



Reagan Review

Ronald Reagan High School PTA Newsletter

Bill Boyd, Principal

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Lana Speck, PTA President

A Message from the Principal

May 20, 2009

Congratulations to the boys' golf team for taking second place at the state tournament in Austin. Our track team just competed at regionals with Jennifer Brown, Megan Brown, Jessica Kuster, Erica Carson, Amanda Westwood, and Morgan Malone going to state. The boys' baseball team has advanced to the play-offs defeating Pflugerville and Victoria Memorial in some exciting games. Good luck as these athletes go on to participate and represent Reagan High School.



Have you noticed the new landscaping at the entrance of the school? Thanks go out to a few Reagan Moms (Mallory Heffron, Isabel Owen and Kari Sireno) for taking on this project. They recruited a lot of help and in a very short two-day period, transformed the entryway to Reagan High School into a beautifully landscaped area. A BIG THANKS to these parents and volunteers for completing this project.

Spring fever is definitely in the air. However, I do not need to tell any Reagan parent that! We are trying very hard to explain to students that school is still in session. Girls have started wearing clothing that they know they cannot wear and are very offended when we send them home to change. The boys are doing a little better! Please understand we are going to keep all students focused and studying until the last day of school. To accomplish this, we need your help. Every year a few students fall behind during these last few days, their grades drop drastically, and they wonder what happened. We do not want this to happen to any student, especially if it means not being able to graduate due to a failing grade. So please help us keep our students on track until June 4.



With baseball, track and all the end-of-year banquets, concerts and performances, it is a real busy time of the year. Seniors are getting ready for graduation, college orientation and, "boy oh boy," could we go on! Don't

miss out on all of these activities. It is okay for parents to attend even if your children tell you not to come. Sit down with your children and tell them how proud we all are of them, and warn them not to do any stupid stunts these next few weeks. Each year we will have a couple of students who pull a senior prank or a stupid stunt and miss all of these activities, including graduation, and we do not want this to happen. Remind your children to make the right decisions these next few weeks so they can end the school year on a positive note. That is our wish for all of our Reagan Rattlers.



NEISD has made preliminary projections that Reagan HS will be exemplary with this year's TAKS results. Accountability ratings will be released to the district from TEA on July 31, 2009. CONGRATULATIONS to all Reagan students, parents and faculty!

Sincerely, Mr. Bill Boyd, Principal

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Counseling Office	x251
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PTA News

By Mrs. Lana Speck, RRHS PTA President
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What an exciting time of the year! As the 2008-2009 school year draws to a close, we look back on all that has been accomplished and look forward to new opportunities next year. Congratulations to the class of 2009! Our thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful future go with you, and we thank you for the impact that you have had on Ronald Reagan High School.

As the school year comes to an end we want to remind everyone to celebrate responsibly. Please encourage senior students to attend Project Graduation, an all-night drug-and-alcohol-free party held immediately following graduation at Dave & Busters. Graduation is June 8 at the Freeman Coliseum. Thanks to all the members of the committee who have been working very hard to make this night unforgettable for our seniors.



The NEISD Council of PTA's awards the Virgil T. Blossom Scholarship in education to one student from each of the six high schools in NEISD. This year's Reagan recipient is Laura Haigler. Thank you to Kari Sireno for chairing this committee. Congratulations, Laura. We hope to see you teaching at one of our NEISD schools in the future!

As our seniors graduate and move on, the PTA loses some wonderful parents. There are 20 senior moms on the current PTA board. Most of them are returning, but some have their last child at Reagan. I would like to thank the following senior parents who will be leaving Reagan and whom I have had the pleasure to work with: Sunny Brown, Lisa Oliver, DeAnna Burton, Wanda Lennox, Lisa Clingman, Eileen Brzozowski, Beth Plummer, and Deb Freno. You will be missed. Many of you I have worked with since elementary school.

I heard a saying on the television this past weekend that struck a chord in me. It was, "There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." I believe this to be true. I have seen this over and over in my years of volunteering. Within the schools, when you get a group of parents together almost anything can be accomplished. From classroom parties, bike rodeos, decorating stages, chaperoning trips, fundraising for a multitude of things (building playgrounds, school improvements, and the mud pit



project), a determined parent can overcome most obstacles. This was proven again by an email I got this morning. A Churchill mom has been fighting the current ranking system for our seniors. A fight in which she lost, but still one she and others believe in. She has now decided to run for State Representative to battle the top 10% rule. All of this proves that when something touches your heart – things get done.

