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# NEWS BRIEFS

## **Consensus reached on redistricting plan**

The Comal ISD Board of Trustees on Tuesday reached consensus on a plan that changes the lines of the single-member school board district boundaries. The new draft map is posted on the district website, [www.comalisd.org](http://www.comalisd.org), under the Board of Trustees link. Public comment will be a part of the agenda of the Dec. 15 regular meeting and the board will vote on the map at this meeting.

It is important to note that these boundary lines determine the voters of each of the seven single-member district positions on the school board. They are not the boundaries of campus attendance zones.

If the board approves the draft map, it will be sent to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for pre-clearance. Once the map receives DOJ approval it will be in effect for the May 2012 trustee elections. Seats for District 1, 2 and 5, currently held by Stephen Smith, David Drastata and Carol Keller, respectively, are up for election in May 2012.

A redistricting advisory committee, comprising members of voters who live in Comal ISD, worked with an attorney and a demographer to draw up a map that reflects the increase in numbers of voters from the 2010 Census. The committee's recommendation was accepted by the board at the October regular meeting with the caveat that the board would make minor modifications to the lines.

The Dec. 15 meeting begins at 6 p.m. and will be at the Support Services Building, 1404 Interstate 35 in New Braunfels.

## **Holiday fetes abundant in Comal ISD**

Campuses throughout Comal ISD have scheduled holiday concerts, bazaars, festivals and giving drives over the next two weeks.

For example, on Tuesday, Dec. 6 choir concerts are scheduled at the following campuses:

- Johnson Ranch Elementary, 5 p.m.
- Rahe Bulverde Elementary 6 p.m.
- Clear Spring Elementary, 6:30 p.m.
- Canyon and Church Hill middle schools, 7 p.m. (at Canyon High School Performing Arts Center)
- Smithson Valley Middle School, 7 p.m.

Smithson Valley High School will conduct a band concert at 7 p.m. and Spring Branch Middle School's theatre production will be at 7 p.m., and on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

On Dec. 8, the Spring Branch Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Boys Choir will perform at elementary campuses during the school day; Canyon Middle School's band concert will be at 7 p.m. Smithson Valley High School Spanish Club's "Pancho Claus" will visit local shelters and children's homes. Freiheit Elementary School's 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will perform on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

On Dec. 10, Canyon Lake High School and Mountain Valley Middle School bands will perform a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Canyon Lake High School theatre arts students are performing "The Music Man," at 7 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 10 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 11.

Smithson Valley High School and Spring Branch Middle School will have band concerts on Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively.

Dec. 13 will be a big night for performances with the following planned:

- Startzville Elementary, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Bill Brown Elementary, 6 p.m.
- Morningside Elementary, 7 p.m.
- Church Hill Middle School band, 6 p.m.
- Smithson Valley High School choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Mountain Valley Middle School choir, 7 p.m. (Canyon Lake High School Performing Arts Center)
- Smithson Valley Middle School band, 7 p.m.
- Spring Branch Middle School choir, 7 p.m.

The latest listing of holiday performances is posted on the home page of the district website, [www.comalisd.org](http://www.comalisd.org). For more information about other activities at schools throughout the district, please contact your child's campus.

## **Early hearing screening available**

The Texas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention and Texas Department of State Health Services encourage parents to get their children's hearing screened, the earlier the better.

For parents of children in Comal ISD, parents may call Barbara Talamanetz at 210.326.8721 for information about infant and early childhood hearing screening.

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