

T.R.U.C.E.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 3
End of the 1st Six Weeks
- October 9
Report Cards go home
- October 13
Professional Development–
Student Holiday



Chris McGrath
Director

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News

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Note from the Director's Office

With many of the DAEP assignments coming to an end, this is a great opportunity for you to reexamine your son or daughter's high school graduation plans. I would encourage you to schedule a meeting with your home campus Counselor to make sure all of your credits, grades, and current schedules are accurately reflected in Skyward. It is much easier to correct these items when you return, than it is to correct these items 6 months down the road.

We are very proud of the growth we have seen in our students this school year. They have made great strides toward becoming the responsible young adults we want them to be, and we are very excited for them to continue this process the remainder of the school year. I want to take this time to thank all of our parents because our success as a campus is a direct result of your commitment and support this school year. I know if we work together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,
Chris McGrath
Director

Please Welcome

This year, we have made a few changes from last year. One of the most notable is the addition of Tracey Gibson. Tracey comes to us from the business world where she ran her own construction business for the last 11 years. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa. In addition, she earned her Master's in American Studies in 1995, and is ABD for her Ph. D in History.

This is Tracy's first foray into teaching, but she is extremely excited to have the opportunity to work with at-risk youth. She is a passionate advocate for students who typically do not have a voice. We want to welcome Tracey to our staff, and we know we can expect great things from her this school year.

The Mission of Castleberry ISD is to graduate all students as lifelong learners who will excel in our changing world and competitive workplace.

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Counselor's Corner

I have had several questions regarding our Counseling Program. Because TRUCE is considered a Disciplinary Alternative Educational Placement (DAEP), there are statutory requirements in the Texas Education Code that we must follow. One item states:

§ 37.008. DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS. (a) Each school district shall provide a disciplinary alternative education program that: 6) provides supervision and counseling;

As a result of this requirement, our campus must provide Counseling Services to the students who attend a TRUCE. How are we meeting this requirement? Our campus has been very lucky to have the support of the Counselors at both IMMS and CHS. They have worked extremely hard over the past years to make sure our student's transition back to the home campus is a smooth one. In addition, we have been very fortunate to have support from the Recovery Resource Council. The curriculum is based around the Ground Zero program used in other area school districts. Ground Zero is an intervention program for adolescents ages 11-17 who have already experimented with alcohol, drugs, and other risky behaviors. Ground Zero is a ten week program that uses the curriculum "Creating Lasting Connections." The purpose of the curriculum is to give the students lasting information on a number of topics that will affect their future. In addition to area middle schools, Ground Zero is offered in alternative schools, juvenile detention centers, and community locations. Maurice Meredith is one of their Program Specialists who supports these efforts at our school. If you need more information, feel free to go to www.recoverycouncil.org or call Maurice at 817.332.6329.

District News

Skyward Family Access

Castleberry ISD parents can now check their student's grades, attendance, discipline, and health records from home with Skyward Family Access. New for the 2008-2009 school year, parents can see what their children are purchasing for lunch and their lunch account balance. To sign up to receive your user name and password for Family Access, please call 817-252-2023.

For more information about Castleberry ISD

- Explore our Webpage: www.castleberryisd.net
- Watch **Charter Cable Channel 30** in the River Oaks and Sansom Park Areas.
- Call **817-252-2000** and choose **Option 8** for weekly events.

Schedule of Events

- Your school's calendar, as well as a district-wide calendar, are available on our website.
- From our home page, choose "schools," then your school, then "School Calendar."

Family Access

- CISD parents can now go online and view their student's grades, health records, attendance, and much more.
- Sign up for Skyward Parent Access today by calling 817-252-2023.

Volunteers

- From our home page, choose "Volunteer Program."
- You can print out a volunteer application and turn it in to your school secretary.

School Board Meetings

- A summary of each Board meeting is available on our website.
- From the home page, choose "Board of Trustees."