day** All Grades & Campuses 3 **Think College Tuesday** All Grades & Campuses **Election Day** Collin County voters at Terry Pope!	**Book Fair** NeSmith Elementary 4	**Book Fair** NeSmith Elementary **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 5 **5th Grade Fine Arts Night** Ellis Elementary **Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary	6	7
8	**Book Fair** Ellis Elementary **Book Fair** Dodson Elementary 9	**Book Fair** Dodson, Ellis, Roderick 10 **Veterans Day Performances** CHS Band & Choir, Edge & CTMS Theater, Elementary Choirs CHS Auditorium	**Veterans Day** All Grades & Campuses **Book Fair** Ellis Elementary **Book Fair** Dodson Elementary **Book Fair** Roderick Elementary **Thanksgiving Lunch** NeSmith Elementary 11	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Book Fair** Dodson, Ellis, and Roderick **Thanksgiving Lunch** Roderick Elementary 12 **3rd Grade Fine Arts Night** Dodson Elementary **World Kindness Day (Observed)** All Grades & Campuses	13	**7th & 8th Grade Band All-Region Phase 1** Edge Middle School 14
15	**Book Fair** Dodson & Roderick **Thanksgiving Lunch** Dodson Elementary **School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session 16	**Book Fair** Dodson & Roderick **Thanksgiving Lunch** Ellis Elementary **4th Grade Fine Arts Night** NeSmith Elementary **Fall Pictures Re-Take** Dodson Elementary **7th & 8th Grade Band All-Region Phase 2** Edge Middle School 17	**Book Fair** Roderick Elementary **Thanksgiving Lunch** McClendon Elementary **Substitute Orientation** Terry Pope Admin Building 9 am 18	**Substitute Educators Day** All Grades & Campuses **3rd Grade Fine Arts Night** McClendon Elementary 19	20	21
22 **THANKSGIVING BREAK ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	23 **THANKSGIVING BREAK ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	24 **THANKSGIVING BREAK ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	25 **THANKSGIVING BREAK ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	**Thanksgiving Day** 26 **THANKSGIVING BREAK ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	27 **THANKSGIVING BREAK ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	28 **THANKSGIVING BREAK ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**
29	30					

Don't Forget to Vote for the 2027-28 Calendar!

Each year, Community ISD invites input from the students, families, and staff of the district to provide input on next year's academic calendar. We will bring at least three options to the public to give input on and choose their favorite, and the polls will close on New Year's Day. The calendar with the most votes then goes to the Board for possible approval at the January meeting. You'll find all the information you need about current and future calendars at www.communityisd.org/calendar.

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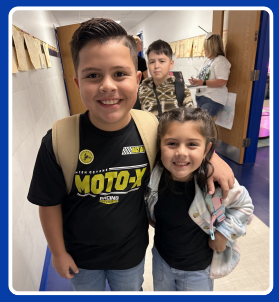
Carylene McClendon Elementary









About Us

McClendon Elementary opened its doors in 1998 and saw renovations in 2008 and 2023.

The building is named for Carylene McClendon. She taught in Community many years, including serving as a principal while teaching and driving a bus for the district. She was a beloved and respected educator in this community.

Bragging Points

McClendon earned its third consecutive Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools® honor last year, the only CISD campus to have brought home that prestigious award three times.

The student council of McClendon earned an American Student Council Association (ASCA) School of Excellence award for their Welcome Buddies initiative and for other student service projects. They are one of just 54 schools nationwide to be recognized this way. Their sponsor, Pamela Simmons, is one of just 25 ASCA Exemplary Advisors in the country and the CISD Elementary Teacher of the Year!

McClendon's students work together to donate non-perishable food to those in need each year with over 1,000 items donated in the 2025-26 school year.

Campus Leadership

Mrs. Melanie Edwards enters her fourth year at the helm of McClendon Elementary and her 10th in Community ISD. She is joined by Mrs. Margarita Solis and Mrs. Maygan Wall as Assistant Principals.

