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Meet Officer Ross

Officer Davis Ross is Cushing ISD's new law enforcement official- here to make sure both the high school and the elementary is always safe. Ross has been practicing in the field of law enforcement for eight years now, and has lived in Cushing for 6+ years.

Ross grew up in Huntington, Texas. Coming from only about an hour away, Ross did not stray far from his roots. Later, he went to school at Angelina College Police Academy in 2012. After working at the Nacogdoches Sheriff's Office for eight years, he decided to come to Cushing.

Cushing ISD is the very first school district that Ross has worked for. "I was surprised to see how welcoming everyone has been" Ross says. "My favorite part of the job is being able to see my children everyday."



Officer Ross plans to shed light on a few drug awareness programs as well as anti-bullying campaigns. He plans to not only be a law enforcer, but a friend as well.



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Meet Bailey Burt! Bailey is a CHS Senior who spends most of her spare time hanging out with her friends. She has been playing basketball since she was in kindergarten and plans to go to college after high school in order to pursue a career as a licensed veterinarian. Something that Bailey will miss most about high school are her favorite coaches (Coach Smelley and Coach Crofford). Bailey's advice to underclassmen is, "Be the best you can be, and always work hard."

Meet Joseph Humphries! Joe has been playing basketball since the first grade.



His favorite part of playing basketball is being around his teammates. Joe's plans for the future are undecided, but what he will miss most after graduation are his friends.



Band Prepares for Solo and Ensemble

The Cushing ISD Band is proudly working up to competing in this year's Solo and Ensemble which will take place on February 5th and 6th. Each and every devoted soloist and ensemble member works hard on their music every day possible in hopes to achieve a great performance on competition day!

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's fun!"
-Joshua Hancock



Oreoluwa Oladele-Ajose shown practicing the saxophone.

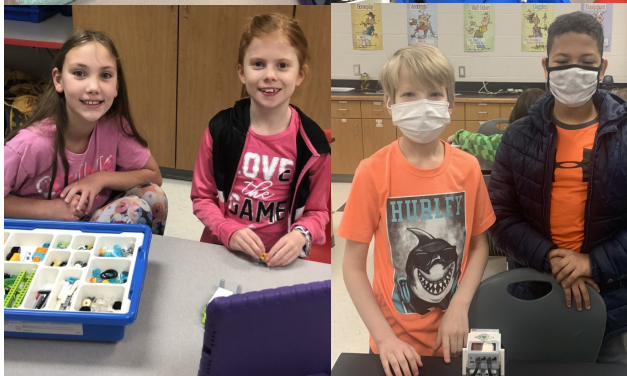
Some of the flute players working hard on their music pieces.



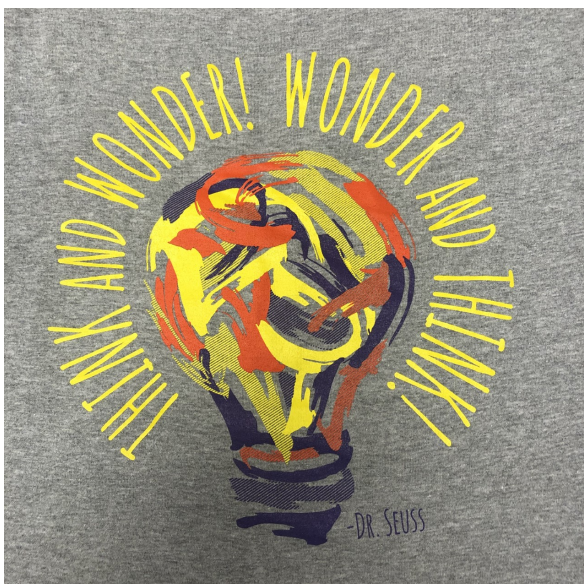
"I'm super excited about the upcoming events!"
-Jaylen Mitchell

Robotics for All

Four years ago, the Robotics program came into place in conjunction with Cushing Elementary's Gifted and Talented program. Cushing Elementary has participated in the First Inspires Robotics program and the Region 7 Robotics program.



Recently, the Cushing Elementary school received a grant from First Inspires to expand the robotics program to all elementary grade levels. The school is very, very grateful for the SFA STEM & Research Center for the teacher training as well as the grant coordination.



Teachers Cheer Teachers



The elementary teachers surprised retired CISD educators by showing up on their front lawns and singing Christmas carols.

Valori Poskey, recently retired librarian, was one of the fifteen teachers visited. Upon seeing a Facebook post from Donna Goldsberry, retired elementary teacher, Poskey said she was hoping that she, too, would get a visit.

"When I received a text from Amy Simmons that y'all were here, I was so happy! It still makes me tear up to talk about it. What a wonderful Christmas gift!"

Poskey wasn't the only one in her household that was surprised.

"The funny thing was my husband did not know anything was going on, and when we saw the yellow school bus pull up, I jumped up and shouted, 'They're here!'"

Poskey closed in saying, "It feels so good to know my coworkers and buddies love me enough to deliver this extraordinary Christmas gift!"

The elementary teachers visited fifteen retirees to spread joy for the holidays.





Bearkat Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Lilly Ham
 Ryan Hart
 Daegon Lee
 Brynli McCarthy
 Christian Reeves
 Karter Arreguin
 Tait DuVall
 Emery Hagemeir
 Audrey McQueen



4th Grade

Lance Copeland
 Kaylon Cole
 Zavier Ramos
 Cason Leishman
 Will Owens

5th Grade

Reese Hagemeir
 Ava Harvin
 Emily Casby
 Emy Quezada
 Stephen Tamez

A/B Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Allie Benge
 Hayden Crofford
 Luis Delarosa
 Evie Donell
 Chance Mallord
 Coraline West
 Halle Wheeler
 Kamryn Barfield
 Cooper Gardner
 Troy Griffith
 Jay Lastracco
 Kailea Moore
 Carter Pena
 Gabe Tamez

4th Grade

Ryder Pierce
 Luke Royer
 Paul Wyatt

5th Grade

Kayden Hollingsworth
 Anna Benge
 Lukas Castleberry
 Elyse Gans
 Mila Harvey
 Madison Holland
 Bryce Upshaw

Guadalupe Delarosa

Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Shelby Ross
 Kamryn Seales

5th Grade

Jace Gresham
 Gary Maynard

2000 Point Club



Senior Marlon Garrett recently scored his two-thousandth point of his high school basketball career. He reached the benchmark in the recent game against New Summerfield.

In an exclusive Bearkat Buzz interview, Garrett mentioned that he went into the game knowing he only needed twelve points to reach two-thousand. It wasn't until after the game that he realized that he surpassed that goal with a game total of twenty-four points.

While the accomplishment put a smile on Garrett's face, he realizes that he couldn't have done it without the support of his teammates.

"I have a good team that surrounds me. That makes things easier," Garrett said.



Senior Night

The senior basketball players from the class of 2021 were honored at the game Tuesday night. The players were recognized for their hard work, and each shared a reflective sentiment. In addition to the players, team manager Kaityln Hyett was also recognized for her dedication to the team.

Junior High UIL Competition at SFA

Junior high students traveled to SFA to compete in UIL events this past week. Participants filled the common areas of the SFA Student Center and kept Starbucks in business all day long.

