BMS 8th grader Marcel Driver did an outstanding job of speaking before the Board of Trustees at the February 15th meeting about the character trait of Justice.

Superintendent’s administrative assistant Ms. Rodea presented Marcel with a thank you for doing such a great job! Marcel’s mom and aunt were there to support him.

Marcel with his principal Ladyanne Horne, who was so proud to nominate him to speak at the board meeting.
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ESSER III INPUT

Bastrop ISD receives funding through the American Rescue Plan ESSER III grant program. This grant is designed to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including its impact on the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of students. Our plan, called the "Safe Return to Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan", has been posted on the BISD website all throughout this school year: https://www.bisdtx.org/Page/8368

The original plan was posted in August and provided to all parents and staff. Revisions were made in October and January. As required by the grant, BISD is seeking feedback on this plan to determine if any additional revisions may be needed. Please take a moment to complete a brief survey available here: https://forms.gle/pT9f7XfcL5eYpzC48

The deadline to provide input is Friday, February 25.

BEARS & EAGLES RECOGNIZED BY SCHOOL BOARD FEBRUARY 15, 2022

BMS ALL REGION CHOIR
BMS 8th grader Jacob Clark with choir director McKenna King

CCHS ALL-DISTRICT TENNIS
Nate Lucio & Ivan Perez earned first team doubles and second team singles

CCMS ALL REGION CHOIR
Students Alina Afalla and Denise Cornejo (not pictured) with choir director Elizabeth Winslow and Principal Dan Brown

Congratulations to the Cedar Creek High School tennis program! Coach Jeff Waltrip shared that in addition to the athletic accomplishments of athletes Nate Lucio and Ivan Perez (pictured in center above) and Jaden McGough (honorable mention), the team also excelled in the classroom! Of 22 students, 12 are on the A Honor Roll and 2 are on the A/B Honor Roll. In addition, 10 are in the top 10% of their class.
Great job to these student athletes and to Coach Waltrip for his leadership of the tennis program!

**TRANSFER APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Bastrop ISD is now accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year for **In-District Transfers** and **Out-of-District Transfers**. If your child is currently attending a BISD school on a transfer, you must complete a new application by **THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2022**.

The electronic transfer application is available at [https://www.bisdtx.org/transfer](https://www.bisdtx.org/transfer).

If you need a paper transfer application for 2022-2023 school year, please email Carolyn Hoefflin at choeflein@bisdtx.org. For questions, email Laura Baker, Director of Student Services, at lbaker@bisdtx.org or call 512-772-7121.

**TEXAS ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (TELPAS)**

This month, Emergent Bilingual (EB) students will participate in the TELPAS test. Students are required to take TELPAS to assess their progress in learning the English language in four domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Your child’s school will hold a parent meeting to inform you about State Assessments. Be on the lookout for those dates and times for your campus! You can help your child be ready for this important assessment by:

- Providing books and encouraging them to read
- Giving them opportunities to listen to audiobooks
- Encouraging them to talk to you about the theme and character in books
- Having them write in a diary or journal every day

Additional information about TELPAS can be found at the [English Learner Portal](https://www.bisdtx.org/transfer) by TEA. Here are some additional resources as well: [Parent Tips Brochure](https://www.bisdtx.org/transfer), [Sugerencias Para Padres](https://www.bisdtx.org/transfer)

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
Need help with food? [Link](https://www.centratexasfoodbank.org/food-assistance/get-food-now)

Free Classes for Adults! ESL, High School Equivalency and Career Training. Register today! 512-985-5169

Ready to career up? Call a career specialist today!

Free webinar for young adults transitioning from high school to college

Family Resource Network Webinar: Able accounts vs Special needs trust: An in-depth discussion

Your voice is your vote! Early voting is happening now. For more information, go to [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) or visit the Bastrop County Elections Office at [http://bastropvotes.org](http://bastropvotes.org)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

February 21: Presidents’ Day

February 25: Last Day of Early Voting

March 1: Primary Election

March 9: Student Holiday/Staff Development Day

March 14-19: Spring Break