

# INFORMER

DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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## Panthers are Playoff Bound for First Time in 5 Years



*Courtesy: Dallas Morning News*

Coach Reginald Samples promised when took over as head football coach at Duncanville High School two years ago that his players would work hard, and that fans would see a difference on the field. In just a short amount of time, Coach Samples has made good on his word. The Panthers defeated Grand Prairie Thursday night to clinch the third seed in District 7-6A and a spot in the playoffs. The team plays Killeen Harker Heights Friday at home at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are the same as regular season:

## DHS Band Departs for State Marching Contest



This morning, the Duncanville High School Marching Band and High Hats loaded nine charter buses, two box trucks and a semi to take the nearly 500 band members, staff and chaperones to the state marching contest in San Antonio. The band performs in the preliminary competition at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday. More information about the contest, including the

Pre-sale - \$7 reserved/\$6 adults/\$3 students every day until noon Friday at the athletic office on the back side of Duncanville High School.

Tickets at the game are \$8 reserved and \$7 general admission.

purchase of live-streaming service for the event [here](#).

## Reed Bands Together to Help Student with Cancer



Angel Nuncio is one of the best musicians in the Reed Middle School band. In 2015, He was the only seventh-grade saxophonist to make the All-Region band. At the end of the school year, a doctor diagnosed him with bone cancer, and his life changed forever. "Even though I get so tired most of the time, when I feel energetic, I play my piano," Angel said.

When Angel's band teacher Michelle Hanegan realized he would not be coming back for the first day of the new school year, she created a plan to keep Angel involved with his band class. She encouraged his friends to write him letters to be sent home.

When he's well enough, Angel participates in band class through video chat to see and hear his classmates rehearsing. Ms. Hanegan and

## DHS Volleyball Team Celebrates Successful Season



The DHS Girls Volleyball team fought hard against Allen Friday in the second round of playoffs.

Unfortunately it was not enough to continue their playoff run. the Panthers lost in three sets.

Assistant Athletic Director Chris Anderson said the team has had a tremendous year, and that the seniors have shown amazing work ethic and improvement through the years as they worked toward the goal of making the playoffs.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Parent Technology

**Academy**, Learn how to navigate Skyward Family Access, Thursday, November 10 at the IDEA Hub, 900 South Cedar Ridge Drive, Duncanville



some other members of Reed's staff created yellow t-shirts supporting Angel which they've sold to raise money to go toward the family's medical expenses. Because of the ongoing cancer treatments,

**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

Angel's mother, Julia Carrillo, expects her son to be homebound until at least May. She believes his relationship with music is therapeutic. "I know the medicine is helping him to get better," Carrillo said. "But being connected to his friends and the music helps too." Read full [story](#).

## Dr. Smith Hosts First Community Town Hall Meeting

Dr. Smith is looking forward to meeting members of the Duncanville community at his first town hall meeting next week. He 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

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