Contact Us

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December 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes and Reminders:		1 **English 1 EOC** Community High School **Think College Tuesday** All Grades & Campuses	2 **Algebra & US History EOC** Community High School **Special Education Day** All Grades & Campuses	3 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary **English 2 & Biology EOC** Community High School	4 **All-Region Band** Edge Middle School	5
6	7 **Holiday Shop** McClendon & Dodson **3rd Grade Fine Arts Night** Ellis Elementary **3rd Grade Fine Arts Night** NeSmith Elementary **Band Christmas Concert** Community Trails MS	8 **Holiday Shop** McClendon & Dodson	9 **Holiday Shop** McClendon & Dodson	10 **Holiday Shop** McClendon & Dodson **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Fine Arts Night 2nd Grade** Dodson Elementary **Christmas Concert** Community High School	11 **MS Band Party** Edge Middle School	12
13	14 **Holiday Shop** Dodson Elementary **CIP Meeting** Ellis Elementary **Fall Semester Exams** Community High School **School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session	15 **Band Christmas Concert** Edge Middle School **Holiday Shop** Dodson Elementary **Fall Semester Exams** Community High School	16 **Holiday Shop** Dodson Elementary **Sub Orientation** Terry Pope Admin Building 9 am	17 **Last Day of Fall Semester** All Grades & Campuses **Quarter 2 Ends** All Grades & Campuses **Winterpalooza - 2nd Qtr Celebrations** Community High School	18	19
20 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	21 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	22 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	23 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	24 **Christmas Eve** **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	25 **Christmas Day** **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	26 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**
27 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	28 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	29 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	30 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	31 **New Year's Eve** **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	**Week-Long Observations and Events:** • Computer Science Education Week - December 7-11	

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About Us

Phyllis NeSmith Elementary opened its doors to students on August 25th, 2008, and saw renovations in 2019 and again in 2023. It serves students living in the City of Lavon.

The school's name recognizes Phyllis NeSmith, a former student and educator in Community ISD. Mrs. NeSmith attended Lavon Elementary (now the Lavon City Hall) in grades 1-8, Community Rural High School in grades 9-12, and graduated from the University of North Texas. She taught in Brave Nation from 1970 until her retirement in 1994, then subbed and volunteered in CISD for many years.

Bragging Points

NeSmith's Shanna Frost Loeza received a remarkable $3,000 grant from the CISD Education Foundation for her proposal - Budding Scientist - in the 2025-26 grant patrol.

Eight NeSmith teachers received Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) designation in 2025-26, one of the largest groups in CISD to receive the honor from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) last year.

NeSmith won the Best Staff Attendance award from the District office more times than any other campus in 2025-26.

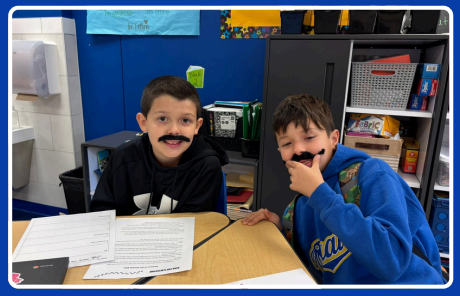
Campus Leadership

Dr. Tiffany Britton is entering her second year as the principal of NeSmith Elementary, which will be her 13th year overall in education. She is joined by Mrs. Kimberly Webb, promoted to Assistant Principal.

Contact Us

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Phyllis NeSmith Elementary












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January 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes and Reminders:		**Month and Week-Long Observations and Events:** **Month-Long** • School Board Recognition Month **Week-Long** • Texas Holocaust Remembrance Week			**New Year's Day** 1 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	**FFA at Collin County Show** Myers Park & Events Center 2 **CHRISTMAS BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**
FFA at Collin County Show Myers Park & Events Center 3	**First Day of School** All Grades & Campuses 4 **Quarter 3 Begins** All Grades & Campuses **FFA at Collin County Show** Myers Park & Events Center	**Think College Tuesday** All Grades & Campuses 5 **FFA at Collin County Show** Myers Park & Events Center	**Sam Rayburn Day** All Grades & Campuses 6 **FFA at Collin County Show** Myers Park & Events Center	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 7 **Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary **National Law Enforcement Day** All Grades & Campuses **FFA at Collin County Show** Myers Park & Events Center	**FFA at Collin County Show** Myers Park & Events Center 8	9
10	**School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 11 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session	12	13	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 14 **STEM Night** Ellis Elementary	15	16
17	18 **MLK JR. DAY** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	19	**Sub Orientation** Terry Pope Admin Building 20 9 am	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 21	**CHS Theater Spring Musical** CHS Auditorium 22	**CHS Theater Spring Musical** CHS Auditorium 23
CHS Theater Spring Musical CHS Auditorium 24	**NJHS Ceremony** Edge Middle School 25	**Spring Photos & Class Photos** NeSmith Elementary 26	27	**CHS Fine Arts Trip to New York** New York City 28 **Donuts & Dialogue** Ellis Elementary **Dad & Son Night** Ellis Elementary **1st Grade Fine Arts Night** McClendon Elementary **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses	**CHS Fine Arts Trip to New York** New York City 29	**CHS Fine Arts Trip to New York** New York City 30
CHS Fine Arts Trip to New York New York City 31						

