



# TAHOKA ISD

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December 2016

## WHATS HAPPENING IN TISD

- ◆ The TISD day of service, “**Tahoka’s Big WIN,**” was a huge success on November 22, 2016. Thanks to the organization at the campus level with administrators and teachers, the day turned out to be a truly positive experience for the students and for the community of Tahoka. Here are some of the projects that the district participated in: Decorating for Christmas at the Lynwood by putting up Christmas lights and assisting patient needs as directed by staff, playing games with the residents, and visiting with them; cleaning up at the County Show barn and Little League fields; organizing the food pantry at the Church of Christ; cleanup activities at Nevill Cemetery; preparing Santa’s Land Drive-thru Christmas park for its opening weekend; decorating the windows for Christmas at businesses in the town square; serving breakfast to the farmers at the coop gin; elementary students prepared goodie bags for 1st responders, senior citizens, and shut-ins; middle school students traveled around neighborhoods in town and raked leaves and picked up trash; businesses were visited and delivered hot cocoa and appreciation cards for their businesses; assisting with putting up Christmas decorations at the County library and at City Hall; kindergarten student created gift bags for the district’s maintenance and custodial staff. In addition, the district received positive new coverage from KAMC/KCBD, and compliments were given to Tahoka from throughout the region as the news spread about this opportunity we provided for our students to give back to the community. We hope to make this an annual event district-wide that the community of Tahoka will learn to embrace.
- ◆ All 8th and 9th graders in the district will be taking the PSAT on December 6h and 9th. This is a great opportunity for students to get an early indication of their possible performance on the SAT, one of the main college entrance exams for students to be admitted into colleges and universities.
- ◆ The district will have a 12:00 pm release on December 21 for the beginning of Christmas break. Students will not return back to school until **Monday, January 9th, 2017**

## Our District Values

These are the 4 “C’s” the district identifies in its vision:

**Community:** A true partnership between TISD and the entire community relying on both sides to advance the district mission

**Character:** Student character development promoting student responsibility, perseverance, school spirit, and respect for self and others

**Civic Involvement:** Promoting student service and involvement in the local community as a means of giving back to society and discovering our place in a global climate

**Continuous Improvement:** Regularly assessing all areas of district operations and adjusting to make improvements which are aimed at accomplishing our district’s mission

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Other Items of Interest

- Dec. 5-9 EOC testing (retakes)
- Dec. 8 Elementary & JH UIL academic contests
- Dec. 9 Lockdown Drill
- Dec. 19-20 3:00 pm release (2:30 if not required for tutorials)
- Dec. 21 Early release @ noon
- Dec. 22 Christmas Break
- Jan 9 Students Return

- Our student enrollment is currently 588 students
- Visit the TISD website for information about other current happenings in the district at [tahokaisd.us](http://tahokaisd.us)
- For local weather, visit the “Tahoka Weather” link on the TISD webpage for Weatherbug information directly from the THS weather station
- TISD attendance so far this school year is 95.89%



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## District Spotlight: Tahoka Athletics

**Director:** Mr. Brandon Hopper (7th year in TISD)

**Sports Offered:** Football, Cross Country, Basketball, Powerlifting, Baseball, Softball, Track, Golf, and Tennis

**What makes us unique?** Our students are student athletes. We stress the importance of academics first, athletics second. This allows our student athletes to develop time management skills as they manage the rigors of the classroom as well as the sport in season. They must prioritize their tasks daily. They must devote their selves fully to school, homework, practice, games, meetings, as well as, any other co or extracurricular activities our students are involved in.

**What are students exposed to?** Discipline, hard work, and team work to develop character into each of our student athletes. Also, we use *Coaching to Change Lives* by Dennis Parker and D.W. Rutledge. a character building series. Students are given thought provoking questions weekly in a classroom setting over the questions and scenarios presented in the book.

**Ways Students are celebrated:** At school board meetings and through various media outlets through their achievements on the athletic side as well as academically. Also, a program wide Athletic Banquet where each student athlete is recognized for the participation and achievements.

**Parent Involvement opportunities:** Our Athletic Booster Club, as well as helping host or providing meals for team meetings and preparing snack bags for our student athletes for away games.

**How are students exposed to being servant-oriented?** Involvement with city clean-ups, the annual diabetes walk hosted by the Lynn County Hospital, eating lunch with residents of Lynnwood, hosting a booth at the annual fall festival, as well as, reading to and meeting and greeting our elementary students, & fundraising for charities.

## Sporting Events

12/1 JVG/JVB Basketball Tournament @ Tahoka; VG basketball tournament @ Denver City

12/5 JH Basketball vs. Seagraves @ Tahoka

12/6 V/JV Boys basketball at Stanton

12/8 JVB/VG/VB basketball at Abernathy tournament

12/12 JH basketball vs. Smyer (boys here, girls there)

12/13 HS Basketball vs. Crosbyton

12/15 VG/VB @ Lockney

12/19 JH basketball vs. Plains

12/20 Varsity basketball @ Hart

12/30 VB Basketball @ Whitharral

## BUSINESS RECOGNITIONS

The following entities were recognized at the November School Board Meeting for their efforts to support TISD as a true educational partner with our district:

**Tahoka Rotary Club**

**Tahoka Housing Authority**

## STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The following TISD staff members were recognized at the November Board Meeting:

Elementary: Crystal Pledger, Jynna Bass, and Emilia Garcia

MS– Amy Rodriguez (7th ELA)

HS– Carroll Rhodes (Band Director)