

Comal Independent School District

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Spring Break brings precautions, advice

Spring Break in Comal ISD is Monday, March 14, through Friday, March 18. All campuses and administrative offices will be closed. Campuses and administrative offices will reopen Monday, March 21.

The week offers a much-needed break for students and teachers from classes and homework and a time to rest before TAKS season is upon us.

As students leave for the week, high school administrators and counselors share some advice:

- Use the week to investigate potential colleges, financial aid and scholarship opportunities...you can never start too early for this
- Catch up on your rest
- Get some exercise; turn off the TV
- Be careful when you get behind the wheel of a car
- Remember, the legal drinking age is 21
- Don't forget the sunscreen.

"Make time for yourself and remember, there are only 49 days of school left when you return," said Aryn Standeford, academic dean of Canyon High School. "You can do it!"

Long considered a college-student holiday at the beach, Spring Break has changed recently with warnings by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the U.S. State Department and universities to avoid Mexico, where an explosion of drug violence could compromise revelers' safety.

“Drug violence has not discriminated—innocent bystanders and people who may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time are among the casualties,” according to a DPS statement. “Underestimating the violence in Mexico would be a mistake for parents and students.”

DPS acknowledges that many travel to Mexico without incident, but the risks cannot be ignored.

Smithson Valley High academic and career advisor Kristy Castilleja said the effects of choices students make during a time period like Spring Break can be long lasting.

“Students have got to make good choices because if they don’t it can completely affect their chances to get into college, their ability to get a job and ultimately their life,” Castilleja said. “Bad choices always result in bad consequences.”

Canyon Lake High academic dean Jon Lindholm has a good Spring Break suggestion for students.

“My advice is this is your week to relax,” Lindholm said. “It’s a chance for a nice break so students can come back fresh and ready to finish the last nine weeks strong.”

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