



The Bearkat BUZZ

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September 2022

Upcoming District Events

September 19-22

NW1 Benchmarks, grades 1-6

September 20-22

Hearing & Vision Screenings

(please have glasses at school, if applicable. Thank you!)

September 21

Board Meeting @ SHSU, 10am

September 22

End of 1st Nine Weeks

Active Threat/ Hazmat Drill

September 23

NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workday

Parent Conferences

Sep 26– Oct 10

NO SCHOOL, FALL BREAK

October 7

Dr. Knox's Birthday 🕶️

October 11

NW2 Begins

October 14

NW1 Report Cards Go Home

October 17-21

District RTI Window

October 24-28

Red Ribbon Week

October 14

NW1 Report Cards Go Home

Announcing Attendance Incentives for NW2

We are embarking on the holiday season (which affords frequent breaks from school for SHSU Charter School students). Please schedule appointments and family trips outside of the school day whenever possible. Regular student attendance is crucial to fostering student achievement at school. **Starting on October 11, the SHSU Charter school will launch the following Attendance Incentives for NW2:**

Class Competition

The class with the highest attendance rate at each campus will win a Popcorn with the Principal party in January. Winners will be announced in December.

Individual Recognition

All individual students with perfect attendance during the second nine weeks will be recognized at our January Board meeting that will be held at the Cypress Trails campus on January 23 at 6pm.

Staff Recognition

The campus with the highest staff attendance rate during NW2 will earn two bonus conference periods during the month of January.

*Texas Compulsory Attendance laws require students to attend school for 90% of all instructional days. Parents of students with excessive absences and tardies will be required to attend conferences with the Principal and the District Attendance committee in **December**. Please always email excused absence letters to charterschool@shsu.edu.*

Enrollment Update

Student enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is currently at 495 students with 51 students on the waitlist. *This is the highest student enrollment ever for the SHSU Charter School*, and we are still processing new applications every day.

There are still spots available in various classes and varying campuses. Email charterschool@shsu.edu to inquire about enrolling new students.

New Special Education Support Specialist

Emily Batelaan has served as the 3rd and 4th grade ELA teacher at our Greengate campus during the 22-23 school year. As of September 12, she has been promoted to the role of District Special Education Support Specialist. Mrs. Batelaan serves students at all four campuses that receive special services, and assists in identifying students that may require additional interventions. Please join us in welcoming her to this new role.



Staff Members of the Month

Mrs. Crystal Pflughaupt and Mrs. Karla O’Keeffe are each recognized at the September Board Meeting for their exceptional accomplishments. Outstanding achievements include:



Crystal Pflughaupt
Cypress Trails lead teacher
1st grade Classroom Teacher
99% student enrollment at CT campus

Expansion of PTO activities and fundraising

Highest staff attendance in district for NW1

Karla O’Keeffe
Ed Tech Specialist
Launch Raptor security system at CT and BA

Coordinate Competition Robotics teams for GG, CT, and BA

Detection and Response of SeeSaw security breach



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

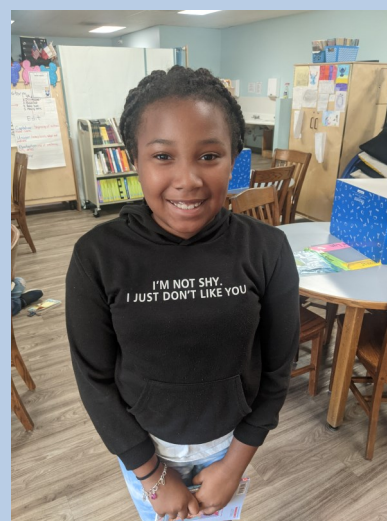
These students were recognized at the September Board meeting for their exceptional achievement and citizenship:



Lucas Benitez
Cypress Trails 4th grade



Layah Freeman
Cypress Trails 3rd grade



Chaniyah Singletary-Young
Greengate 4th grade

WE’RE HIRING!

Seeking a Diagnostician and a 3rd/4th grade Classroom Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. **APPLY TODAY!**

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