

BOARD REPORT
Mineola High School
May 2015

- April 30 – We hosted our annual Top Ten Banquet for the top ten seniors and the teacher who inspired them. It is one of the best events of the year, and very moving.
- May 5, 6, 7 – Our campus administrated the state mandated EOC tests for US History, Algebra I, and Biology.
- May 4-8 was Teacher Appreciation Week. We had food for our teachers every day to celebrate all of their hard work and dedication.
- May 8/9 – Our baseball team advanced to the first round of playoffs against Farmersville in Sunnyvale, Texas. We got off to a rocky start with the weather on Friday night, but were able to play. Unfortunately, they ended up losing to the opposing team and did not advance. They had a great season.
- May 11 – The FFA banquet was held in the Multi-purpose Building. As always, it was a packed house. The speaker this year was a Mineola High School graduate Bobby Tucker. The theme of his message was “Believe.” The FFA students did a fantastic job, and earned over \$67,500 in sales and scholarships this year.
- May 12 – The high school awards ceremony was held in the high school gym. We gave out all academic awards, and we also had community representatives on hand to give out local scholarship awards to our seniors.
- May 14 – The Mineola High School band concert was great, as always. They performed some of their UIL award winning songs plus many more. About 26 band students will be advancing to state UIL competition toward the end of the month as well.
- May 15 – Our choir performed their annual Spring concert, under the direction of our new choir director – Amanda Whitecotton. She also has several choir students advancing to state UIL at the same time that the band students compete.
- May 16 – We have three fishing teams competing in the state bass fishing tournament, followed by the awards ceremony and barbeque dinner at Whitehouse High School on Saturday afternoon. We are very proud of our bass fishing team!
- May 15/16 – We had several students running in the state track meet in Austin. The running events are scheduled for Saturday, with the last race at 3:15. As of the writing of this report, we have no results.
- On May 11, Governor Abbott signed into law SB 149, which allows school districts to provide an alternative method for students who do not pass one or two EOC tests to still graduate. We have established a set of guidelines to fulfill the requirements of the new law, and as a result, seven of our seniors will be able to graduate from high school this year after completing the established requirements.

- Upcoming Events:
 - May 18 – Clap Out – Seniors will wear their caps and gowns and parade through the halls of the elementary school on Monday morning as the elementary students give them “high-fives” and celebrate this milestone.
 - May 18 – At 6:00, Mr. Phillips will sponsor the Quill and Scroll Induction Ceremony in the Multi-Purpose Building.
 - May 19 – We will have the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in the Multi-purpose Building.
 - May 19 – Mrs. Kim Tunnell will be meeting with the high school faculty and staff for the first time after school in the library.
 - May 19 – Our Robotics team will be competing at Region 7.
 - May 21 – Athletic Banquet at the Civic Center at 6:30 PM.
 - May 21/22 – The counselors will be meeting with all students to complete course request sheets for next year.
 - May 26 – Parent meeting with 8th grade students and parents to discuss transition to high school. The meeting will be at 6:00 at the middle school.
 - May 26/27 – State UIL Solo and Ensemble for band and choir.
 - May 27 – 8th Grade Orientation – 8th graders will come tour the school and experience what high school is really like.
 - May 29 – Senior trip to Studio Movie Grill, Grapevine Mills Mall, and Six Flags.
 - May 31 – Baccalaureate Service for all seniors at the First United Methodist Church at 6:00 PM.
 - June 1 – Senior Dinner and Paint the Hill – Begins at 6:00 PM at the Mineola Nature Preserve.
 - June 2, 3, 4 – Semester Exams
 - June 4 – Last day of school – early release at 1:30.
 - June 5 – Graduation rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the gym.
 - June 5 – Graduation ceremony at 7:00 PM in the gym.