

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Comal ISD high school Curriculum Fairs near**

It's time for some students to start thinking about the 2008-09 school year in the Comal ISD.

All three Comal ISD high schools — Canyon, Canyon Lake and Smithson Valley — will be showcasing the courses and extracurricular activities that are available for, in particular, incoming freshmen.

A High School Fair will be held in the Canyon High cafeteria on Feb. 11, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Anyone can attend, but the fair is geared toward parents and current eighth-grade students who will attend Canyon High this fall.

"Every organization, like band, choir, athletics, the Aristocats, as well as every department in the school, will be represented," said Sherry Miller, Canyon High's College and Career Center facilitator. "It's a great help when students and their parents can talk to teachers and counselors face to face."

Miller will also hand out an "activity sheet" where parents can start listing everything their student accomplishes throughout high school — honors earned, extra curricular activities, or volunteer work, for example.

"Colleges they apply to will want to see those things," Miller said. "It's so difficult if you try to go back and remember all those things when they're seniors."

Canyon Lake High will hold a Curriculum Fair on Feb. 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

CLHS administrators and counselors will meet with parents in the school's auditorium between 6:30-7 p.m.

The Curriculum Fair is for current eighth grade students who will attend CLHS next year.

Tables will be set up in the cafeteria outlining all the core courses and electives students have to choose from.

Canyon Lake High, which opened last fall, will consist of freshmen, sophomores and juniors next school year.

"We're definitely looking forward to our first Curriculum Fair," CLHS principal Cheryl Koury said. "I think it should give our students a great head start before they register for classes."

Smithson Valley High will hold its Curriculum Fair on Feb. 21, from 6-8 p.m. The SVHS cafeteria will be filled with booths, exhibits, and demonstrations that will help students and parents see beyond a course's written description.

Some teachers attribute current enrollment, in part, to last year's fair.

"The Curriculum Fair gives the students, as well as myself, an opportunity to show what we do in the class and the results of what we do," said social studies and film class teacher Roy Hargrove. "The Curriculum Fair allows me to meet the parents of future students as well as the current ones. Because of the Curriculum Fair I now have two sections of film classes instead of just one."

All future and current SVHS students and their parents are invited to attend.