

# Comal Independent School District

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### **Comal ISD gears up for first “Education: Go Get It” week**

Every high school and middle school in the Comal ISD will participate in “Education: Go Get It” the week of Feb. 11-15.

“Education: Go Get It” week was created when HB 2237 Section 12 was amended this summer to include a mandate that each school provide information about the importance of higher education to all middle and high school students.

During the designated week, each middle and high school will provide students with comprehensive grade-appropriate information regarding the pursuit of higher education.

Each high school and middle school campus will have different activities during the week, but each must have at least one speaker that will discuss the importance of higher education to the student body. Every middle and high school student will also receive information about college entrance requirements and financial aid.

“This should be an excellent opportunity for some students to begin thinking about their future before they might have otherwise,” said Dolly Adams, Comal ISD Advanced Academics and Fine Arts coordinator. “It should give more students a head start on learning the important steps it takes to ultimately get to college.”

At Canyon High, Sherry Miller, CHS College and Career Center facilitator, will have a booth set up at the school’s subject selection night and will provide college preparation material, and financial aid advice to freshmen, sophomores and juniors. A representative from Texas Tech University will speak to Canyon High juniors and seniors about how to get to college and what to expect once they’re there. On Feb. 13, CHS is hosting “Coffee with the Counselors” for

parents to provide them with information and have an informal question and answer session about preparing their children for college.

“Starting by at least your sophomore year you really need to know what schools you might want to go to,” Miller said. “By then, you need to be in the higher-level high school classes that will best prepare you for that school. Colleges in Texas are so competitive, and you really can’t start thinking ahead soon enough.”

At Smithson Valley High, students will have a mini-college fair one day during “Education: Go Get It Week,” teacher’s will decorate classroom doors with their alma mater’s colors and senior counselor Marcia Murphy will speak to students about what it takes to get to college.

At Canyon Lake High, a recent graduate of Texas A&M University will speak to the school’s freshman and sophomore student body about the importance of getting a college education.

At Smithson Valley Middle, teachers will speak with students during the week in advisory class about their personal college experiences, in particular, what they majored and minored in during those years.

At Church Hill Middle, the school will have drawings and prizes with collegiate themes and the school will have guest a guest speaker from Texas State University.

Canyon Middle will have a speaker from Texas State University and Spring Branch Middle has field trips planned to local colleges.

“It will be a week in which we reach a lot of students,” Adams said. “They will be provided with information that should prove very helpful during the selection and application process, and it will prepare them for what to expect once they get to college.”