

Zachry Middle School
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Dear Students and Parents of Zachry Middle School,

My name is Susan Allain, and I am so excited to be joining the Zachry Middle School family as the Principal. I will begin to see you and your students starting on February 1st. I am in my nineteenth year in Northside ISD and my twenty-seventh year as an educator. I began teaching in Middle School and High School and have taught Pre-Kindergarten through College students. I have spent the past six and a half years at Connally Middle School as the Vice Principal and Academic Dean. My husband, Jamie, is also a Northside Middle School Teacher. We have three daughters, Allyssa, Ammanda and Anndria, who attended Northside schools. One is a graduate of Texas State University and two are in college.

I believe in inspiring others to love to learn and encouraging them that learning should be an enjoyable and life long endeavor. I am a positive person and believe that Positive Attitudes Change Everything. I also believe in collaboration; we are a family, a team, Team Zachry, and, as you all know, it takes everyone: students, parents, teachers, instructional staff, administrators, custodians, office staff, our campus officer, Learning Tree and Child Nutrition Staff to work together to build a safe and inspiring climate for learning. It is important to take the time to listen to each other and to build and support a learning community where failure is not an option. I believe my role at Zachry is to support outstanding academic success, TAKS success, and the development of social skills that will help each student become successful in life.

As part of the team to encourage and champion learning, you will see me in the halls, classrooms, cafeteria, and at school events cheering and supporting Zachry Middle School and the wonderful things our team does every day to support our students' success.

I join you all in wishing Mr. Martinez success at Briscoe Middle School and thanking him for a foundation of caring, trust and student successes that are the backbone of Team Zachry.

Sincerely,

Susan Allain, Principal

Zachry Flashback – 25 Years Ago. . .

The cost of gas was only \$1.20. The cost of a stamp was \$.20.

San Francisco 49ers won the Superbowl . The Lakers won the NBA Championships.

The hole in the Ozone layer was discovered by British scientists. Madonna went on her first world tour.

ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **After School Tutoring Program** has begun meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If your child received and returned a signed permission slip from Ms. Moore, Mr. Mathison, Mrs. Giovannelli, Mrs. Burvato or Ms. Andersen, then your child is eligible to attend this program. It starts at 3:45 and ends at 6 pm. The students start off in the cafeteria eating their school provided snack. A 30 min lesson follows the snack. Next is 30 min of Homework assistance in ALL subject areas. Finally, we end the program with an enrichment activity. It may be conducted inside or outside of the building. Thank you for reminding your child to attend especially if they are a bus rider!



AVID Students had their Parent Breakfast on January 13. We enjoyed seeing all the parents — and having waffles for breakfast! We have had several guest speakers in the past month and we want to thank them all for volunteering their time. The students really enjoyed it.

Karen Martinez—Fox NEWS Anchor
Rudy Pena & Terri DelaGarza—Human Resources NISD
Daniel Flores—Former Zachry Student
David Marquez—Texas A&M Veterinarian Student

Jennings 8th Grade English

Students are reading about different poetry styles, and trying their hand at writing their own. Their final works will be compiled into a book that they can cherish and keep.

7th Grade English

Zachry MS will host the 7th grade Writing TAKS Blitz on Saturday, February 27th from 8-12pm. Breakfast will be provided.

All 7th grade students are invited and encouraged to attend. The morning will be filled with fun activities to review for the Writing TAKS. 7th grade students will take the Writing TAKS on Wednesday, March 3rd.

Be on the lookout for the permission form in the weeks to come.

Zachry New Educator of the Year

In a soft voice the 22 year old first year teacher welcomes her students daily with a bright smile and pleasant demeanor. Her love of music shines through her lessons and she maximizes every teachable moment. Liliana Galindo is our orchestra teacher here at Zachry MS during the morning, and we share her with Fernandez Elementary in the afternoon. She was nominated by her peers as an outstanding first year teacher. She has a Bachelors of Music from University of North Texas and attended Zachry as student. We could not be more proud of her. Her morning consists of philharmonic, symphony, and rhapsody classes. Her students have performed for the community in a fall and winter concert. A spring concert is planned for May along with regional contest performances. She is a believer in the arts and the ability of arts education programs to support education in preparing students for the 21st century. She supports the fact that the study of music by our children has been linked to higher scores on the SAT and other learning aptitude tests, and has proven to be an invaluable tool in classrooms across the country. Given the impact music can have on our children's education, we should support every effort to bring music into our classrooms.