Since this is the last newsletter for the 2009 school year and my final article, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to some very special people. First, I have to thank my wonderful officers: Sunny Brown, Lynne Connolly, Lisa Oliver, Beth Cholerton, Mandy Kauptert and DeAnna Burton. These ladies are the most dedicated, hard working and fun loving group around. I truly could not have done it without them! Next, we have a fantastic PTA Executive Board that works very hard to carry out all the PTA projects and programs. I appreciate each one of you. Then, a huge thank you goes to Mr. Boyd, the AP staff, and the lovely ladies in the front office. You are all great to work with, and we appreciate all you do for our students, parents, teachers and staff. I can't leave out the Librarians, Counselors, Copy Room, Nurses, Attendance Office, Custodians, Cafeteria, etc., etc., etc.! Reagan is a great place to be!

I would also like to thank all the parents of Reagan High School. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the PTA President for the past two years. Lastly, I would like to thank my family. They are the backbone of my volunteerism. They support and help whenever they can. My oldest child Bryan, who got me into volunteering at Hidden Forest 13 years ago, is graduating this year. Will returns next year as a sophomore, so I will be at Reagan several more years. Lindsay will be in third grade, so I will be around for a long time with her! Thru them I have met so many wonderful parents and made many lifelong friends.

Thank You!

I have truly enjoyed my tenure as president and thank you all from the bottom of my heart! Go Rattlers!

Reagan PTA Faculty Appreciation Thank You!

Irene Pollard, Kristin Sucich & Connie Taylor
 Reagan PTA Faculty Appreciation Coordinators

The Reagan PTA Faculty Appreciation coordinators would like to thank everyone who donated snacks for our teachers during the week of TAKS. The snacks were greatly appreciated by the teachers. We would also like to say "THANK YOU!" for all the generous donations throughout the year. Our faculty appreciation program is a great success because of your kindness.



Counselors' Corner

Submitted by Mrs. Lucie Dowe, RRHS Counselor



Website Reminder

The best source of counseling information and important web links is the Reagan Counseling website:
www.neisd.net/reagan/counseling.html

Summer school 2009 information is available at www.neisd.net. Students planning to attend can now register online through June 10 or in person at MacArthur High School on June 11 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

AP testing grows each year. This year during the first two weeks of May, approximately 700 students took 1,660 exams. Students can expect scores about the third week of July.



Seniors will take final exams May 28 through June 2. These are regular attendance days, and seniors will be in class on those days when not taking exams. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take exams June 1 through June 4. Students were required to turn in exam exemption forms by May 15.

Reagan graduation is scheduled for June 8 at Joe & Harry Freeman Coliseum. There will be a mandatory rehearsal for graduation on June 8 at 8:00 AM. Any senior who misses rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the commencement exercises that evening.

Underclassmen have received or will soon receive their list of classes scheduled for next year and will have until June 12 to make any changes. Students and parents should carefully review choices and make any change requests as early as possible. Parents can sign off on the requested changes, and students can then drop off their requests in the counseling office before or after school or changes can be faxed to 481-2245 or mailed to the counseling office. Information about the changes can also be sent to the student's counselor via email.

Parents of freshman, sophomore or junior students who will not be returning to Reagan in the fall should notify the Registrar at 482-2200 ext. 237 to ensure a smooth transition to the new school.

Juniors who have not yet taken the SAT or ACT should plan to sign up for the October test administration.

Students can study for the exam this summer by going to www.collegeboard.com to take sample tests.

Summer provides time and opportunities for resume building for students. Students can go to www.applytexas.org to look at a typical application for college. On page 7, learn about the importance of extracurricular, personal, and volunteer activities to the application process. Students will be asked to submit a resume to their counselor in the fall to aid in the college application and scholarship application process. Examples of required essays on the Texas Common Application are also available on the site. Senior students may want to do some preliminary work on their essays during the summer.



Summer also provides time to explore colleges both online and by traveling to campuses. www.collegeboard.com, www.collegeforalltexans.com and www.princetonreview.com all provide excellent college/student matching. Students can then explore the cost of education at selected institutions and the GPA and SAT/ACT scores required for admittance. Building an account in www.Fastweb.org will also aid in scholarship searches next year.

We wish everyone a fun, safe, and productive summer and look forward to seeing all of you on the first day of classes, August 24, 2009.

