



**Dr. Brent Hawkins**  
LISD Superintendent

## Lion Country CALENDAR

**Monday, December 23, 2019**

LISD Christmas Holidays

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

LISD Christmas Holidays

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

LISD Christmas Holidays

**Thursday, December 26, 2019**

LISD Christmas Holidays

LHS- Boys Varsity Basketball

East Chambers Tournament

**Friday, December 27, 2019**

LISD Christmas Holidays

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

LHS- Boys Varsity Basketball

East Chambers Tournament

**Monday, December 30, 2019**

LISD Christmas Holidays

2:00 pm- LHS- Boys JV/V

Basketball @ Grapeland

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019**

LISD Christmas Holidays

9:00 am- LHS Boys Soccer @

Huntsville (Scrimmage)

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

LISD Christmas Holidays

**Thursday, January 2, 2020**

LISD Christmas Holidays

LHS- Boys Varsity Soccer

Madisonville Tournament

**Friday, January 3, 2020**

LISD Christmas Holidays

LHS- Boys Varsity Soccer

Madisonville Tournament

4:00 pm- LHS Girls Basketball

@ Lovelady

**Saturday, January 4, 2020**

LHS- Boys Varsity Soccer

Madisonville Tournament

LHS- Boys JV Soccer

Hudson Tournament

**Monday, January 6**

Professional Development hours

8:00 am-3:30 pm

**Tuesday, January 7**

Professional Development hours

8:00 am-3:30 pm

**Wednesday, January 8**

Students return to regular class  
schedules

# Hawk's Talk



Thursday, December 19, 2019

## December Board Meeting Summary

Livingston ISD Board President Ben Ogle-tree opened the December board meeting with the recognition of the Livingston Honors Choir made up of honors students from the three elementary campuses - Creekside, Cedar Grove and Timber Creek. The choir is under the direction of Candice Cozart and assistant director Paula Faith. The choir performed Christmas music for the school board and parents.

The board went into closed session for a level 3 employee grievance and during the open session the board approved to uphold the level 2 decision and found the district complied with policy and law.

Eric Carver with Axley and Rode presented the 2018-2019 Financial audit and Carver said, "I found a clean, unmodified audit with very liquid assets, very healthy levels which is where the state wants to see a district."

The board approved the financial audit.

Chief Curriculum Officer Janan Moore reviewed an update to the LHS Course Catalog. Moore said that once the incoming junior and senior students select their 2020-2021 classes that the best choices will be made on a student by student basis. An update will be made in March once the class selections are made and they will begin their pathway.

Items approved under the consent agenda included the purchase in the amount of \$69,489 for contracted services by Instruction-

al Partners for classroom instruction in the content area of mathematics. The contract will give additional support on the elementary campuses using existing grant funds. Also approved under the consent agenda was the 2020-2021 LISD School Calendar.

## 2020-2021 LISD SCHOOL CALENDAR

### SAVE THE DATES

Three dates are listed on the new school calendar in this newsletter designating three bad weather make-up days. These designated dates will be used in the event of necessary make-up days for district contracted employees.

TEA no longer issues waivers in the event of one or two days of bad weather. Waivers may only be issued as a result of catastrophic events. District employees are required to make up missed days.



The Livingston Honors Choir performed Christmas selections during the December meeting of the Livingston ISD Board of Trustees. Livingston Honors Choir is made up of 4th and 5th-grade honors students from the three elementary campuses - Creekside, Cedar Grove, and Timber Creek. The choir is under the direction of Candice Cozart and assistant director Paula Faith.



The board approved the quarterly investment report from September 1st through November 30th. Interest amounts earned in September, October and November were \$32,891.02, \$32,656.11, and \$29,452.56 respectively. The ending balance on November 30 in the general fund is \$24,649,943.09.

An action item was approved replacing 129 air conditioning units at Timber Creek and Cedar Grove Elementary campuses and Pine Ridge Primary campus in the amount of \$683,351.00.

Principal reports were given by each campus. Representing Pine Ridge Primary was principal Mary Hill.