The Importance of Attendance for Schools and Students:

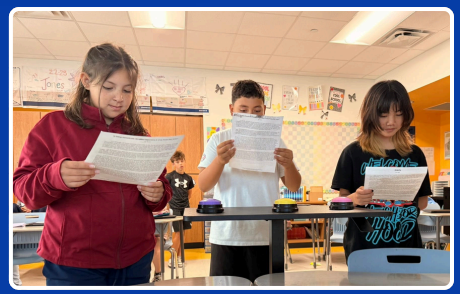
Did you know that Texas is one of just six states that fund schools based on daily attendance, and not enrollment? That means a student missing school directly impacts funding, despite all the resources needed for those students still being present that day - the building and staff?

Research shows that students who show up to school regularly are more connected with classmates, more likely to read at a high level, and more likely to graduate from high school than those who do not attend school consistently. Learn more at communityisd.org/attendance.

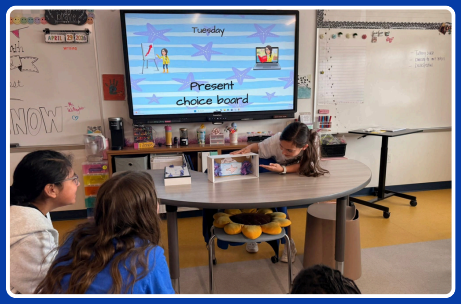
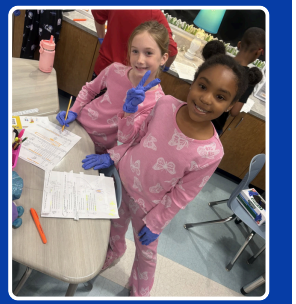
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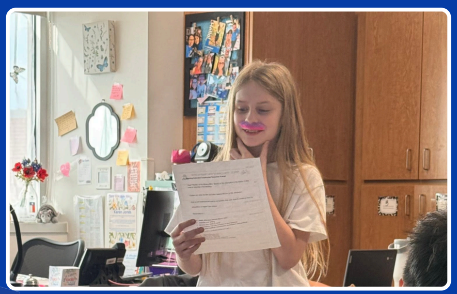
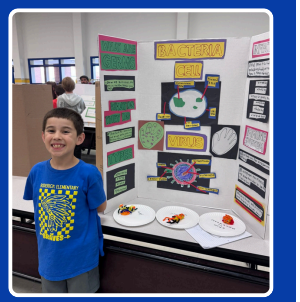
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John and Barbara Roderick Elementary





About Us

Roderick Elementary was the first new school built in Community ISD in 14 years, opening at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year in the Magnolia Pointe neighborhood in Josephine.

Roderick is the only school in CISD named after two people, John and Barbara Roderick. The eponymous duo served CISD for 41 years combined, with Mr. Roderick finishing his career as the superintendent of Community from 2001 to 2003. Mrs. Roderick worked in Community in two stints, 1979-84 and 2001-2009.

Bragging Points

In 2025-26, Roderick earned its second consecutive Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School® designation. Roderick joins McClendon (three times), Dodson (two times), and Ellis (one time) on this past year's honor roll with CKH.

Five teachers - Audra Moses, Hannah Reyna, Leigh-Ann Palmer, Alysha Ackley, and Elizabeth Johnston - earned Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) honors last year.

Roderick saw the most academic growth of any elementary campus in 2025-26.

Campus Leadership

Dr. Saul Laredo joined Community ISD as the principal of Roderick Elementary after almost 30 years of service in Plano ISD.

