

# INFORMER

DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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## District Shines Brightly at Duncanville Holiday Parade



Duncanville ISD used 'The Force' to create a Star Wars-themed float for the city's "Christmas in the Stars" holiday parade on Friday, December 4. The district's entry featured students dressed in Santa hats brandishing blue light sabers, a video screen playing fight scenes from the Star Wars series and a huge reproduction of an AT-

## Legendary DHS Varsity Baseball Coach Dies at 72



Former Duncanville High School Head Baseball Coach, Bob Rombach, passed away on December

AT vehicle from the Empire Strikes Back movie created by Tamara Gurnell's construction class at Duncanville High School. Alexander Elementary School's drum line performed on the float along the parade route.

Members of the Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees Carla Fahey, Janice Savage-Martin and Tom Kennedy rode on the float along with members of the district's administrative team: Assistant Superintendent for Campus Support, Mike Chrietzberg; Chief Financial and Operations Officer, Ronald Kuehler and Dr. Sandra McCoy-Jackson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Students from the Youth And Government club flipped the switch to light the Christmas tree. Choirs from several of Duncanville ISD's elementary campuses, including Alexander, Hastings and Smith performed following the official tree lighting ceremony.

See the [pictures](#) and [video](#).

2, 2015 following a battle with cancer.

In his 23 years of coaching varsity baseball at Duncanville High School, Rombach developed the program into one of the most highly recognized in the state of Texas.

The Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees recently approved the renaming of DHS Panther Field in Coach Rombach's honor to celebrate his historic 39 year career. A dedication ceremony will be held in the spring.

### Superintendent Search Aims for Spring Hire

The search for Duncanville ISD's new superintendent is underway and is being conducted by legal firm, Leasor Crass. In November, the district sought feedback from employees and community stakeholders at several meetings and created an online survey to determine the attributes for an ideal superintendent candidate.

The schedule for the superintendent selection process is:

**Mid January: Deadline for candidate applications**

**Late January: First round of interviews**

**February: Second round of interviews**

**March: Approval of superintendent's contract**

**April: Tentative date for new superintendent to start**

### DHS High Hats Perform in Nationally Syndicated TV Special



*Karla Estrada/Panther Prints  
Staff Photographer*

Duncanville High School's High Hats performed in the 2015 Dallas Children's Health Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 5. A special broadcast of the parade will air on **WFAA Channel 8, Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 am.** The holiday program will also rebroadcast nationally throughout the holiday



## DHS Alumus Named Soccer All-American

Duncanville High School soccer alumnus Chris Escalara has been selected as a 1st Team National Junior College Athletic Association All-American. DHS Coach Nuno Passos says Chris, who graduated in 2014, is the first DHS boys soccer player to win an All-American Collegiate Award.

season. Click [here](#) to see times and locations.

## DHS JV Tennis Takes Top Spots at Tournament

DHS tennis players took several top spots in the Bowie Junior Varsity Invitational Thursday, December 3 in Arlington. Noah Mendez placed 1st in boys singles, Dion Jamerson took 2nd and Moises Barragan won the consolation. Jovan Garcia and Erick Padilla came in 1st in boys doubles while Tylor Edwards and Jason Phouthavong took 2nd. Calvin Tat and Benjamin Henson won the consolation. Jennie Zhang won consolation in girls singles.



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