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CUSHING ISD SCHOOL BOARD 2022-23



JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

On November 18, 2022, Texas Governor, Greg Abbott declared January as school board recognition month.

In a proclamation, Abbot declared, "A child's God-given capacity is practically unlimited, and to unlock the fullness of this potential, we must all support the efforts of local school boards in any way we can. We must likewise remain informed about issues facing our school districts, never forgetting that these bodies are accountable to the citizenry.

The Bearkat Buzz would like to acknowledge and celebrate Cushing ISD's school board trustees who *voluntarily* serve the next generation of leaders.

Thank you for your time and commitment.



LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:

- * ADOPT GOALS AND PRIORITIES AND MONITOR SUCCESS
- *ADOPT POLICIES AND REVIEW FOR EFFECTIVENESS
- *HIRE AND EVALUATE THE SUPERINTENDENT
- *ADOPT A BUDGET AND SET A TAX RATE
- *COMMUNICATE WITH THE COMMUNITY



CHECK OUT THIS SHORT, KID-FRIENDLY VIDEO ABOUT THE ROLE OF A SCHOOL BOARD!

Career Day With the Bearkats!



On January 4, 2023 Cushing Highschool hosted their first career day! Career day gave our Bearkats a chance to explore different job options and learn new things.

There was a total of 15 different career presentations and 17 presenters.



Presenters

Chris Rivers

Sammi Jo Moore & Lola Dibirdik

William Sowell

Dr. Ronald Lott

Scott Bowyer

LaMarcus Wallace

Steven Arreguin & Shawn Dillon

Missy Thomas

Megan Kelley

Petty Officer Jared Beatty

SSC, Alberto Cecilio

SSC, Joshua Healy

Brenda Jones

Jared Lostraco

Jennifer Lostraco

Occupations

Bright Coop

RN-Nursing

Nacogdoches Sheriff's Dept.

Appleby Sands Road Animal Clinic

Commercial Bank of Texas

Etech

Firefighter

Elliot Electric

SFA

U.S. Navy

U.S. Army

Texas National Guard

Cox Jones Construction

Security

Counseling



"Giving our students a chance to learn about career options is extremely important. Many students told me that learning about various job options on career day helped them make goals for their future after high school. I'd like to see us expand career day and offer 25-30 different presenters where students could choose what they do. " - Dr. Enos



"I helped get and set up the presenters. We tried getting a variety of subjects for all the students."
- Mrs. Pippen, Student Services Secretary

"Career Day was very informative. My favorite session was nursing because I've always wanted to be a nurse. I found out about many different careers in the nursing field like nurse practitioners, RNs, labor and delivery nurses, and even occupational nursing options."
- Kristy Lee, Sophomore



THE FLIPSIDE WITH TIM

The Bearkat Buzz decided to interview local restaurant owner Tim Alexander. He is the owner of Alexander Burger. Alexander Burger has become a staple in the Cushing community.

What inspired you to open a restaurant?

My dad was in the restaurant business all his life, so I grew up in the restaurant business. I'm the only one out of 8 kids who is also in the restaurant business. I tried different things, and this is what fulfilled me.

When did you open Alexander burger?

February 2013. My 10 year anniversary is coming up this February.

This is my 5th restaurant concept to own, and by far I like this one the best.

What Is the number one benefit to being a member of the Cushing community?

The people. The friendships made. The love and support our community has shown us, especially during the past few years as we've navigated through Covid and some major family health issues.

What is your most memorable moment in the restaurant business?

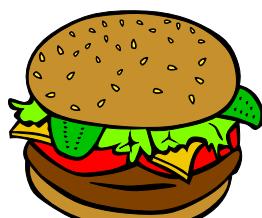
Snyder TX, 1966. I was 3 years old. I remember standing on a milk crate washing dishes at my daddy's restaurant, "The Shack".

What are some challenges you face in this industry?

Rising costs of food, labor, utilities, everything, yet still trying to keep it affordable for customers.

Where did you get the inspiration for your signature brand on the bun?

It just came to me, and I did it. You can be anywhere, and if someone has a burger with an "A" on it, you know it was made by me.



What is your favorite burger?

It's a toss up between the Hey Jack and the Alligator Pear.

