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HOMECOMING DANCE – MOONLIGHT AT THE DRIVE-IN



By Brian Roel, Junior Class President

Moonlight AT THE DRIVE-IN is the theme for this year's homecoming dance on November 10, 2017. The Class of 2019 has been busy putting together decorations for the big dance.

The dance is open to all three campuses at Fox Tech High School,

CAST TECH, ADVANCED LEARNING ACADEMY, and the HEALTH and LAW MAGNETS. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$15 dollars per couple. Discount tickets will go on sale in the cafeteria during lunch (November 6-9th) for \$7 individual and \$12 per couple. The dress is Sunday Best, however, if students are welcome to honor the theme with a throwback of 50's fashion.



Each campus will celebrate a Homecoming Court: Seniors – King and Queen, Juniors (ALA & Magnet) Prince and Princess, Sophomores (ALA & Magnet) Duke and Duchess, and Freshmen (CAST, ALA, & Magnet) Baron and Baroness. If you are interested in running for a spot on the Homecoming Court, please stop by

Mr. Martinez's room A316 for an application. Ballots will be collected at the dance for a live announcement.

Welcome Ms. Benavides!

By Clea Blaylock (Staff Reporter)



Buffaloes, welcome back to another fantastic year! It's only three months in and we are off to a great start. Our biggest addition to our school is our amazing new principal, Mrs. Benavides. She comes to us from Hudson Middle School, where she served as the principal for two years. She's worked in education for a long time and even has her Master's in bilingual education.

I was lucky enough to meet Mrs. Benavides before school started and she made a great impression on me. She expressed to me how

much she was looking forward to working here. She is available anytime for her students and is such a hard worker. She's contributed much for the Senior Class already and we can't wait to see what else she has up her sleeves.

In her email to the teachers of Fox Tech, Mrs. Benavides said, "I'm extremely excited to be able to serve the students, parents, staff, and community of Fox Tech High School." We are extremely excited to welcome her as part of our herd. Here's to a great year under a great new principal!

TECH CAMPUS BAND

Fox Tech has a brand new band consisting of members from the Magnet, ALA, and CAST. Mr. Navarro is excited about the large number of students participating in



the music program his year, "Lots of talent and enthusiasm." The band will be

practicing every Tuesday and Thursday after school. The band made its first public debut at the ALA student assembly. Some students, like junior **Juan Gomez**, looks forward to marching band in college - "I love playing music because it takes me to a different place that helps me forget any

problems I may have. It relieves me from my stress.” The band will be busy conducting concerts, pep rallies, and parades. If you enjoy music or have always wanted to learn to play an instrument, stop by the band hall and visit with our band director Mr. Navarro. Keep that music playing!



RIDE THE BUS

VIA introduced a new policy that makes riding the bus even easier. No longer are students required to obtain a reduced discount card from their school campuses. The process is now much easier, to receive the 50 percent discount off regular fare, students just show their school badges to the bus driver. This streamlining should make things much easier to ride the bus. Plus, it's a real bargain for the many Fox Tech students that ride the bus routinely. Our students ride the bus to more places than just school. Students catch the bus for heading to the mall or work. Riding the bus is dependable, convenient, and inexpensive. Buffaloes ride the bus!



National History Day in Washington, D.C.

Skylar Sigala (Staff Editor)

This summer, our 1st place History Day state champions in Historical Performance



journeyed to our Nation's capital representing the State of Texas at the National History Day Contest. For many, the trip to Washington, D.C. was their first. The group enjoyed traveling to the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Memorial, Vietnam and Korean Memorials, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorials, plus many, many more sites. The actual competition was held on the

beautiful campus of the University of Maryland. Our students had the opportunity to trade pins with the other delegates from other states, which included a keynote speech from acclaimed documentary director, Ken Burns. As special treat, the group attended a professional baseball game, the Washington Nationals v. the Atlanta Braves. Our Historical Performance team consisted of **Diego Gonzalez, Ariel Mejia, Destiny Herrera, April Casanova, and Desiree Bernal**. Ms. Skidmore, Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Bland attended as chaperones. Congratulations to our team for representing in top-fashion Fox Tech, SAISD, and the State of Texas.



FOX TECH UNIVERSITY



Fox Tech students are earning credit opportunities at San Antonio College, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and the University of Texas at Austin. In addition, to the long list of Pre-AP, and AP courses offered at Fox Tech this year, our students are taking on additional academic challenges. A group of students are taking a Dual-Credit course in U.S. History, some are taking Economic and Government courses at UTSA, as are a group of math students taking Dual Enrollment courses at the University of Texas at Austin. These students are getting an early glimpse and challenge of real college-level work, at the same time, they have an opportunity to gain real college credit. We are so proud of the commitment of these inspiring students. NERD HERD PROUD!



