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DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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Panthers are Bi-district Champs, Advance in Playoffs



Photo: Panther Prints/Katie Guillen

The Duncanville Panthers defeated Harker Heights 24-7 Friday night at home to win the Bi-district championship. The team - under the leadership of Head Coach Reginald Samples - now advances to regional playoffs for the first time since 2010.

Hastings Dedicates Tree to Former Teacher



Students and staff at Hastings Elementary School dedicated a tree to retired teacher, Mrs. Mary Lou Brandenburg. She

The Panthers play Hebron High School Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Pennington Field, 1501 Central Drive, Bedford Texas. See [map](#).

taught at Hastings for 30 years from 1969-1999.

Talk to Dr. Smith at This Week's Town Hall Meeting

Dr. Smith is looking forward to meeting members of the Duncanville community at his first town hall meeting on Thursday, November 17, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Dr. Smith will share some of the advancements the district is making and will open the floor to questions from parents, students and community members.



TOWN HALL MEETING
with Dr. Marc Smith,
Superintendent, Duncanville ISD
Thursday, November 17, 2016
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Duncanville High School
East Cafeteria

SUPERINTENDENT
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Students Grow through Family Tree Program

School counselor Tijuana Hudson, like most who pursue a career in education, hopes to positively impact students. A family-driven program through the Summit Education Center offers her the opportunity to foster the communication skills that help families grow.

The Family Tree program, facilitated by Hamilton-Guy Counseling, is a free program for Duncanville ISD students that is funded through the county and provides parenting tools for today's families.

"We are able to show parents a new way of parenting which leads to better communication between families," Cheryl Hamilton, Executive Director of Hamilton-Guy Counseling said.

The Family Tree program not only helps students work through their personal struggles, but it's also an avenue for parents to receive support. Parents learn strategies and skills to help with their children, and are able to connect with other parents who are in similar situations.

DHS Band Celebrates Winning Marching Season



The Duncanville High School Marching Band and High Hats completed a successful marching season this week with their 'Postcards from Paris' show. The band was one of 40 chosen from

around the state of Texas to compete in the UIL 6A State Marching Competition in San Antonio.

"We have fabulous kids and we couldn't be happier with what they've done and who they are," said Director of Bands David Brandon.

The DHS marching band performed in preliminary competition on Tuesday but missed making the final group of 12 bands to compete for the state championship by four spots - placing 16th. Brandon said just making it to the state competition is an honor.

"Our kids gave 100 percent throughout the entire season and we're so proud of what we achieved," Brandon said.

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Upcoming Events:
Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees Meeting, Monday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., Duncanville Education Plaza, 710 South Cedar Ridge Drive, Duncanville
Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Marc Smith, Thursday, November 17, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Duncanville High School's East Cafeteria, 900 West Camp Wisdom Road, Duncanville
Thanksgiving Break, November 21-25

Duncanville High School Salutes its Veterans

Students and staff at Duncanville High School worked together to honor their military service veterans. The Sparklers and High Hats welcomed the 25 veterans to a lunchtime ceremony planned especially for



them. Members of the DHS band and choir performed the songs for each branch of the military and culinary students made a cake. Cheerleaders gave veterans Duncanville-themed t-shirts as a gift of appreciation.

Duncanville Mayor David Green and City Manager Kevin Hugman attended the event.

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