

Venus High School Board Report: March 2022

Teacher of the Month: Coach Brian Garrison

Coach Garrison helps out whenever and wherever he is asked with no questions asked. He is well respected by students and staff. He even scraped ice off cars during our recent bad weather event! He has embedded himself into our district and has made big impacts on our teachers, coaches, and students.

Staff Member of the Month: Amanda Cox

Mrs. Cox works hard to fill in the gaps and meet the needs of the SPED students she services. She really goes above and beyond to ensure their success. She energizes kids to get their lessons complete and holds them accountable for raising their expectations for themselves.

Student of the Month: Jaqueline Camarillo

Jackie is kind, hard-working, and just plain awesome! She is an outstanding student who always rises above expectations. She gives a new meaning to the word dedication! In addition, Jaqueline Camarillo is an extremely creative writer. In her last essay, her teacher really had to dig deep to find anything to correct on her paper. She had valid arguments and evidence to prove her claims. She will help other students with writing when needed. She is also an integral part of Key Club and helps out the community when she can.

Campus Activities and Achievements:

Academics

Science:

IPC: Students are beginning to discover thermal energy, and the laws of thermodynamics. *Chemistry:* students are broadening their understanding of solutions, by creating children's books over solutions. *Astronomy:* Students are beginning to investigate and learn about how cosmology gives us a framework for the future of the universe.

Biology: Students are ending this week with a review over concepts of evolution. Students will demonstrate their mastery of evolution and how it takes place due to natural selection.

ELL:

Students are finishing up the reading section of TELPAS. They have been practicing on the listening and speaking sections. They are ready.

English:

To increase motivation, build bonds between diverse groups of students, and teach personal responsibility, all English teachers are incorporating SEL into their lessons each week. The students love it, and they are more excited to learn through lessons that include SEL components.

Additionally, to reduce learning gaps, the English department has committed themselves to at least 45 minutes of Lexia for each student each week. Teachers will monitor progress and use the data to help with differentiating strategies. Each teacher explained the benefits of Lexia, and most of the students understand the short and long term benefits of the program.

English II:

The students are learning to examine more effectively elements of informational texts, including controlling idea, structure, point of view, main idea, audience, purpose, and inference. Additionally, the students are focusing on their writing skills; specifically, they are learning editing and revision strategies that will ensure effective written communication. Finally, English II students are utilizing thinking maps to compare and contrast information in two or more texts. The STAAR EOC is right around the corner, and the teachers are helping students prepare for success.

Physics:

We have been looking into how energy is transferred. In this video clip the students are exploring constructive and destructive interference.

[Constructive interference](#)

Athletics:

Tennis: Below are the results from our varsity tournament at Glen Rose High School on March 3. These students have been working hard the past two seasons to get to the point they are at now!

Juan Guijarro Vazquez - 2nd place boys singles

Janessa Medrano and Alex Escarzaga - 3rd place mixed doubles

Logan Crum and Jalexia Medrano - Consolation Winners

Girls' Basketball: I am proud to announce the All-District Awards from this year's basketball season:

1st Team All District:

Katelynn Hill

2nd Team All District:

Eva Wilson

All District Honorable Mention:

Jackie Brown
Ximena Cortes
Taylor Summerlin
Academic All District:
Katelynn Hill
Eva Wilson
Ximena Cortes
Janessa Medrano
Jackie Brown
Addeson Zappa
Taylor Summerlin
Jackie Perez
Lizette Chairez

Boys' Soccer: The Venus soccer program regular season is coming to an end. As of now the team has improved to a 4-0-7 district record. Our last game against Life Waxahachie (2nd in district) was a great team effort, winning in PK's 5-4. The boys have played tight games all season long and continue to improve in the 2nd round of district.

Baseball:

We have 37 boys out for baseball. Last Night our Varsity tied Newman International 16-16. This weekend the JV is in the Alvarado Tournament and The Varsity is in the Castleberry Tournament.