2009-2010 NEISD School Calendar

From North East Connections, Spring 2009

August 2009

17-21 Teacher Staff Development
 24 First Day of School

September 2009

7 Labor Day/Holiday

October 2009

12 Teacher/Staff Development Day

November 2009

23-24 Teacher/Staff Development Days
 25-27 Thanksgiving Break/Holiday

December 2009

21-Jan 1 Winter Break/Holiday

January 2010

18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day/Holiday

February 2010

15 Teacher/Staff Development Day
 Bad Weather Day



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March 2010

15-19 Spring Break/Holiday

April 2010

2 Good Friday/Holiday
23 Battle of Flowers/Holiday

May 2010

31 Memorial Day/Holiday

June 2010

3 Last Day of School
4 Teacher/Staff Development Day
Bad Weather Day



July 2010

5 Observance of Independence Day/Holiday

NOTE: Students do not attend school on staff development and teacher preparation days. TAKS testing dates and early dismissal dates are not included. If classes are canceled, makeup days will be held June 4 and Feb. 15. If two inclement weather makeup days are needed, the teacher preparation day scheduled for June 4 will be on June 5. If Feb. 15 is used as an inclement weather day, it will also become the third Teacher Choice Day for affected staff. Calendars for the Academy of Creative Education (ACE) and Castle Hills Elementary School are also available on the district's website at www.neisd.net/calendars/index.htm.

Senior Dates and Name Pronunciation

By Mrs. Kiz Mannheimer and Mr. Kirk Karpienski, Senior Class Sponsors

Seniors, please mark your calendars for these important dates!

May 27 - Scholarships

This will be the last day to turn in scholarship information to be announced at graduation. This information will need to be turned in to the counseling office to Mrs. Miller.

May 28 – June 2

These are exam days and regular attendance days. Seniors will attend all classes. Please remember that school is still in session and that proper dress and conduct is expected and required. Please clear your obligations and turn in your textbooks on the day of your exams. Reminder: All fines and obligations must be cleared before June 4.

June 3 - Senior Slideshow and BBQ

Seniors will report to the auditorium at 11:00 AM. Attendance will be taken. Seniors will have a



brief meeting and be viewing the 2009 Senior Slideshow. After the slideshow, there will be a BBQ for all seniors.

June 4 - Senior Class Meeting

Seniors will report to the auditorium at 10:00 AM. Attendance will be taken. All fines and obligations must be cleared today, and graduation instructions will be issued.

June 5 - Senior Caps & Gowns

Seniors will report to the auditorium for a mandatory meeting at 10:00 AM. Attendance will be taken. After the meeting, caps and gowns will be issued to all graduating seniors who have cleared their fines and obligations and turned in all textbooks.

June 8 - Graduation Rehearsal MANDATORY!

Seniors must meet at Joe & Harry Freeman Coliseum by 8:00 AM for Rehearsal. This is a mandatory school setting where total cooperation of all persons will be needed and expected. This is our only on-site rehearsal. The coliseum is usually cold; please dress accordingly.



June 8 - Graduation

Seniors are to report behind the stage at Joe & Harry Freeman Coliseum by 6:15 PM. See below for proper name pronunciation.

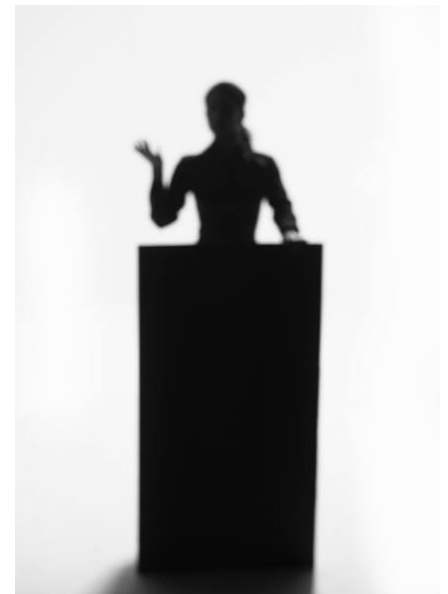
Proper Name Pronunciation

Attention Seniors! Prior to Graduation (June 8), please see the following Rhetoricians for proper pronunciation of names.

Dr. Carlos B. Cuellar,
Periods 1 thru 8, P-3
Summas thru
Magnas
Ali thru Post

Frankie Whitlock,
Period 2, KY 132,
Period 6, OR 230
Magnas thru Regular
Graduates
Prew thru De Los

David Daniel,
Periods 2 thru 6,
VA 138
Regular Graduates
Dehl thru Zepe



Reagan PTA Scholarship Recipients Announced!

Submitted By Deborah Eardley, PTA Scholarship Chair

The Reagan PTA is proud to announce the amazing recipients of this year's PTA scholarships!

