

On August 9, prior to the 2017-18 first day of school, Devine High School held its annual Fish Camp. The administration, counselors, librarian, administrative assistants, and the teachers present were introduced to the incoming ninth graders and their parents. Some of the campus clubs members represented their respective organizations. Of course, before the introductions, our school band and the cheerleaders performed. The cheerleaders lead the ninth graders in the school song and Mr. Derrick Byrd (our principal) spoke about school pride and spirit. After all the presentations, the freshmen obtained their class schedules inclusive of their locker number and locker combination. Some of clubs membership took groups of ninth graders on a tour of the campus to show them where their classes and lockers were located on campus. On August 24, Devine High School held an open house to give the parents the opportunity to meet their son(s) and/or daughter(s) teachers. In addition, all students could acquire their tentative class schedules.

Currently, Devine High School has an enrollment of 603 students. We have two male exchange students this year. One is from Poland and he is in the twelve grade while the other is a junior student from Spain.

Something else that is new to us is that the end of the fall semester now occurs on January 12, 2018. Different clubs and organizations are conducting fundraisers to benefit the citizens of Houston area that were impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

I would like to remind all parents/guardians to be involved with their loved ones education. Research has shown that the more involvement there is from the family the more successful the students are at school. Stay in touch with the teachers, counselors, and administrators. Please remember to report all medical concerns to the school nurse and any pertinent issues that may affect your sons/daughters performance at school to the appropriate staff member(s).

This month we have scheduled fieldtrips to U.T.S.A. and A&M San Antonio for our seniors. In addition, the Armed Services Vocational Assessment Battery (ASVAB) will be administered to interested 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The test is voluntary with no commitment to join the military.

For more information on what is occurring at Devine High School visit the Devine ISD website or call the school at 830.851.0851. Mrs. Nancy Martin keeps the school calendar and a list of all school sponsored activities.