

From the Desk of Tom Maglisceau

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What a difference a year makes when we recall our spring one year ago--with closed schools and cancelled competitions, events, and end-of-year celebrations. One year later, the pendulum seems to have swung back, and many dreams we had for our kids have slowly come back to reality.

We have had so much to celebrate this year, and we are proud of how hard our students have worked to maintain a focus on learning. We celebrated our younger students last month who performed so well in academic competition, and now many of our CHS students also placed at the UIL Academic Regional Competition: **Copy Editing** - Corinna Martin - 5th Place; **Current Events Team** - Aaron Ojeda, Caleb Coke, Grayson Baird - 5th Place; **Journalism Team** - Corinna Martin, Ava Miller, Judith Matehuala, Karla Presa - 7th Place; **Literary Critique Team** - Angela Stalcup, Sarah Coblenz, Mekdes Woldesunbet, Ava Miller - 4th Place; **News Writing** - Judith Matehuala - 3rd Place/State Qualifier; **Ready Writing** - Angela Stalcup - 1st Place/State Qualifier; **Prose Interpretation** - Serena Musunza - 2nd Place/State Qualifier; **Social Studies** - Sarah Coblenz - 4th Place/State Alternate; **Social Studies Team** - Sarah Coblenz, Corinna Martin, Trevor Wigginton, Mekdes Woldesunbet - 3rd Place; **Speech Team** - Bekah Stuart, Ellie Hughes, Serena Musunza, Ethan Andrejack - 6th Place; **Spelling & Vocabulary** - Corinna Martin - 4th Place/State Alternate.

On the state level, Judith Matehuala finished 5th in state in News Writing, and Angela Stalcup 9th in state Ready Writing. Competing in state competition later: Olivia Snyder in Theatrical Design and Serena Musunza in Prose Interpretation.

Our boys and girls soccer teams made CISD history by advancing to the State UIL Semi-Finals round, proving that Celina plays futbol as well as football. The girls team broke three records this year: Ashlyn Vana broke the state single-season assist record with 51 assists, beating the old record of 41, and just seven assists away from a national record. Junior Taylor Zdrojewski broke the Texas record for goals scored in a season with 114 goals, which broke the previous state record of 109. Our girls team did achieve one national record also, breaking the old record of 238 single-season team goals with 243 team goals.

The CHS Baseball and Softball Teams are completing their first full seasons at their new complex with extended seasons. The girls are Bi-District Champions and the boys finished their regular season as District Champions. We also had a big send-off for our track athletes heading to state after both our boys and girls teams were crowned District and Area champions.

As we prepare to cap off a year of learning and activities we probably thought we wouldn't see one year ago, we celebrate our seniors with CHS Graduation Friday, May 28, at Bobcat Stadium starting at 9:00am. The ceremony will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook for those who cannot be in attendance.

As always, we thank the community for all the support our schools receive throughout the year, perhaps highlighted by this year's Celina Education Foundation (CEF) gala. If you were not able to attend this year's gala at The Venue at Waterstone, plan to attend next year as Jennifer Thomas and her CEF team put on an amazing evening of fun and fellowship. This event

grossed over \$90,000 for the Foundation that evening alone, and these funds provide teacher grants and student scholarships. We appreciate the many community members, sponsors, and donors who generously supported our students and teachers--both that night, and throughout the year. What a true showing of what it means to be Celina Connected!