

INFORMER

DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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Panthers' Historic Season Closes with Tough Battle Against Allen



Photo: Dillon Clarke/Panther Prints

Duncanville Holiday Parade Rescheduled



Several district bands, choirs and other groups are planning to participate in the City of Duncanville Christmas parade this Friday.

The city postponed the event because of the threat of inclement weather last week. The parade and tree lighting are now scheduled for Friday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. Event participants may contact the Parks and Recreation Department at

The Duncanville Panthers held their own during the first half of the fourth round playoff game against the Allen Eagles - holding the number two team in the state to a 14 point tie.

In the second half, the Panthers could not hold on. Allen defeated the Panthers 42-23.

The loss ended an amazing season. Coach Samples and his team exceeded expectations by making it further in the playoffs than Duncanville has in more than a decade.

Dallas Morning News Sportswriter Matt Wixon said this season gives fans something to look forward to in the years ahead.

"Duncanville, the fact that they're in the fourth round of the playoffs after going 3-7 last year, they're going to be really good," Wixon said.

"They're going to be really good for a long time."

972-780-5070 for questions and concerns.

Central Elementary Supports Student with Cancer



Multiple fundraisers this year have allowed Central Elementary School to donate almost \$4,000 to one of its students who is battling cancer.

Brenda Mora, a fourth grader at Central, was diagnosed with brain cancer a few years ago. Recently, she has been in and out of the hospital for the last few months, and is currently in hospice care. Brenda's mom has two other children, and she recently lost her job due to time spent at the hospital caring for her daughter. The staff and students at Central Elementary wanted to help the Mora family, so they held a dessert raffle, an ice cream social for students and parents, sold hope

DHS Student Photographer Named Best in Nation

A recent Duncanville High School graduate was named Best Sports Photographer in the nation by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). Cynthia Rangel's photograph in the Sports Reaction category took first place from an original field of approximately 300 photographs entered nationwide.



Photo: Cynthia Rangel/Panther Prints

"This is a very prestigious accomplishment for our program as there are hundreds of schools across the country that enter this contest," said Panther Prints sponsor James Rich. "To be selected as a top ten finalist and then a first place winner is an awesome representation of what we do here at Duncanville with our Panther Productions team." Read [more](#).

Guide District's Future by Completing Survey



December 16.

In less than 10 minutes, you can impact the course of Duncanville ISD's future. The district is seeking feedback to improve education for all Duncanville ISD students and to guide district decisions.

Topics highlighted include: school choice, community relations, school operations, and district communication.

Click [here](#) to take the survey which closes

bracelets in Brenda's favorite color: purple. They also created a GoFundMe account for her family. If you would like to make a contribution to the Mora family to help with their medical and living expenses, you can make a donation through their GoFundMe [page](#).

Upcoming Events:

State Testing, December 5-9

Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, Monday, December 12, in the Plaza boardroom at 710 South Cedar Ridge Drive

Second Grading Period Ends, Friday, December 16

Winter Break, December 19 - January 2



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