Contact Us

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February 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	**Texas Military Heroes Day** All Grades & Campuses 2 **Think College Tuesday** All Grades & Campuses	3	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 4 **4th Grade Fine Arts Night** Dodson Elementary **Wear RED For Heart Disease** All Grades & Campuses	5	6
7	8	**English 1 Benchmark** Community High School 9	**English 2 Benchmark** Community High School 10 **Book Fair** Roderick Elementary	**Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary 11 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Valentine's Day Observed** All Grades & Campuses **Book Fair** Roderick Elementary	**Daddy/Daughterher Dance** Ellis, McClendon, NeSmith 12	13
Valentine's Day 14	**School Resource Officer Day** All Grades & Campuses 15 **School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session **Book Fair** Roderick Elementary **Presidents Day - School in Session** All Grades & Campuses	**3rd-8th RLA/SLA** All Elementary & MS 16 **Book Fair** Roderick Elementary **5th Grade Fine Arts Night** NeSmith Elementary	**Random Acts of Kindness Day** All Grades & Campuses 17 **Book Fair** Roderick Elementary **Big Kahuna Kickoff** McClendon Elementary **Sub Orientation** Terry Pope Admin Building 9 am	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 18 **Book Fair** Roderick Elementary **Spring Photos** Dodson Elementary **2nd Grade Fine Arts Night** Ellis Elementary **Pre-K Fine Arts Night** McClendon Elementary	**State of Texas Remembrance Day** 19	20
National FFA Week - SAE Sunday All Grades & Campuses 21	**National FFA Week - Service & Advocacy** All Grades & Campuses 22	**National FFA Week - Alumni Day** All Grades & Campuses 23 **100th Day of School** All Grades & Campuses **US History Benchmark** Community High School **8th Grade Science Benchmark** Edge & Community Trails MS **Picture Day** McClendon Elementary	**National FFA Week - Ag Teacher Apprec.** All Grades & Campuses 24	**National FFA Week - Give FFA Day** All Grades & Campuses 25 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Spring Conferences** McClendon Elementary **Black History Month @ CHS** CHS, EMS, MES, EES, RES **Black History Month @ CTMS** CTMS, DES, NES	**National FFA Week - Wear Blue Day** All Grades & Campuses 26 **BAD WEATHER DAY** Only Used to Make Up a Snow Day or other School Shut Down	27
28	**Notes and Reminders:**			**Month and Week-Long Observations and Events:** **Month-Long** • Black History Month • National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month • Kids Heart Challenge - Elementary Campuses **Week-Long** • School Counseling Week - February 1-5 • National FFA Week - February 21-27		

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CTMS

Community Trails Middle School









About Us

Community Trails Middle School opened on the first day of the 2024-25 school year as Community ISD's second middle school campus and is located in Lavon.

The building is one of two new middle schools included in the 2022 bond program, with the other (Community Creek Middle School) expected to be built in Josephine sometime after the 2027-28 school year. CTMS is the first secondary campus constructed outside of Nevada.

Bragging Points

In its first two years of existence, CTMS has swept "The Braves Cup," the annual friendly rivalry competition between CTMS and Edge Middle School. Each student body accrues points for their school across multiple categories, including head-to-head athletic and academic UIL competition, volunteer efforts, student spirit, and other metrics. Will CTMS win the title for a third consecutive year? Keep up with the competition at https://www.communityisd.org/about-us/bravescup.

CTMS was named a Capturing Kids' Hearts Rising Star® in 2025-26, one of just 166 schools nationwide to receive the honor. This designation is a precursor to the National Showcase School award.

CTMS is excited to kick off the third year of their **Ruling Our Experiences (ROX) Girls' Group,** which got national coverage for its success in 2025-26.

Campus Leadership

Mr. Chris Brott takes over as principal of CTMS after serving one year as the associate principal with Dr. Amber Hope. Brott is joined by Mrs. Nici Altieri as the associate principal.