"It has been an honor to serve most of your grandparents, parents, and now the current generation."
- Tim Alexander



see more menus @ zmenu.com

SALADS	CHICKEN STRIP BASKETS
DINNER SALAD.....\$4.50	4 PIECE.....\$8.00
LETTUCE, TOMATO, CHEESE, EGG, CROUTONS, & 6 PIECE.....\$10.25	CHOICE OF SALAD DRESSING

GRILLED OR FRIED CHICKEN SALAD.....\$9.00	DRINKS
CHICKEN, LETTUCE, TOMATO, CHEESE, EGG, CROUTONS, & CHOICE OF SALAD DRESSING	FRIES.....\$2.50
	FRIED JALAPEÑOS.....\$3.25
	FRIED PICKLES.....\$3.25
	BOTTLED WATER.....\$1.00
	ONION RINGS.....\$3.50
	COFFEE.....\$1.50
	FRIED CHICKEN STIX (5).....\$5.50
	SWEET OR UNSWEET TEA.....\$1.00
	FRIED OKRA.....\$3.50
	CHILI CHEESE FRIES.....\$5.00
	CHILI CHEESE TOTS.....\$5.50

SIDES	DRINKS
FRIES.....\$2.50	CANNED SOFT DRINKS.....\$1.00
TATER TOTS.....\$3.00	FRIED PICKLES.....\$3.25
ONION RINGS.....\$3.50	BOTTLED WATER.....\$1.00
FRIED OKRA.....\$3.50	COFFEE.....\$1.50
CHIPS.....\$0.75	SWEET OR UNSWEET TEA.....\$1.00
CHILI CHEESE TOTS.....\$5.50	

CHILI CHEESE FRIES.....\$5.00

CHILI CHEESE TOTS.....\$5.50

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JUST WITH JOSH

A INTERVIEW ON CUSHINGS NEW RESOURCE OFFICER

Cushing ISD has recently hired a new Resource Officer, Josh Manchack. Newly added to Cushing's team of specially trained officers, Manchack will make a great right hand man to Chief Ross.

Manchack used to work for Patterson Drilling for roughly three years, then worked for Neighbors Drilling for another four years. Then he went off shore and was off shore until about 2016. He then left the drilling side of the Oil Field, and began working in refineries and safety. In 2019, Manchack attended the Police Academy and joined Law Enforcement in Nacogdoches. Deep down, he always wanted to pursue law enforcement, he just needed the right time. Manchack has a deep passion in wanting to protect and serve people

"I feel like in this day and time, the way the world is, schools need officers. They need officers at every school, in my opinion, to protect the students and teachers while they are learning," said Manchack.

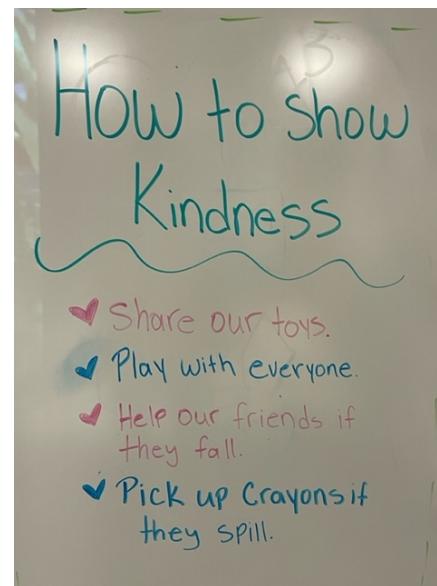
Manchack would like to make a positive impact on the community of which he serves, while also giving the students, of all ages, a more positive outlook on law enforcement.

Presently, Manchack is working on both campuses with Chief Ross learning the ins and outs of the campuses in order to be better able to protect and serve the community of Cushing ISD.



How Kids

Show Kindness



Mrs. Courtney's Pre-K class learned about ways to show kindness. We are so grateful our Bearkat Family is learning about such an important quality.

Here are some additional ways to show kindness:

"Hold the door for the person behind you." - Avery Cruz

"Tell someone they look good." - Michael Macias

"Lend a pencil to a friend in need." - Chance Lewis

"Picking up trash to take care of our campus." - Laney Cook