Alex Burton plans on attending Rice University studying either kinesiology or biology and playing soccer. **Megan Brown** plans to attend Texas A&M University to major in accounting. **Hannah Brown** plans to attend Texas Tech University to major in early childhood development. **Lindsey Miner** plans to attend Baylor University this fall to study either ophthalmology or sports medicine. **Briana Santiago** plans on attending Texas A&M University majoring in either mechanical or aerospace engineering. **Ryan Wilks** plans to major in political science as well as international relations. **Jenna Gaska** plans on entering college with a double major in biology and classics. **Connor Toomey** feels it would be advantageous to wait until his second year of college before selecting a vocation. **Bill Han** has expressed a desire to become a chemical engineer with a specialty in medical chemistry. **Zachary Newman** will be attending Yale University to concentrate on ethics, politics, and economics. Congratulations and good luck to all of our outstanding seniors!



L-R Alex Burton, Megan Brown, Hannah Brown, Lindsey Miner, Briana Santiago, Ryan Wilks, Deborah Eardley, Jenna Gaska, Connor Toomey, Bill Han and Zachary Newman.

Class of 2009 Reagan High School Project Graduation June 8, 2009 – Dave & Busters Sponsored by RRHS PTA

Project Graduation 2009 is an all-night alcohol-free and drug-free party exclusively for our Reagan High School graduating seniors. It is a night to honor our graduates in a safe environment. This year's event will be held at Dave & Busters. The evening will consist of prizes, photo presentation, music, games, billiards, fortune tellers, caricature artists, Karaoke, a casino, food and much more. This will be a great way for our seniors to end their wonderful graduation evening! Dave & Busters will be closed to the public and will be the party place to be! In order to attend this fun evening, registration and payment are required in advance. You will find a registration form and other information on the Reagan website.



Registration Prices per Student:

\$100 by May 30

After May 30, only on an individual basis

Project Graduation will begin at 11:30 PM on June 8, 2009. Seniors are required to meet at the front parking area of Reagan High School no later than 11:30 PM to be transported by NEISD to Dave & Busters. Appropri-

ate school ID/drivers license is required to attend. Also, advanced registration is required. Seniors will NOT be allowed to leave until the conclusion at 5:00 AM when they will be transported back to Reagan High School on NEISD transportation. Students who have registered and arrive late and/or miss the bus cannot attend – parents will be called, no matter what time.

As always, senior parents are never required to help with Project Graduation because of the many activities seniors and their families are involved in – however, if you are interested in assisting in chaperoning this event, or helping in any way, please let us know. We will ensure that there will be an adequate number of chaperones to help the event run smoothly, including ensuring that all seniors are safe and secure, while enjoying themselves. Dave & Busters will have a full staff working the event.

Project Graduation 2009 is a totally self-supporting event. The approximate cost per student is about \$100. The funding comes from outside the school. The primary fundraising consists of parent donations, ticket sales and business donations. If you would like to contribute or have a corporate/company connection who would like to participate, we would appreciate your assistance. If you have any questions regarding Project Graduation, please contact the committee chairpersons, Eileen Brzozowski (ebrzoz@neisd.net or 416-7678) or Lana Speck (lspeck@swagtx.com or 913-1456). We look forward to having your senior at Project Graduation 2009!

Reagan Senate Ends a Successful Year

By Erica Salinas, Reagan Senate Reporter

By the time May comes around, students are finalizing summer plans, studying extra hard for finals, applying for part-time jobs and, for some, preparing for the next chapter of their lives- college. But for your Reagan senators, this time of year is bittersweet for it signifies the end of a fun, memorable school year. And what a year it has been! Last year, 22 Reagan students - some returning, some newly selected - met for the first time. Twelve months later, they have formed lifetime friendships and accomplished much together. These 15 new and 7 returning senators pulled together quickly to plan, prepare, and arrange for a successful homecoming event. The result: "Oh Snap! The 90's are Back!" homecoming dance at Leon Springs Dance Hall. This dance was one of the best and most successful in Reagan history.



Since then, student council has been able to generate school spirit at every football game, donate hundreds of dollars to Animal Friends Animal Shelter, put on an educational Red

Ribbon week, celebrate and honor every holiday, host a Thanksgiving canned food drive, host a Blue Santa toy donation for Christmas, tour 8th graders around their future school, successfully promote recycling at school, host the first annual "Save the Crust" pie eating contest to promote Earth awareness, help renovate an aging historic house, teach students about the effects of drunk driving through "Teens in the Driver Seat", honor hard-working teachers with the "Feature Teacher Award", and host class-officer elections. For all of their work, student council was recognized for its' "Tommy the Tree" environmental project receiving Top Ten Project honors at our state convention. In addition, the student council received "sweepstakes council" status, the highest honor given to a council. Your senators also made Reagan history by being elected to the position of District Historian/Reporter for the first time.