Contact Us

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March 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Texas Girls in STEM Day All Grades & Campuses 1 **Parent/Teacher Conference** Community High School	**Read Across America Day** All Grades & Campuses 2 **Texas Independence Day** All Grades & Campuses **5th Grade Science Benchmark** All Elementary Campuses **8th Grade Science Benchmark** Edge & Community Trails MS **Think College Tuesday** All Grades & Campuses	**1st Grade Fine Arts Night** Dodson Elementary 3	**Maintenance Worker Appreciation** All Grades & Campuses 4 **Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary **Middle School Cheer Tryouts** Edge & Community Trails MS	**Bingo Night** Ellis Elementary 5	6
7	8	**3rd-5th Math Benchmark** All Elementary Campuses 9 **6th-8th Math Benchmark** Edge & Community Trails MS **1st Grade Fine Arts Night** Ellis Elementary **1st Grade Fine Arts Night** NeSmith Elementary	**Sub Orientation** Terry Pope Admin Building 9 am 10 **Spring Fling - 3rd Qtr Celebration** Community High School	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **UIL One Act Play - District** CHS Auditorium 11 **Top 10 Media Day** Community High School **CHS Cheer Tryouts** Community High School **STEM Night** McClendon Elementary **Quarter 3 Ends** All Grades & Campuses	12	13
Daylight Savings Time Starts All Grades & Campuses 14 **SPRING BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	15 **SPRING BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	16 **SPRING BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	**St. Patrick's Day** 17 **SPRING BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	18 **SPRING BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	19 **SPRING BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**	20 **SPRING BREAK** **ALL CAMPUSES CLOSED**
21	**World Down Syndrome Day** All Grades & Campuses 22 **Book Fair** NeSmith & Ellis Elementary **Quarter 4 Begins** All Grades & Campuses **School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session	**SAT - 11th Grade** Community High School 23 **Book Fair** NeSmith & Ellis Elementary **Special Olympics** Braves Stadium 9 AM to 4 PM All Grades & Campuses	**Book Fair** NeSmith & Ellis Elementary 24	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 25 **Book Fair** NeSmith & Ellis Elementary **Donuts & Dialogue** Ellis Elementary	26	**Annual District Job Fair** Community High School 10 AM - Noon 27
Easter Sunday 28	**CHS UIL One Act Play Bi-District** Melissa High School 29 **Book Fair** Dodson Elementary	**CHS UIL One Act Play Bi-District** Melissa High School 30 **CHS Choir UIL Contest** Allen High School **Book Fair** Dodson Elementary **Spring Pictures** Roderick Elementary	**CHS Choir UIL Contest** Allen High School **Book Fair** Dodson Elementary 31			

Month and Week-Long Observations and Events:

Month-Long

- Women's History Month
- Texas History Month
- National Athletic Trainers Month

Week-Long

- National School Breakfast Week - March 1-5
- Educational Diagnostician Week - March 1-5
- Texas Public Schools Week - March 1-5
- National Foreign Language Week - March 7-13
- National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week - March 15-21

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EMS

Leland Edge Middle School

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About Us

Originally opened as Community Middle School at the beginning of the 1983-84 school year, CISD's first separate middle school campus was renamed in 2013 in honor of Leland Edge, who served as an administrator of CISD from 1963 to 1972 and then was the fifth superintendent of Community from 1972 to 1987. After retirement, Mr. Edge returned to Community and has continued to serve the District in its 70th, 75th, and historical committees.

The current Leland Edge Middle School took over the former Community High School building in January 2021 after an extensive remodel of that campus, and CHS moved to its current building down the road. A new storm shelter and additional classrooms will be completed by Fall 2027.

Bragging Points

Edge MS Varsity Band earned Sweepstakes honors at the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest, EMS Cheer captured 3rd Place at the 4A Crandall Invitational, and our 7th Grade Boys Basketball team battled from a low playoff seed to finish as district runner-up. Beyond academics and athletics, EMS proudly celebrated diversity and strengthened community connections by hosting Hispanic Heritage Night and Black History Month celebrations in partnership with our feeder elementary schools—McClendon Elementary, Roderick Elementary, and Ellis Elementary.

Campus Leadership

Carl Frietze enters his third year as principal of Edge Middle School and his seventh year in Brave Nation, having spent his first four years as an Assistant Principal at Community High School. He is joined for the third year by Mrs. Shannon McMahan (Associate) and Mrs. Stacey Romo (Assistant).