Hill reviewed how teachers are constantly monitoring data and responding to Intervention in order to help students continue to progress in reading progress and math skills. The campus is required to report Pre-Kindergarten data 3 times a year to the state. Cedar Grove Elementary Principal Erin Barnes presented their strategies that targeted 1st-grade non-reading students at the beginning of the year and the success they have had with current CBA assessments at the 78% passing rate. On the December Math CBA assessment, CGE had a total growth of 57% for the campus when testing the weakest areas for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Creekside Elementary Principal Elisha Bell shared data reflecting increases on the CBA of 2019 from 2018 in both 2nd and 3rd-grade math and 4th grade reading. Timber Creek Elementary Principal Sheri Murphy reviewed data showing good performance in both English/Language Arts and Math for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders shifting their focus of improvement to 5th-grade areas of English Language Arts, Math, and Science.

Livingston Junior High Principal Jared Nettles noted that the campus has made improvements in the area of English Language Arts and Math at the 6th-grade level as well as seeing improvements in 7th-grade Writing, 7th and 8th grade English Language Arts and 8th-grade Algebra 1 which received 100% pass rate last year and this year. The focus will be on areas needing improvement in 7th and 8th-grade math and 8th-grade social studies.

Livingston High School Principal Dr. Paul Drake compared first-time test takers of the End of Course exam in English I which showed an increase each year from 2017 to present and English II showed an improvement from 2017 to 2018 but little change at the end of the Fall semester of 2019. The first-time test takers for the US History End of Course exam shows a marked improvement from 2017 to 2019.

The board approved the Texas Association of School Board's (TASB) Policy Update 114, Board Operating Procedures, Board Policy BE (Local). Update 114 was a 910-page update enacted in the 86th Legislative Session. Some of the items included the update are as follows. SB 494 reduced the time required to post notice of an emergency meeting from two hours to one hour. This new one-hour requirement would also apply to an amendment to the meeting agenda after the 72-hour deadline, which is known as a supplemental notice. HB 2840 impacts the manner in which public comment is conducted in the district. Prior to this legislative session, the board had ample discretion to manage the portion of the meeting when citizens could address the board. The law now requires that public comment be permitted on agenda items at all meetings, including regular meetings, special meetings, and board workshops. The opportunity for the public to address the board on an agenda item must be before the board's deliberation on the items and have followed the procedures in place for addressing the board. HB 2840 does permit the board to establish reasonable rules that govern the amount of time an individual is permitted to speak. HB 2706 permits the district to invest bond proceeds or pledged revenue to the extent allowed by the Public Funds Investment Act, other laws, and the district's local policy.



**Senior Volleyball athletes Krista Jones, Taylor Hartsell, Allie Botello and Alexis Murphy were named Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State with grade point averages of 94 and above.**



**TMEA Area Band Members advancing to state auditions - Koby Nicholson, Joseph James, EJ Ivy.**



**TMEA All-Region Band Members: 1st Row L-R: Lindsay Singleton, Emily Lewis, Jesus Adame, Sonia Penado. 2nd Row L-R: Lane Parrish, Rafael Hernandez, Joseph James, Koby Nicholson, Juan Robledo. 3rd Row L-R: Joey Lucas, Kamren Lamb, Jeilynn Hagler, EJ Ivy, Caleb Kesler. Not pictured Abby Fenton.**



First Day of School - August 12, 2020

LISD Graduation - May 29, 2021

## HOLIDAY DATES

Labor Day	September 7
Columbus Day	October 12
Thanksgiving	November 26
Christmas	December 25
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18
Presidents' Day	February 15
Spring Break	March 8 - 12
Good Friday	April 2
Memorial Day	May 31

## NINE WEEK DATES

1st Nine Weeks
2nd Nine Weeks
3rd Nine Weeks
4th Nine Weeks

## FLEX CALENDAR DATES

May 17 - May 28

## ANGELINA DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS

Fall Semester Begins -  
Spring Semester Begins -

## LEGEND

NT	.....	New Teacher
PD	.....	Professional Development (Students do not attend school)
●	.....	Holiday
▶	.....	Early Release
★	.....	EOC/STAAR Testing
✍	.....	Flex School Day
✓	.....	UIL Grade Check
☁	.....	Bad Weather Day Make Up - <i>Staff Only</i>

LISD BOARD APPROVED 12/16/2019

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