With such a busy year coming to an end, the senators are relieved that the pressure is easing but sad that they will be saying good-bye to each other as the school year ends. The lessons they have learned this year will have formed them into stronger leaders and helped prepare them for their future obstacles in life. Even though 19 senators are venturing off to begin their new lives at university, whether they are going out-of-state or staying close in Texas, the memories that each and every senator have made this year will never be forgotten. Good Job Reagan Senate 2008-2009!

Spotlight on Reagan Spirit Club Scholarship Recipients

By Ms. Carol King

The Ronald Reagan High School Spirit Club is proud to announce the 2009 Spirit Scholarship Recipients. The Spirit Club hosts many fundraisers throughout the school year to benefit all members of dance, drill, pep, mascots and cheer at Reagan and is providing four scholarships this year. A big "thank you" to all the Reagan parents, students, staff, administration and community businesses for their generous support of the Reagan Spirit groups.



Heidi Held will be attending the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in Biochemistry. She had the highest cumulative score in the spirit scholarship selection process. Heidi has been a member of Reagan Cheer for four years and is the daughter of Kris and David Held.



Lindsey Miner will be attending Baylor University, majoring in Biology, and plans to pursue the field of medicine in Ophthalmology or Sports Medicine. While at Reagan, Lindsey has been involved in Reagan Spirit groups all four years and is currently the Colonel of the Diamond Dancers Dance Team. She is the daughter of Robin and Philip Miner.



Kristin MacKenzie will be attending Texas A & M University, majoring in Health Communications with a minor in Chemistry. She plans to pursue a career in the field of medicine. Kristin has been a member of Reagan Cheer for four years and is the daughter of Tami and Mark MacKenzie.



Megan Nonemaker will be attending the University of Southern California, one of the top film schools in the country, majoring in Cinematic Arts and Film Production. She plans to try out for the Trojan Cheer squad in November. While at Reagan, Megan cheered all four years and is currently the Captain of the Reagan Cheer squad. She is the daughter of Marti and John Nonemaker.

Picture PTA Photo Contest

From www.pta.org

Get ready for this year's Picture PTA Photo Contest! Entries will be accepted May 21 – June 30, 2009. Here's your chance to show and tell us what's happening in your family, your school, and your community. Picture PTA



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Reagan Sells Out Pop Show!

By Ms. Lisa Koxlien

The talent was amazing, the music was wonderful! If you missed it, you missed the concert of the season!



The Pop Show is the largest program of the year for the Reagan High School Choir. The show is usually a sold out production. For two nights the Reagan stage is transformed to present Reagan High School's talent - watch out American Idol! The students from fourteen to eighteen years old showcased their musical abilities and showmanship. Besides the bands, duets, and solo performances, six choirs from Reagan High School performed in this entertaining evening tribute entitled "C'mon Everybody."

Along with the choir performances, over 200 students tried out for thirty musical spots. The musical genres ranged from pop, show tunes, jazz and country. Choir students made up bands complete with guitars, drums, piano and vocals to sing "Come Together" and "Johnnie Be Good".

Duets in the show included a beautiful performance of "The Chain;" a tribute to Whitney Houston; a wonderful rendition of "Quando, Quando, Quando" and a gripping performance of "Phantom of the Opera." In the humorous song category the audience enjoyed: "The Song That Goes Like This" from Spamalot, "The Altos Lament", "Popular" from the musical Wicked and "Its Oh So Quiet."

Other favorite songs included: "I Love Rock n Roll", "Wishin' and Hopin'", "All I Ask of You" and a jazzy "Anything Goes", in addition to a medley of 50's and 60's songs.

The Reagan Men's Choir brought the house down with the song "Splish Splash", complete with floaties and shower caps. Others men's solos included: "Come fly with Me", the singer in a pilot uniform, "You Make Me Feel So Young", "Mad", "Faithfully", "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," and "Teddy Bear".

Kudos to our Reagan Directors, Jo Scurlock-Dillard and Mary Cowart for a wonderful year-end performance. Thanks to the Choreographers that assisted: Chris Rodriguez, George Garcia and Audrey Seguin. A special thank you to our Theatre Director Gloria Robinson for her assistance with the performance.