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April 2027

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Notes and Reminders:		**Month and Week-Long Observations:** **Month-Long** • National Autism Awareness Month • National Volunteer Month **Week-Long** • National Assistant Principals Week - April 5-9 • National Library Week - April 12-16 • Public Schools Volunteer Week - April 19-23 • National Student Leadership Week - April 19-23		**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Book Fair** Dodson Elementary **Middle School Musical** Community High School **Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary **CISD Multicultural Literacy Night** Community Trails Middle School 1	**Middle School Musical** Community High School 2	**Middle School Musical** Community High School 3
Middle School Musical Community High School 4	**School Librarian Day** All Grades & Campuses **Book Fair** Dodson Elementary 5	**English 1 EOC** Community High School 6	**Paraprofessional Appreciation** All Grades & Campuses **6th-8th Grade RLA STAAR** Edge & Community Trails MS 7	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **English 2 EOC** Community High School **Kinder Graduation Photos** Dodson Elementary **Kinder & Pre-K Fine Arts Night** Dodson Elementary **CISD 5th Annual Arts Showcase** Community High School 8	9	**CHS Prom** Longhorn Events - Princeton 10
11	12	**3rd-5th Grade RLA STAAR** All Elementary Campuses **Kinder Graduation Photos** McClendon Elementary 13	**8th Grade Social Studies STAAR** Edge & Community Trails MS **US History EOC** Community High School 14	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 15	**CHS Spring Show** CHS Auditorium 16 **BAD WEATHER DAY** Only Used to Make Up a Snow Day or other School Shut Down	**CHS Spring Show** CHS Auditorium 17
18	**School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session 19	**Biology EOC** Community High School **8th Grade Science STAAR** Edge & Community Trails MS **5th Grade Science STAAR** All Elementary Campuses **Kinder Graduation Photos** Roderick Elementary 20	**Administrative Professionals Day** All Grades & Campuses **Kinder Graduation Photos** NeSmith Elementary 21	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Earth Day** All Grades & Campuses **Kinder Fine Arts Night** McClendon Elementary 22	**MS Solo & Ensemble** Community Trails MS **CHS Theater Review** Community High School 23	**CHS Theater Review** Community High School 24
CHS Theater Review Community High School 25	26	**School Bus Drivers' Day** All Grades & Campuses **Algebra 1 EOC** Community High School **6th-8th Math STAAR** Edge & Community Trails MS **3rd-5th Math STAAR** All Elementary Campuses 27	28	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **CISD GT Showcase** All Grades & Campuses **Kinder Fine Arts Night** Ellis Elementary 29	**Band Sunfest** Edge Middle School 30	

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CHS

Community High School









About Us

On July 28, 1947, the County School Trustees of Collin County, Texas, passed an order grouping the Josephine ISD, Nevada School District, Lavon School District, Millwood School District, Mt. Piscah School District, and McMinn School District for the purpose of establishing and operating a rural high school. The District was named The Community Rural High School. The school opened with 235 students in 12 grades. There were nine graduates in the inaugural class of 1948. The class of 2026 had 320 graduates.

The current CHS campus opened in August 2020 with a capacity of just over 1,100 students. Its first expansion came in 2022 with a wing of eight additional classrooms, and Phase 2 of the expansion (up to 2,100 students) is scheduled to finish in August 2027.

Bragging Points

The award-winning CHS BBQ team, Smoke & Steel, has grown into a catering service for many district events, including feeding 200 people at the North Texas Association for Pupil Transportation (NTAPT) Region 10 meeting. Reach out to cody.waters@communityisd.org for more info!

Jayden Hale earned his third straight Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) All-State Band honors in 2025-26 and was joined by first-time All-State honoree Briana Sanchez-Ortiz.

The CHS UIL Academic program sent Braves to the State competition for the second year in a row, with the Current & Events team competing in Austin last year. Emilio Rodriguez finished 9th individually!

Campus Leadership

Dr. Amber Hope is stepping into the principalship of CHS after two years leading CTMS in Lavon. She is joined by Associate Principals Jerrica Holt and Dr. Brooke Cook, Assistant Principals Dr. Alicia Young, Mr. Tanner Schmitz, and Dean of CTE Mr. Steven McBrayer.

