



October 2010 Newsletter

CASE for Gifted Children

Support Organization for
CCISD Gifted Students, Families and Educators

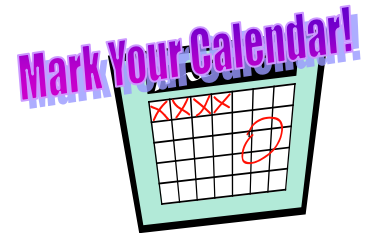
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CASE Meeting

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR GIFTED CHILD

Thursday, November 4th 7:00 PM
Westbrook Intermediate School
302 W El Dorado Blvd., Friendswood, TX 77546



CCISD Advanced Academic Specialists, WAVE teachers, and other special presenters will lead break-out sessions to educate parents about special issues faced by gifted children. Participants will have the opportunity to attend two of the following sessions:

SURVIVAL TIPS FOR WAVE PARENTS

Catherine Holliday

PURSUIING PASSIONATE PROJECTS: TPSP IN THE GT MAGNET

Ruth Baxter and Amy Kiszka

Dual Credit vs. AP Courses

Katie Raterink

Communication: The Key to Relationships

Julie Wilcox

Underachievement

Samantha Pulse

What's the Latest in Elementary Math

Rachel Powell



SECONDARY PARENT LUNCH SOCIAL

October 28, 11:30 am

Join parents of intermediate and high school children and CASE officers for a lunch social. How were the first two months of school? Do you have any highlights, questions, or concerns?

Gain some new insights while having a relaxing lunch with other parents experiencing the joy and challenges of raising a GT pre-teen or teenager. We hope to see some new faces!

Thursday, October 28 11:30 am
The Egg and I
557 West Bay Area Blvd, Webster, TX 77598



TAGT Parent Survey

Make your voice heard! TAGT is gathering anonymous information about parents of gifted children so that they may better understand and serve their needs. To participate in the survey, go to www.txgifted.org/survey.
The survey closes November 1, 2010.

The Sally Ride Science Festival at Rice University

Saturday, November 6th 11:00pm to 4:15pm Fee: \$20



Presented by Deloitte, the Sally Ride Science Festival includes: An inspiring talk by a featured astronaut, discovery workshops for girls, which may be given by local veterinarians, astronomers, microbiologists and more, workshops for parents and teachers on ways to support girls' interests in science, a street fair with booths, hands-on activities, food, and music

While our festivals are primarily focused on encouraging 5th-8th grade girls to pursue their interests in science, everyone is welcome to attend!

Don't miss out—sign up now at <https://www.sallyridescience.com/festivals> Or call us at 1.800.561.5161

WINTER CAMPS

Armand Bayou Winter Camp

<http://www.abnc.org/educational-programs/winter-camp.html>

- Winter camp is a three day experience for Pre-K through eighth grade
- Campers will participate in exploration, survival activities, science and art in an outdoor learning environment
- The classes are during the holiday school break
- Prices for classes range from \$80 - \$180 depending on type and length of class. Members discounts.
- Call the Education Department at 281-474-2551x13 or x14 for details

Winter Camp Zoofari

<http://www.houstonzoo.org/summercamp/>

December 27-31, 9 am - 4 pm

Camp Zoofari is an action-packed, hands-on, week-long day camp for kids ages 4-12.

Kids learn about the natural world, wildlife conservation and the animals that call the Houston Zoo home. These educational, fun-filled camps fill quickly, so be sure to register soon! Cost is \$55 per day.

The Houston Arboretum Winter Camp

<http://www.houstonarboretum.org/wintercamp.asp>

"Cool Critters" Monday, December 27 through Friday, December 31 for kids ages 5 to 12

Kids will grow their own snow crystals, learn about hibernating animals, create bird feeders for migrating birds, study mammal fur and make bark rubbings. Arboretum naturalists will lead children in hands-on activities both indoors and outside using the Arboretum's 155 acres as an outdoor classroom.

Bring a lunch and a snack and be prepared to go outdoors!

Camp Times & Cost: Half day: 9 a.m. to noon. \$130 (members), \$165 (nonmembers)

Full day: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$250 (members), \$300 (nonmembers)

CASE Membership Drive Extended!

Join CASE by Nov. 4, 2010 and 100% of your dues will go toward GT teacher scholarships. CASE membership dues are only \$12 per family annually. CASE members receive email notification of all CASE activities and an electronic copy of the CASE newsletter.

Join Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented Parents and Educators Dedicated to Meeting the Unique Needs of Gifted and Talented Students

TAGT is the state advocacy group for gifted education in Texas. A \$25 Parent Membership pays for the Tempo subscription and gets you connected with TAGT. The \$49 Professional/Advocate Membership gives you the Tempo subscription and conference discounts AND goes a long way toward supporting TAGT's role as a statewide advocate for GT education and funding. Membership numbers count when it comes to state-level advocacy; legislators want to know how strong a force they are reckoning with based on the state advocacy group's membership.

Here's a great opportunity for us as parents to make a difference in gifted education. TAGT membership forms will be available at the CASE meeting on November 4th (or you may join online at www.TXGifted.org). <http://www.txgifted.org/about/membership>

CASE IS COLLECTING OLD COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS!

Have you recently upgraded your computer system and are you wondering what to do with the old computer collecting dust in your home?



Consider donating your computer or printer to a WAVE student in need. CASE is currently collecting working computers and printers to be distributed to WAVE students who do not have a home computer.

Computer equipment 5 years old or less is preferable. Please email case_gifted_children@yahoo.com if you are interested in donating your old computer equipment.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Jan. 4 CCISD/CASE meeting with guest speaker Dr. James Webb, co-author of [A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children](#)
- Jan. 13 – Summer Camp Expo at Rice University
- Feb. 10 CASE meeting, 7 p.m. Westbrook Intermediate School





Join CASE Today!

Now is the time to renew your membership or join CASE. Membership dues are only \$12 per family annually. **Join CASE by November 4, 2010, and 100% of your dues will go toward GT teacher scholarships!**

CASE is a support and advocacy group for parents, teachers and other supporters of gifted education within the Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD). The parent, teacher and community membership of CASE has been instrumental in not only maintaining the valuable gifted programming within CCISD but in contributing to the expansion and improvement of these services in a time when financial constraints have cut gifted programming in Texas and across the nation.

Membership in CASE is a great investment in gifted education at only \$12 per school year for the entire family.

Communicate –

CASE communicates current news and events that impact gifted children within CCISD through the CASE website, meetings, and parent/teacher network.

Advocate –

CASE is the parent interface with the district to advocate for gifted programs throughout the district. CASE was instrumental in the development of the WAVE program as well as contributing to other positive changes in gifted programming within the district. CASE also helps to equip parents to more effectively advocate for their children.

Support –

Raising a gifted child is no easy task. There are social, emotional, and educational challenges at every stage. CASE serves as a support group to provide parents a venue to interact and learn from other parents of gifted children.

Educate—

CASE endeavors to provide educational benefits to parents, educators, and students. Valuable information and resources are available through regular meetings and the website. In addition, teachers across the district are supported with funding for continuing gifted education.

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Date: _____ New Membership _____ Renewal _____ Check Number _____ or Cash _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student Name(s)/Grade Level(s)/School(s) Attending: _____

To join please complete the form below and mail it, along with your check for \$12, to:

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