

# Comal Independent School District

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### **Comal ISD, CHS to host 75<sup>th</sup> annual TASC conference in Arlington April 3-5**

Comal ISD, through Canyon High School, is the proud host of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) Conference.

The conference will take place April 3-5 at the Arlington Convention Center. It is the largest gathering of student council leaders in the country, with more than 4,500 students and advisors expected to attend.

The opening session is one of the conference's highlights, and will include renowned motivational speaker Mark Scharenbroich giving the keynote address. The event will also include a catered meal and a private party night at Six Flags Theme Park.

"It is a great privilege to serve as host of the TASC Conference," superintendent Dr. Marc Walker said. "In Comal ISD, we value quality both in and out of the classroom. We cherish the relationships we build, the creative minds we mold, and the students we watch grow up before they go out into the world to make it a better place. Some of these core values we cherish in Comal ISD are what will make this TASC Conference a success."

This year's conference theme is "Live the Legacy...Discover your Path," so students will focus on the past, present, and future of TASC.

"It should make for one of the most exciting events in TASC history," said TASC administrative assistant Barbara Kauffmann. "If you've ever been in a room full of 4,500 student leaders it's an amazing experience."

TASC's intent is to continuously develop leadership abilities in students, promote democracy and uphold high standards for student councils. Students

will be asked to take what they learn at the conference back to their individual districts.

“We hope these student-leaders come together and use their leadership skills to make decisions that will positively affect hundreds of thousands of students from around the state,” Walker said. “One of the conference’s main goals will be for these leaders to work together to discuss and solve issues that are important to students across Texas.”

Christi Shannon, Canyon High’s student council co-adviser along with Jamey Lagleder, said her students are excited to play host at this year’s statewide convention.

“We’re thrilled and honored to have been selected to be the conference coordinator for our TASC’s 75th annual convention,” Shannon said “Because it’s the diamond anniversary, there’s a lot of pressure to make the convention better in every way.”

Shannon said the school’s award-winning Aristocats dance team and CHS choir will be part of the event.

Tom Leyden, TASC Associate Executive Director, said he’s grateful Comal ISD and CHS have taken on the role as hosts.

“The school and district that coordinates this plays a significant role,” Leyden said. “It takes a lot to pull something like this together. We’re thankful that CHS and Comal ISD have brought so much enthusiasm into the planning stages. It should be an awesome conference.”