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May 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes and Reminders:			**Month and Week-Long Observations:** **Month-Long** • Asian-American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month • Mental Health Awareness Month **Week-Long** • National Physical Education & Sport Week - May 1-7 • Teacher Appreciation Week - May 3-7 • National School Police Week - May 9-15			**School Principal Day actual** All Grades & Campuses 1
2	**School Principal Day Observed** All Grades & Campuses 3 **AP Exams** Community High School	**Think College Tuesday** All Grades & Campuses 4 **AP Exams** Community High School	**Cinco De Mayo** All Grades & Campuses 5 **AP Exams** Community High School **Campus Students of the Year Brunch** Terry Pope Admin Building	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses **Decision Day** Community High School 6 **AP Exams** Community High School **FFA Banquet** Community High School Cafeteria **Donuts with Doc** Roderick Elementary School **Kinder & Pre-K Preview Night** All Elementary Campuses	**School Lunch Hero Day** All Grades & Campuses 7	**School Communicators Day** All Grades & Campuses 8
Mother's Day 9	**AP Exams** Community High School 10 **Night of Percussion** CHS Auditorium	**AP Exams** Community High School 11 **CHS Band Spring Concert** CHS Auditorium **LPAC Testing Night** Terry Pope Admin Building	**Texas Public School Paraprofessionals Appreciation** All Grades & Campuses **School Nurse Day** All Grades & Campuses 12 **AP Exams** Community High School **Kinder Grad Practice - NeSmith** CHS Auditorium - 9:30 AM **Kindergarten Graduation - DES** CHS Auditorium - 6 PM	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 13 **AP Exams** Community High School **Kindergarten Graduation - NES** CHS Auditorium - 6 PM **Class of 2027 Senior Sunset** Community High School	**AP Exams** Community High School 14	15
16	**Kinder Graduation Practice - RES** CHS Auditorium - 9 AM 17 **CHS Choir Spring Concert** CHS Auditorium **School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session	**Speech Language Pathologist Day** All Grades & Campuses **CHS Senior Awards** CISD Athletic Complex - 6 PM 18 **Kinder Graduation Practice - EES** CHS Auditorium - 9:30 AM **Kindergarten Graduation - RES** CHS Auditorium - 6 PM	**Kinder Graduation Practice - MES** CHS Auditorium - 9:30 AM 19 **Kindergarten Graduation - EES** CHS Auditorium - 6 PM	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 20 **Kinder-Senior Walk** All Elementary Campuses **5th Grade Bash** Ellis Elementary **Kindergarten Graduation - MES** CHS Auditorium - 6 PM	**Edge Band Trip to Six Flags** Six Flags over Texas 21	22
23	**Class of 2027 Clearing House** Terry Pope Admin Building 24 **Spring Semester Exams** Community High School	**Class of 2027 Recess** Baseball/Softball Fields 25 **8th Grade Awards** Edge & Community Trails MS **8th to 9th Grade Walk** CISD Athletic Complex to CHS **Spring Semester Exams** Community High School	**Class of 2027 Graduation Practice** CISD Athletic Complex 26 **5th Grade Bash** All Elementary Campuses **6th & 7th Grade Awards** Edge Middle School	**Blue & Gold Thursday** All Grades & Campuses 27 **Field Days** All Elementary Campuses **Class of 2027 Graduation Practice** CISD Athletic Complex **Summer Slam - 4th Qtr Celebration** Community High School **Employee Honors Banquet** Boyd Farm	**Quarter 4 Ends** All Grades & Campuses 28 **Class Parties** All Elementary Campuses **Final Day of School - Half Day!** All Grades & Campuses	29
30	**Memorial Day** 31					

Academic and Professional Opportunities at Community High School:

In Community ISD, we truly believe our students can achieve anything they set their minds to, and we do our best to provide them with the opportunity to find their passion. Our fine arts department includes award-winning band, choir, theater, photography, and art programs with educators holding a combined 80+ years of experience; and our 14 varsity athletic teams combined for seven playoff appearances, nine district titles & a state championship in 2025-26. The 320 graduates of the Class of 2026 earned 394 industry-based certifications (IBC) across cosmetology, auto tech, welding, EKG Tech, Education, IT Tech, Animal Science, Business & Construction Management, and Floral Design.

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BRAVES ATHLETICS





















Athletics Highlights

CHS offers 14 varsity sports:
Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Cheer, Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Track & Field, Tennis, and Volleyball.

CTMS and EMS each have nine athletic teams.

2025-2026 CHS Athletic Recognitions:

- One State Champion: Kira Bowman
- Five State Qualifiers: Track, Powerlifting, Cheer
- 40 Regional Qualifiers
- Three Regional Championships
- 33 Area Qualifiers
- Four Area Titles
- Nine District Titles
- Three District MVPs
- Two District Newcomers of the Year
- Two Coaching Staffs of the Year
- 109 All-District Honorees
- 72 Academic All-District

Braves Athletics Information and Schedules

2026-27 Athletics Facilities

Don't forget that varsity high school volleyball and basketball games will be played at the Community ISD Athletic Complex this season, due to construction impacts to the CHS Competition Gym.