Reagan Band News

By Mrs. Sharon Houghton, PTA Band Liaison

Reagan Band participated in the American Classic Festival in Corpus Christi. Band 1 was awarded Best in Festival and Outstanding Performance. Band 2, with members from Band 3 was awarded Outstanding Performance. Abbey Klaus was awarded Best Soloist – Oboe and Eric Espinoza was awarded Best Soloist – Alto Saxophone. Congratulations to all of our students and directors for this great achievement!



Band members enjoy the water during the American Classic Band Festival weekend in Corpus Christi



Band members wake up early for a four mile run on the beach

The Reagan Jazz Band, directed by Chip Burriss, performed on May 14 at 7:00 PM in the Reagan Auditorium. The Lopez Middle School Jazz Band joined us for an entertaining evening of Jazz. The Louie B. Armstrong Award was presented that evening. The award is given to a jazz student who has exhibited extreme talent in the Jazz genre of playing and improvising music. This year, we had two students deserving of the award. Congratulations to David Copenhaver and Justin Charvarria, this year's recipients.

On a sad note, the Reagan Band will be saying goodbye to our director, Mr. Mark Koehl. He has been with the Reagan band since the beginning in 1999. We will miss him and wish him the best. Levi Chavis will take over the reigns as Head Band Director. He is a graduate of Music Education from the University of Houston. From 2002-2004, he was a member of the World Champion Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. He worked at Reagan High School as Assistant Band Director in 2007 before the Johnson-Reagan split. Then, he was Assistant Band

Director at Hebron High School. We welcome him and are excited to have him back as part of the Reagan High School Band!

Surf's Up - Get your Reagan Rattlers beach towels in time for summer. They are white with green Reagan Rattlers in bold print in the middle. The cost is just \$10. Please contact Cheri Spies at cspies@satx.rr.com to order.

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We appreciate our corporate sponsors! Please tell them thank you for supporting the Reagan Band when you see them.



The Reagan Band goes green! Reagan band is collecting used cell phones, ink jet cartridges and toner cartridges to recycle! Let us help you recycle your old phone or ink cartridges while we raise funds for the band. All proceeds benefit the band AND the environment. Please look for the collection boxes in the band hall and main office.

Band Calendar

May 30, Band Banquet, Norris Conference Center
May 30 - June 1, State Solo and Ensemble at the University of Texas at Austin
June 8 – 10, Mini Band Camp, Reagan Band hall
June 10, Concert in the Reagan courtyard

Cook and Casillas Reagan JROTC Solo Drill Champions

By LTC Paul Loveless

The Ronald Reagan High School Army JROTC demilitarized and unarmed drill teams competed in the National High School Drill Team Championships, 3-4 May 2009, in Daytona Beach, Florida. The JV demilitarized color guard won a second place trophy in Open Level Color Guard. The Rattler Guard, the varsity demilitarized team finished 7th out of 35 schools. The Diamondbacks, the varsity unarmed team, finished 5th out of 25 teams.

Two members of the Rattler Guard, Chad Cook and Matt Casillas, competed in the demilitarized solo event. Both boys joined JROTC in the 9th grade and began their drill experience on Junior Varsity teams learning simple spins. The rifle used by armed drillers in NEISD weighs approximately 9 pounds. And, as I tell everyone, throwing the rifle is the easy part, catching the rifle is a much more difficult challenge.

It takes two years to develop the strength and technique to skillfully handle a demilitarized rifle during an exhibition routine. It takes much greater effort to be ready to compete in a solo event at the national level. Chad and Matt collected their share of jammed knuckles, calluses, a variety of large lumps and stitches from new spins and catches that did not go so well the first time, and a lot of lost time; lost time because team practice comes first, solo preparation time comes before and after team practice.

Solo routines are performed on a pad 33' by 33' and last up to three minutes. To win, every portion of the pad must be covered, the difficulty of spins and catches must set a competitor's routine apart from the average person, and you should not repeat any spin.

Eighty-eight young men were in the solo competition. The preliminary round was held Monday morning, 4 May. Chad and Matt performed with their team in pla-



toon exhibition at 7:56 AM and then moved to the solo event. Chad preceded Matt and did a solid routine. Matt, however, took things to a different level. Two of his spins went into the air about 30 feet and were caught perfectly horizontal to his body. He caught his rifle behind his back, behind his neck, horizontal to his body standing and kneeling. It was a crowd pleasing and difficult routine. Both boys made the final round.



Matt Casillas reports for solo event

Stress and pressure are relative, and all competitors were feeling a lot. Chad had a solid performance and Matt repeated his morning performance, only sharper. Of the multiple catches, he had about 10 that were among the toughest seen in this event with any small mistake effecting his final placement. There were cheers along the way but an eruption of applause followed his report out. Everyone knew they had seen something special.

