

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS BRIEFS

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### **5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students take TAKS today, Tuesday**

Fifth grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the math and reading portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills today and Tuesday, respectively.

The results of the statewide assessment help each campus evaluate student performance and determine the campus and district rating (exemplary, recognized, acceptable).

New this year is the Commended Performance Indicator, which is now required for a campus and district to meet to earn the “exemplary” or “recognized” rating. This indicator is considered only for the reading and math TAKS in two student groups: all students and economically disadvantaged.

“This new requirement will be a challenge, but our students and teachers have been working extremely hard,” said Tammy Lind, Comal ISD director of staff development and accountability. “We are fortunate to have such an involved and supportive community. It shows on our students’ performance.”

For optimum results, students and parents are offered three tips:

- Get a good night’s rest
- Eat a hearty breakfast
- Show up! Your attendance is critical.

The next round of TAKS will be the last week of April.

## **Canyon Lake HS student advances to state in theatre**

Andrew Riali, a student at Canyon Lake High School, has advanced to state competition in UIL Technical Theatre. Andrew competed against schools from the Class 1A to the Class 5A level. His project will be judged and displayed at the state One-Act Play meet on May 11 at Bass Concert Hall.

## **Parent summit slated for April 14**

A summit for parents of students in the Canyon Lake High School feeder pattern is scheduled for Thursday, April 14 at Mountain Valley Middle School. A hot dog dinner, hosted by PTAs, will kick off the evening at 5:45 p.m.

Parents may select from the following topics for the first session, which begins at 6:30 p.m.: “Ins & Outs of Middle School Athletics,” “Developmental Assets—What They Are and Why My Child Needs Them,” “Power of Parents, It’s Your Influence” (presented by MADD) and “Summer Fun,” (presented by Comal ISD Parent Support Specialists).

The next session offers, “Transitioning from Elementary School to Middle School,” “Cyber Bullying,” “Nutrient Rich and Affordable Meals,” and “Teaching Children to Save.”

Free childcare will be provided. For more information, contact the Parent Support Specialist on your child’s campus.

## **CLHS student named to *Express-News*’ A-Team**

Isabel Martin, senior at Canyon Lake High School, has been named to the *San Antonio Express-News*’ All-Regional A-Team.

“These students have it all,” according to the announcement of the 50 students from San Antonio and the Hill Country. “They balance a heavy course load with extracurricular activities and still find time to give back to their communities.”

The students were celebrated at a lunch last week, sponsored by the *Express-News*.

Counselors and principals nominated the students based on their “diligence, leadership, academic achievements and their community involvement.”

“All are extraordinary examples of outstanding civic responsibility. All strive for the best.”

Isabel leads the Students performing Unselfish Deeds program to raise money for Project SMILE, an international nonprofit organization which repairs cleft lips and palates for children in less developed countries. Isabel is in the National Honor Society, the Interact Club and Student Council.

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