Parent volunteers are needed for both upcoming 6th & 7th grade GT district events this spring. If you would like to volunteer, please give either Pam Billingsley-Martinek or Suzanne Weh-meyer a call at your earliest convenience . . . 397-7487 or 397-7479.

The date for the 7th grade GT event is April 1st—**Mentathalon** from 8:15-2:00pm

6th grade GT event is May 5th from 9am-2pm **Nature Venture**.

We can use as many volunteers as possible this year for our GT events. Volunteers will judge events and will have sufficient information to do this without stress! No special skills. District background check required

<http://www.nisd.net/school/volunteer/>

Live "Courts in School" will be here on the Zachry stage on Thursday afternoon, February 4th. This is an opportunity for all 8th grade students to see our justice system at work.

The presiding judge may choose to speak to students in the courtroom answering questions and offering further educational opportunities to enhance the students' knowledge of the justice system.

Permission slips have been sent home, and must be returned for your student to be a part of this event.

Magnet School Information for 8th Graders Only!

February 2

Magnet Schools visit Zachry MS (students only)

1st-5th period

February 12

Magnet School applications due to Ms Rouse in the counseling office

March 1

Magnet School course cards due to Ms Rouse in the counseling office

****applications will be available on Feb 2nd for all magnet schools**

Pre-Registration for 2010-2011 School Year

Pre-registration for next year will begin in early February. Course selections need to be reviewed with your child, signed and returned to grade level counselor. Failure to return course selection cards, may exclude your child from receiving his/her elective.

Tennis Team

This season we had 21 players participate on the Zachry Tennis Team: They were: **8th grade-** Ben G., Frank J., AJ M., Frank M., Rachel F., Alexis W., Sarah R., Melissa P., Amanda V., & Mariana O.. **7th grade-** Chris B., John D., Bobbie P., Michael P., Adam S., Amber C., Shelby E., Teresa G., Kazandra G., Olivia H., Kendrah R..

The players had a great (but cold) season. Rachel F. placed 1st in singles and Melissa P. and Mariana O. placed 3rd in doubles in the individual tournament.

In the Spring Zachry will have a tennis league. The players will compete against each other here at our campus. This is for any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student interested in playing and getting ready for next year. See Coach Cruz for information and schedules.

YEARBOOKS!

The Yearbook staff is hard at work on putting together a great book for you. Yearbooks are now on sale for \$33.00 and can be purchased online at www.myyear.com, or from Ms. Faucher in room B-129. This year promises to be a special edition for the 25th Anniversary! The rest of the year is going to go fast, so don't wait too long!

Zachry Hall of Fame

H. B. Zachry's Hall of Fame Selection Committee is currently requesting nominations for its Second Annual Hall of Fame Induction to be held at Zachry on Friday, May 7, 2010. To qualify, nominees must have previously attended H. B. Zachry Middle School and have since gone on to distinguish themselves within their profession or in their community. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2010. For more information, or to request nomination forms, please contact Rick Cuellar at (210) 397-7400, or email him at rick-cuellar@nisd.net. Information and nomination forms can also be found at www.nisd.net/zachry.

Expanding Your Horizons

Fieldtrip

Reminder for ALL girls who have signed up to attend the fieldtrip on Saturday, January 30th.

Buses will leave at 7:10 am and return at 2:45pm

If you have any questions or conflicts contact Mrs. Meggett at 497-7400 ext 2202 or Jennifer.meggett@nisd.net

Student Planners

Students are responsible for paying for their planner. It is \$3.50 and must be cleared before students are allowed to attend any dances or other activities.

Please pay Mrs. Suhr in the front office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 5th—Early Release
February 8th—Progress Reports go home
February 11th—Zachry Spirit Night @ Cici's Pizza
February 12th—Valentine's Day Dance
February 15th—NO SCHOOL For Students
February 26th—END OF 4TH SIX WEEKS
February 27th—Writing TAKS Blitz

6th Grade Parents

By now you should have received a letter in the mail about shot requirements for your child to start 7th grade in the fall. All 7th graders MUST have a tetanus booster in the last 5 years, meningococcal vaccine and a second varicella (chickenpox vaccine) to begin school year 2010-2011. If you need a copy of your child's immunization records please call Sara Adams, Zachry nurse, at 397-7409. Any updated immunizations records should be taken to the school clinic.