At the awards ceremony Monday night, Chad received the 4th place trophy. The master of ceremonies attempted to build suspense, but everyone who watched Matt knew he would be the 1st place winner, and he was! The first from Reagan to win this event. Congratulations!

We Want You For SLS 2009!

By Darren Grissom, Texas PTA Director of Programs

If you know Texas PTA, then you know about Summer Leadership Seminar. It is always the most exciting time of the year for Texas PTA, but this year we celebrate our Centennial, making the festivities a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help us celebrate and guaranteed to motivate you for your best PTA year! Make plans now to attend this year and get "Back To Basics!," a seminar weekend filled with workshops, networking, and Centennial events held at the Austin Convention Center, July 24-26. Summer Leadership Seminar gives you the

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gear you need to run your PTA more efficiently and effectively and provides our legendary "BASICS" training courses so you can return to your PTAs refreshed, revived, and ready to make a difference in your PTA! Please take advantage of all that Summer Leadership Seminar has to offer, and join more than 3,000 other PTA family members from across Texas! Visit our SLS Web page for registration information. Our Friday night activities are becoming as famous as our training workshops, especially after last year's 7th Inning Stretch! Join us for fun, food and prizes, and an introduction to the weekend that you will not want to miss!



Boot Camp

Boot Camp starts at 4:00 PM, so get acquainted with your fellow "recruits" by visiting our wonderful vendors and shopping in the market, the silent auction, and the live auction for great items! Admission is free for the shopping and exhibit hall and dinner will be available beginning at 5:30 PM for \$15. Tickets for the BBQ dinner must be purchased with registration. Thousands of you have joined us for this exciting night, and we can't wait to have all the troops together for a night of fun and prizes!

Legacy Breakfast

This year, Texas PTA celebrates a historic milestone - 100 years! Through the efforts of our volunteers, Texas PTA has established itself as THE voice for Texas children over the past century. Because we are working to continue our tradition of making every child's potential a reality for the next 100 years, we would love for you to join us and support our efforts to continue our mission and vision for the children of Texas.

Calling All Dads

Head down to SLS 2009 and join up with the greatest dads in Texas... PTA DADS! After a successful "All-Star Dads" event last year, we are pleased to partner again with Mike Hall of Strong Fathers, Strong Families who will provide a great series of workshops to improve male involvement in our schools. It's not just about "your" kids; it promotes the positive influence that male role models have on all children. Dads can be the secret weapon in helping Texas PTA make every child's potential a reality! The four workshops will be offered on Saturday and cover a wide range of topics that you can use to encourage other dads to join in supporting your campus.

President's Volunteer Service Award

By Mrs. Jackie Sorenson and Mrs. Mary Ogonowski

On May 27, 2009, an awards ceremony will be held in the



Reagan auditorium to honor 56 President's Volunteer Service Award recipients. In all, these students and adults served a total of 13,580 hours of community service through volunteering since May 1, 2008! Since Reagan High School became a certifying organization in 2004, the PTA has had the pleasure of acknowledging more and more volunteers every year. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

The award was established in 2003 by President George W. Bush and it recognizes Americans who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service and civic participation over the last 12 month period. There are three levels of the award (bronze, silver, and gold) which represent total number of hours served and age bracket.



Reagan High School and the Reagan PTA are very proud to acknowledge and congratulate the following student and adult volunteers for their many hours of selfless, community volunteer service.

Student Volunteers, Bronze Award

Isabelle Abiassi, Kevin Bruemmer, Matthew Bruemmer, Gaby Bunting, Kayla Dausin, Jeffrey Faulkner, Lindsay Faulkner, Katya Finta, Andrew Harding, Taylor Horst, Eric Kosub, Stephanie Lampman, Audrey McKnight, Courtney Mielke, Matthew Ogonowski, Dan Patierno, Nick Spies and Kevin Tyburski.

Student Volunteers, Silver Award

Alicea Bonnema, Hannah Bush, Nicole Craig, Kelsea Denman, Arjun Garg, Jenna Gaska, Mason Hensley, Clayton Knocke, Madeline Krebs, Laura Laine, Morgan Malone, Ryan Pearson, Matthew Philbrick, Briana Santiago and Laura Trout.

Student Volunteers, Gold Award

Adrienne Bouxsein, Lucas Caussade, Haley Demos, Fahrin Dhukka, Abbey Klaus, Lauren Mlodzianowski, Travis Olbrich, KC Pierce, Elizabeth Smith, Ashley Sorenson, Kirsten Westberg and Sonja Westberg.