TEA RECOGNIZES THE NERD HERD



The Texas Education Agency awarded 4 Distinction Designations to Fox Tech Medical and Law Professions High School. The achievement was based upon student performance on the 2017 STAAR - State of Texas

Assessments of Academic Readiness exam. In all, the state awards seven distinctions, but the number of possible distinctions a school can earn depends upon the subjects tested at that campus. They are academic achievement in English language arts/reading, mathematics, science and social studies. Also, Top 25 Percent in student progress, closing performance gaps and postsecondary readiness. Fox Tech received TEA Distinction Designations for Social Studies, Science, Closing Performance Gaps, and Postsecondary Readiness. Great job students and Faculty!



BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS

By Austin Martinez (Staff Reporter)



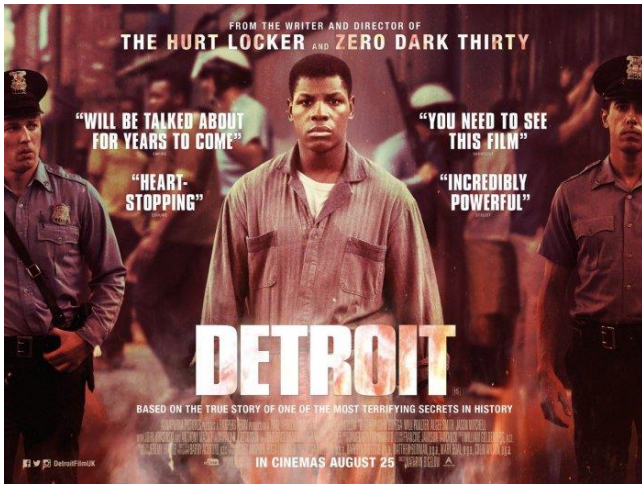
Our Fox Tech Golf Team is back in action. Already both boys' and girls' teams have participated in tournaments at Mission Del Lago Golf Course. "The golf squad has certainly grown. The freshmen have really come out this year. I expect more recruits from CAST TECH," shared Coach Martinez about this year's participation. He adds, "We have a solid core of veterans returning from last year on both the boys and girls teams. We will give everyone a run for their money." This

years' captains are **John Vasquez** and **Katarina Tijerina**. Standouts for the Lady Buffaloes are **Jasmine Arriaga**, **Gabby Ayasi** and **Julie Ramirez** (Regional Qualifier). The boys return two regional qualifiers, **Diego Gonzalez** (Regional Qualifier) and **Emmanuel Vazquez** (Regional Qualifier). Golf is a year-long pursuit with the District completion in early April. "My goal is two-fold, first, teach our many new players the game of golf. Secondly, we need to place ourselves in a position to advance both boys and girls teams to regionals this year. With these great kids, I am feeling very optimistic about our chances." If you are interested in joining the golf team, please stop by and visit with Coach Martinez in A316. The program is open to ALA, CAST, and Magnet programs.



Detroit

Movie Review by Austin R. Martinez (Staff Reporter)



If you are in the mood for catching a movie that takes you back in time, the motion picture *Detroit* delivers. The movie takes us back to the tumultuous civil rights era riots of 1967. In particular, the film captures the brutal killing and beating of three young African Americans by racist Detroit police officers. The director, Kathryn Bigelow (*Hurt Locker*, *Zero Dark Thirty*) incorporates

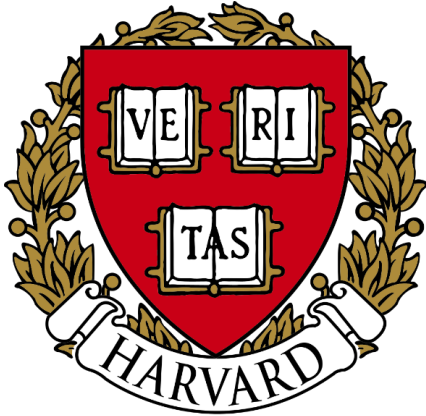
frequent newspaper headlines, and news clips to enhance the film's atmosphere. The costumes, hairstyles, music, and automobiles add to this period piece. The film stars two of my favorite newcomers, John Boyega (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*) and Anthony Mackie (Falcon from the *Captain America*). Both performers turn in solid performances. John Boyega is the standout in the film, playing a young security officer attempting to walk the line between an angry and frustrated black populace and an indifferent, condescending, and sometimes racist white populace. Most of the film centers on the horrid and grotesque torture and killing of the three young men at the Algiers Motel in Detroit. The movie does not have the typical Hollywood ending. Actually, the movie-goer is left disappointed with the ending, that after 50 years, our country is still battling the same social cancer. As you walk out the theatre, you cannot help but make connections with recent headlines. I bet money that is exactly what director Kathryn Bigelow had in mind.



