

**Board Report**  
**Mineola High School**  
**January, 2014**

- December Events – the semester exam schedule was altered slightly this year in order to give teachers more time to test. Every teacher was allotted two hours in which to give a semester exam, and all teachers of academic subjects were required to give a semester exam. In order to help raise the level of expectations, the teachers were asked to really challenge the students on the exams.
- January 6 – Teacher work-day. The high school teachers met in their departments to discuss the upcoming semester and plan for the upcoming benchmark assessments. Each academic department was asked to come up with some action plan items to address weaknesses that will be identified by the benchmark assessments.
- January 7 – The students came back to school. We have been working on some schedule changes and enrolling a few new students. Otherwise, it was a very smooth transition into the second semester of the school year.
- January 8 – FFA District Convention. We had two students selected as officers. Tony Aguilar was selected as an Area Officer, and Presley Talley was selected as a District Officer. We are very proud of these two students.
- January 11 – Area band tryouts were held. One of our students, Ashley Davenport, was selected for the State Band.
- Week of January 13 – We administered our first benchmark assessments of the year. All EOC tested subjects were tested Monday through Friday of the week. The data from these assessments will be analyzed and we will meet in each department to look for patterns of weakness so that we can reteach the individual Student Expectations that were identified as trouble spots for our students. We will have the second and final benchmark assessments in early April, after which, those students who do not meet the acceptable standard will receive intensive remediation.
- January 22 – Representatives from various military branches will be on campus to meet with all of our juniors to discuss the results of their ASVAB test that they took in the fall. This test is given every year to our juniors. It is a career inventory that will give them grade information about which careers they might be best suited for.
- January 24-26 – the drama students will be performing their musical Happy Days in the multi-purpose building. It is Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 and Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM. The show had to be rescheduled from the original date due to bad weather.
- January 20-February 8 – This year all of our academic UIL students will be competing in an online version of a UIL meet. This program was designed as a practice competition to give the students some experience before the actual

UIL competitions in March. They can take the tests any time during the two-week window.

- We will have a school-wide assembly on January 29 as a pre-cursor to a student rally being held in our gym on that same evening. The speaker is Mike Fritz, and he will talk to our students about making life choices. The evening rally is sponsored by 7 local churches and includes a Christian band and the same speaker. They are expecting over 1,000 students to attend this year.
- January 31 – Two of our senior boys have applied for the Luminant Technologies Power Track Program through TJC. This program prepares students for careers in the power plan industry. Luminant will send a representative out to the campus to test these students for a full scholarship to the program. This is the first time that Mineola students have applied to this great program.
- Our new part-time counselor has been busy getting our seniors enrolled in various colleges, tech. schools, military and other programs after they graduate. Our goal is to have every single senior enrolled in some type of postgraduate program. We installed new college and career boards in our entry hallway for students to sign when they get their acceptance letters. We also post their picture on the library window. We are very proud of our students.