Adult Volunteers, Silver Award

Beverly Anderson, Terry Cirinna, Deborah Freno, Sharon Houghton, Julie Lawlis, Beverly Madigan, Beth Plummer, Julie Shroyer and Lana Speck.

Adult Volunteers, Gold Award

Cheryl Bridges, Michael Madigan and Amy Pearson.

Ronald Reagan HS Major Events May 27 - June 8, 2009

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
May 27	PTA: President's Volunteer Service Awards	Auditorium	7:00 PM
May 28 - Jun 2	Senior Exams		
May 30	Band Banquet	Norris Conference Center	6:30 PM
Jun 1 - 4	Underclassmen Exams		
Jun 3 - 4	Early Dismissal		
Jun 3	Senior Slideshow and BBQ	Auditorium	11:00 AM
Jun 4	Last Day of School		
Jun 5	Cap and Gown Delivery for Seniors	Auditorium	9:00 AM
Jun 8	Graduation Rehearsal	Freeman Coliseum	8:00 AM
Jun 8	Graduation (Seniors Line-up at 6:15 PM)	Freeman Coliseum	7:30 PM
Jun 8	Project Graduation	Dave & Busters	11:30 PM

Events are subject to change. Please call the school for the most up-to-date information. To list your major school or PTA event here, please submit school events to Mr. John Hill at jhill2@neisd.net and PTA events to Ms. Lana Speck at lspeck@swagtx.com.

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wants you to show off your photographic skills with compelling images relevant to the following key topics: Fundraising; Health and Safety; Membership; Parents, Teachers, and Principals Working Together; Student Achievement; Diversity; General Interest



Share your accomplishments and favorite moments with us. We just might use your photo on PTA.org or in PTA's magazine, Our Children. The Picture PTA contest is open to all adults. You do not have to be a member of PTA to enter and have a chance to win a \$50 gift card and national recognition. The contest site can be reached at contests.fotki.com/pta/

Drugged, Drunk, and Distracted Driving

From www.theantidrug.com

As prom and graduation parties swing into high gear, it's time to revisit the rules of the road with your teen.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-olds.¹ And drugs, alcohol, and driver distractions increase teens' crash risks. Despite what you may think, parents are the most important influence on their teen when it comes to risky behaviors, including substance abuse and driving.² So as teens take to the roads to celebrate the end of the school year, you can make a difference by talking about the dangers of drugged, drunk, and distracted driving.

Has your teen earned the keys to the car? Visit www.theantidrug.com to test yourself (and the teen



driver in your family) on the risks associated with drugged, drunk, and distracted driving.

¹U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "Traffic Safety Facts: Young Drivers," 2007. <http://www.dtadadap.com/PDF/STATS/2007/2007-TSF-YoungDrivers.pdf>.

²The TRU Study, TRU, Fall '06 Wave.

Tips for Parents of New Drivers

From www.theantidrug.com

Getting a driver's license is an exciting and risky time for teens. But parents can take immediate steps to limit the potential dangers of teen driving:

- ✓ Limit the times, destinations, and number of passengers allowed in the car when your teen is driving.
- ✓ Set check-in rules for your teen to call or text when they arrive at their destination and when they are heading home.
- ✓ Know who your teen is with and where they're going at all times. And discuss your expectations for celebrating special occasions like prom and graduation responsibly, even when your teen is not the one behind the wheel.
- ✓ Talk to your teens about the dangers of drugged, drunk, and distracted driving. You can also help by being a positive role model at the wheel, and setting and enforcing clear rules for driving.

- ✓ Make sure your teen is completely aware of safety issues, like keeping passenger distractions to a minimum and never driving and using the cell phone at the same time.



Rattler Roundup

Friday, August 21, 2009

REAGAN SPIRIT CLUB PRESENTS

Smokey Mo's Dinner to Go

Dinner served in cafeteria from 5:00 – 6:30

Club and Organization Booths open 5:00 – 6:45

Pep Rally starts at 7:00

Bring the family and come out to meet our athletic teams and watch various groups perform!

\$7.00
per meal



BBQ meal is \$7.00 and includes a delicious chopped BBQ beef sandwich, Lays potato chips, and a water.

Take the dinner to go or stay and enjoy your meal in the Reagan cafeteria.

Order BBQ meal tickets now as they won't be sold at the door!

Make your check payable to **Reagan Spirit Club**

Mail to 1015 Campanile, San Antonio, TX 78258 by August 18, 2009

Name _____ Phone # _____

of Tickets _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Early pick-up for students participating in Rattler Roundup (eg. Band, Spirit, etc)

Student Name _____

Organization _____