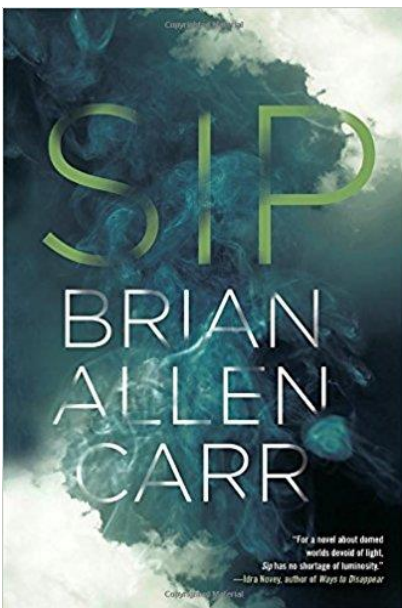
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Harvard & Yale Book Awards

By Clea Blaylock (Staff Reporter)



This September's SAISD board meeting, twenty students were invited to receive special recognition. Though all attendees come from across SAISD, they are all tied together by their accomplishment, winning/being nominated for the Harvard, Yale, or Princeton Book Award. Our very own **Sierra Gonzales** attended after being presented the Yale Book Award. **Skylar Sigala**, our very own newspaper editor, attended and was presented with the Harvard Book Award. She is the first one in Fox Tech history to win this award. These awards are given to students who show an outstanding dedication to service and impacting their community at the end of their junior year and are presented the award by the university's alumni association. This is an extremely prestigious award and in the past we have had many Yale Book Award winners with our first Harvard Book Award winner being last year. Congratulations Sierra and Skylar, and watch out juniors because you could be our next book award recipient.



SIP (a novel by Brian Allen)

By Athena McCloud, Staff Reporter

Have you ever wondered what would happen if your shadow disappeared? Even in the sunlight? It's not there anymore. In the humorous dark tale by Brian Allen Carr, the story unfolds of how cities and governments fall because of people who keep stealing the shadows of others. These "Shadow Sippers" became horrors to those around them. Once a shadow sipper steals your shadow you must become one of them or lose your mind. This leads to three people from Texas: Mira, Murk, and Bale. They venture on a quest for a cure to this pandemic before the "comet" comes.

Although this book is not one I would typically read, it was entertaining. I would read it again. If you get into books about

post-apocalyptic worlds or books with a western scenario, then this is a book for you. I would personally give this 4 stars and I would recommend this book to others. If you liked the *The Maze Runner* series by James Dashner or *In the End* by Damitria Lunetta, this novel is for you.

1ST PEP RALLEY OF THE YEAR – GO BUFFALOES!



HOMECOMING WEEK AGENDA

DRESS-UP DAYS

Friday – Nov. 3rd

Class Pride Day: Freshmen – Green, Sophomores – Red, Juniors – Blue, Seniors – Gold

ALA – Purple, CAST TECH – Orange

Monday, Nov. 6th
years)

Flash Forward (Yourself in Fifty

Tuesday, Nov. 7th
Character)

Once Upon a Time (Disney/Pixar

Wednesday, Nov. 8th Buffaloes Assemble! (Super Heroes)

Thursday, Nov. 9th Don't Get Sleeping! (Pajamas, No slippers)

Friday, Nov. 10th, Aloha Buffs! (Hawaiian attire)



HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 3rd

Pep Rally Kick-off

Saturday, Nov. 4th

Class Wall Decorating

Monday, Nov. 6th

Red/White Basketball Game

Tuesday, Nov. 7th

Olympic Practice

Wednesday, Nov. 8th

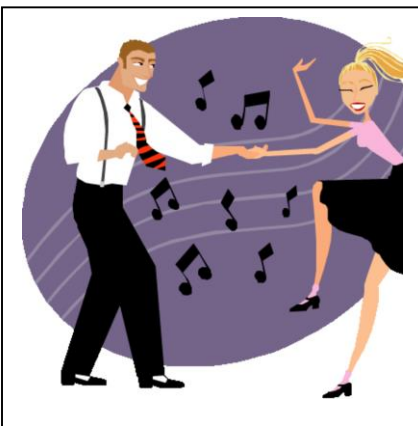
Class Olympics

Friday, Nov. 10th

Closing Ceremonies Pep Rally

Home Girls Basketball Game

Homecoming Dance



CROSS COUNTRY ADVANCES TO REGIONALS IN CORPUS CHRISTI



The Fox Tech coaching staff had a feeling that great things were to come when the season started. As each week passed, the Cross Country team was bringing home both individual and team medals. Yes, our Cross Country team has been spoiled with our Two-Time State Finalist in Sierra Gonzales, but this year was different, other runners began to emerge.

On Monday, October 23, 2017, Fox Tech will be sending one individual boy qualifier (**Martin Tijerina**) and the entire Varsity Girls Team (**Priscilla Torres, Thalia Romo, Alizza Pena, Sariah Leyvas, Quiana Keno, Sierra Gonzales, Keren Bernhardt, Eliana Apolinar**) to compete at the Regional

Meet in Corpus Christi. We are proud of the hard work and dedication displayed by this year's Cross Country team.

NO ONE OUTRUNS THE HERD!



CRAZY ABOUT THOSE BUFFALOES!

