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Panthers Advance to Regional Finals Against Allen



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The Duncanville Panthers football team showed its grit and resolve coming back from a 21-7 deficit in the first quarter to beat Arlington Bowie to win the 6A Division I semifinals. Senior running back Tre Siggers rushed for four touchdowns as the Panthers rallied to defeat Bowie 32-27.

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Everyone has a voice in Duncanville ISD's ongoing pursuit of excellence, and your input matters. I am asking for your candid feedback about our district. We will use your input to improve education for all Duncanville ISD students and to guide district decisions.

Head Coach Reginald Samples said his team will be incredibly focused as they prepare for the Region I Final against Allen at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 3, at AT&T Stadium.

"We are happy to be where we are, but we are not overwhelmed." Samples said. "We want to win."

Tickets for the game are available via Ticketmaster: \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Parking is \$10. More details will be made available this afternoon.

Superintendent Shares Plans for Enhanced Academics, Gathers Feedback from Town Hall Attendees

Duncanville ISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith recently hosted a district Town Hall meeting at Duncanville High School, which had more than 200 people in attendance. At the Nov. 17th meeting, Dr. Smith shared information about the top accountability rating for our schools, district statistics, updated bond information and plans to expand academic offerings.

A few highlights from the district Town Hall included:

- Plans to open an all-day pre-kindergarten academy at Acton and Hastings elementary schools
- Returning Junior ROTC to the district
- Development of a Collegiate Academy, which already has a designated location and new technology in place at DHS
- Consideration of choice schools in available space at some campuses



Dr. Smith also stressed the importance of listening to our parents, students, community members and employees. To gather feedback, Dr. Smith encouraged people to submit questions for the district Town Hall. Many were answered at the meeting, but because of the high volume of questions, Dr. Smith pledged to follow up and answer the remaining questions individually.

If you'd like to see what was discussed, click [here](#) to view a video of the district Town Hall meeting.

Topics highlighted include:

- School choice
- Community relations
- School operations
- District communication

Click [here](#) to take the survey.

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes. Please complete the survey by **December 16**. Your time and input is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Dr. Marc Smith

Bond Construction Projects Produce Savings



It's not often that you build a new multi-million dollar school, expand other campuses and upgrade technology and security and, at the same time, realize a cost-savings for the district. That's exactly what Duncanville ISD and its partners have done with the nearly-completed 2014 bond

District Celebrates November Made With Pride in Duncanville Honorees



Michelle Anderson, an Intermediate School counselor, is the Made with Pride in Duncanville – Teacher selection for the month of November. Daniel Intermediate Principal, Kim Edmondson, was moved to nominate Ms. Anderson after she received a touching letter from a parent.

Here is some of what that parent wrote: "Last year my student was diagnosed with ADHD. It was a hard pill for me to swallow. But Ms. Anderson got us through it, she helped me better understand ADHD and as well informed me it is not the end of the world. She helped us get through the hardest part which is just accepting it.

Ms. Anderson is a very valuable asset to Duncanville ISD. Kudos to you all as well for entrusting in such a credible, respectful, and hardworking woman."

Angel Cabrera, a lead custodian at Byrd Middle School, is the Made with Pride in Duncanville – Staff selection for the month of November. Mr. Cabrera was nominated by Butch Procter, Custodial Coordinator. Mr. Procter had this high praise for Mr. Cabrera:

Shortly after he was hired, Mr. Cabrera's skill, personal work ethic and cooperative attitude quickly became apparent.

When the opportunity presented itself through a vacancy in the Lead Custodian position at Byrd Middle School, Mr. Cabrera was selected and offered the position. In September of 2011, Mr. Cabrera assumed the role of Lead Custodian at Byrd and has served in that capacity for over five years. He has served the students, faculty, and staff of Byrd Middle School with distinction and professional conduct, leading his team with an attitude of "servant leadership" to provide a superior standard of service.

construction package. With four of the major construction projects complete, Duncanville ISD is estimating a savings return to the district of more than \$1.6 million.

The savings are a result of the hard work of our contractors, architects and Duncanville ISD team as we work closely together to ensure the top value for the district in all projects.

Read [more](#).

Free Adult ESL Classes Offered to Parents, Community

The Duncanville ISD College and Career Readiness Department is partnering with Mountain View College Texas Workforce Commission to assist parents of students in Duncanville ISD who are seeking opportunities to strengthen their English language skills or who would like opportunities to obtain a GED certificate.

All classes are free of charge and are for adults only. **Parents must sign-up by Thursday, December 1, 2016.** A total of thirty committed participants are required to sign up for each program in order for the classes to be conducted at the Duncanville High School location. A meeting will be held Thursday, December 8, 2016, for all committed individuals.

Jenelle, Richel and Michele Murata, are the Made with Pride in Duncanville – Student selections for the month of November. These sisters are collectively doing great work in school and in the Youth and Government program as noted by YAG sponsor, Steve Cain: The Murata Sisters excel inside and outside the classroom. All three sister are on the honor roll and are leaders in the classroom. All three are part of the Youth and Government program in Duncanville ISD. Jenelle, who is a sophomore, is the lead attorney on the mock trial team and won Judicial Student of the Year. Richel is an outstanding legislative student and was President Pro-Temp of the Senate last year for the state of Texas. Michelle is an up-and-coming YAG student who will be running for YAG Governor this year.

Sign up [here](#) or call Ms. Griffin at 972-708-3707 between 7:30 a.m -3:30 p.m.to sign up.

DHS High Hat Performs in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade

Congrats to the November "Made With Pride" Honorees!

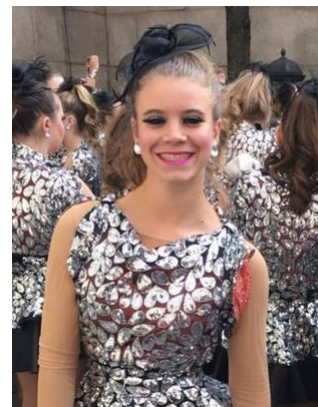


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Upcoming Events:

Senior Cap and Gown Yearbook Portraits, December 1-2 during government or economics class, \$20 sitting fee, ***no makeup day scheduled**

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

Duncanville High School senior Samantha Beaty was selected to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade thanks to her outstanding performance at last summer's Officer and Line camps. Samantha joined more than 500 dancers and cheerleaders from across the United States and performed a production number for the parade. While in New York, she also had the opportunity see the Rockettes and the Broadway production of "Wicked."



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