Renovations are on schedule to be completed over the summer of 2027, and all varsity games will return to the CHS Competition Gym with its new 2,100-seat capacity in the Fall of 2027.

Braves Stadium remains the home of CHS football and soccer, and baseball and softball play at the complex behind Braves Stadium.

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June 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Class of 2027 Graduation Curtis Culwell Center - 10 AM 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	**Flag Day** 14	15	16	17	18	**Juneteenth** 19
Father's Day 20	**School Board Meeting** Terry Pope Admin Building 6 pm Public Comments 7 pm Open Session 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

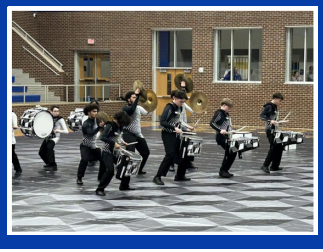
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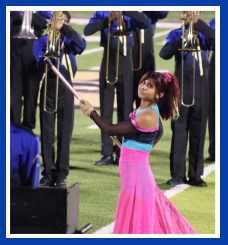
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EXPLORING THE ARTS






















Community ISD proudly offers a vibrant arts education program that fosters creativity, confidence, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts. From elementary through high school, students have the opportunity to explore both performing and visual arts at every grade level.

Elementary School
- Pre-K through 5th Grade Art and Choir
- Photography and Yearbook

Middle School
- 6th-8th Grade Art, Band, Choir
- Middle School Theater
- Annual Middle School Musical
- Photography and Yearbook

High School
- Award-winning band, choir, dance, and theater programs
- Photography courses and yearbook
- Film and Broadcast Video
- Annual District Arts Showcase
- Fall & Spring Plays, UIL One Act Play
- Marching Band, Concert Bands, Indoor Percussion & Winter Guard

Across all levels, students receive high-quality instruction, preparing them for continued success in the arts. Whether on stage or behind the scenes, every student has the chance to shine.

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July 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes and Reminders:		**Month-Long Observations:** **Month-Long** • Disability Pride Month		1	2	3
Independence Day 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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The Community Education Foundation:

BRAVING THE WAY FOR CISD CLASSROOMS!

Giving Back

Since its founding in 2006, the Community ISD Education Foundation has contributed more than $400,000 in grants to CISD classrooms, including a record-breaking $66,836.91 in 2025-26!

The CISD Ed Foundation is involved in so many different areas across Community including their annual Bags for Braves charity purse bingo, the Homecoming Alumni reception, and Atmos Scholarship Kick, teacher appreciation gifts, and the Kinder Club!

For 20 years, the Community Education Foundation has invested in students, teachers, and our community.

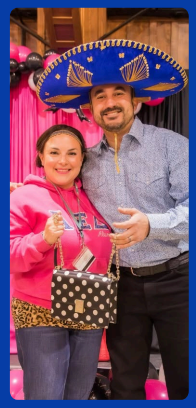
Now, we're asking 1,000 supporters to pledge $20 to ensure the next 20 years are just as impactful.

Head to https://cisd.tiny.us/20for20 today!

20 YEARS OF BRAVING THE WAY
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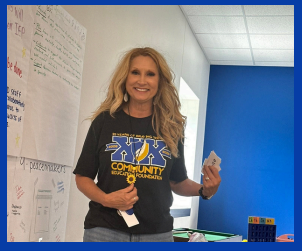






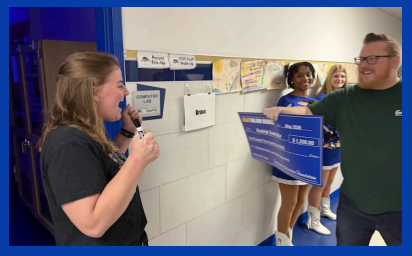



















Want to make a difference in Community Independent School District but don't know where to start? Consider joining the Board of Directors for the Community ISD Education Foundation, setting up a recurring donation, joining the Kinder Brave Club, or contributing to a scholarship!

There are so many ways to help us give back to Community ISD classrooms. Head to www.communityisd.org/CEF to learn more!