Track: Results - Alvarado Track Meet

JV Boys

Long Jump - Markaylin Knoxson - 1st - 17' 10"
Triple Jump - Markaylin Knoxson - 2nd - 35' 5"
Pole Vault - Alex Escarzaga - 3rd - 8' 0"
High Jump - Jabril Karim - 3rd - 5' 4"
3200 Meter Run - Miguel Hernandez - 3rd - 12:09:52
4 x 100 Relay - 2nd - 1. James Hayward 2. Fernando Rodriguez 3. Alex Escarzaga 4. Markaylin Knoxson - 47.33
800 Meter Run - Anthony Gonzalez- 1st - 2:17.65
110 Hurdles - 4th - Shade Steiner - 20.25
5th - Markaylin Knoxson - 20.52
4 x 200 Relay - 2nd - 1. James Hayward 2. Mathew Oliveros 3. Alex Escarzaga
4. Matthew Wheeler - 1:40.28
400 Meter Dash - Fernando Rodriguez - 1st - 55.91
300 Meter Hurdles - Markaylin Knoxson - 3rd - 49.4
Shade Steiner - 4th - 50.28
1600 Meter Run - Miguel Hernandez - 5th - 5:36.65

4 x 400 Relay - 3rd - 1. Fernando Rodriguez 2. Mathew Oliveros 3. James Hayward 4. Anthony Hernandez - 3:55.09

Varsity Boys

Long Jump - Ismael Lucio - 3rd - 20' 3"

Triple Jump - Ismael Lucio - 1st - 40' 11 1/2"

Jayden Gordan - 5th - 36' 6"

High Jump - Jahmoy Dover - 6th - 5' 4"

4 x 100 Relay - 6th - 1. Jayden Gordan 2. Ismael Lucio 3. Saul Rico Rico 4. Demarie Bell - 45.41

4 x 200 Relay - 5th - 1. Jayden Gordan 2. Ismael Lucio 3. Demarie Bell 4. Jahmoy Dover - 1:38.24

Powerlifting:

I know that you have already heard some of the results for the Girls Powerlifting Meet, but I want to recognize all the girls and their places.

105: Kilea Kuykendall -- 6th place

123: Briella Cervantez -- 1st place and Regional Champion in her weight class

Ximena Cortes -- 5th place

132: Taylor Hoag -- 16th place

Erica Jines -- 18th place

148: Jenelle Burwell -- 15th place

165: Jackie Brown -- tied for 1st place

198: Cadence Thrasher -- 11th place

Coach Hargrove and I are so proud of all the girls and their accomplishments this year!

Jackie and Briella will be lifting at the State Powerlifting Meet in Corpus Christi over Spring Break on Friday, March 18th!

The boys are competing March 12 for a chance of getting into the State Boys Meet in Abilene.

Fine Arts:

Art 1:

We just finished up the first two elements of art: line and color and are beginning our next element of art: value. I also introduced watercolor, which the students were very excited about, and they are looking forward to learning about form and getting to use clay! Everyone is finally settled in and aware of the high expectations that I set for each and every one of them. Most are meeting and exceeding those expectations.

Looking forward...I am starting to plan for next year's Art classes and what that will look like moving forward. I am hoping to be able to start a Partners in Art class, take the kids to VASE competition, have speakers come out from colleges, as well have successful artists, and have at least one field trip for each level. We have so many students who are artistic and unfortunately have not been exposed to all the possibilities that their futures could hold for them in the world of art.

Organizations:

College and Career: Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching. Students are receiving their financial aid packages. Education classes toured Hill College and were able to see their echocardiogram class in action! Job opportunities have been emailed to students as well as volunteer opportunities. Juniors are beginning to sign up for SAT and ACT exams.

UIL Academics

At the Grandview Invitational Meet, [Jaqueline Camarillo](#) placed 6th in Editorial Writing. There were 30 schools competing.

Theatre:

(From Ms. Goltzman, Theatre Director): Please congratulate the one act play kids. They did a wonderful job. Unlike other fine arts, where we are competing against ourselves, in theatre we are competing against all other schools in our district and it's a very hard district. There was some really great theatre March 8. Though we didn't advance, we received 23 excellent scores (the highest we can receive.) The rest were great to excellent.

Some of the comments included, "Wow! A very powerful and moving performance. Beautiful storytelling....inspiring...created such a believably broken and destroyed world...fantastic...amazing technical work. Your lighting design and music sound design (*which is normally done by the director, but I had the students do it*) really added to the show." "Amazing ensemble....love the risks you take." "Wonderful commitment to the literature and style....Outstanding individual characterizations."

The following students won specific awards:

Bruce Fudge-All Star Cast
Codi Parker-All Star Honorable Mention
Wade Raub- Outstanding Technical Award

As a reminder, below is the cast and crew.

Alejandro Alvarado
Angela Chairez
Kylie Cuniff
Bruce Fudge
Adrian Martinez
Jessica Hernandez
Patricia Moreno
Codi Parker
Natalie Rangel

Wade Raub
Zane Read
Hayley Street