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Around the Town with Melody Dennis

CISD's Parent University Helps Parents, Children and Community Succeed

Castleberry ISD has continued the success of last years' Parent University as the district graduated 21 parents during the December ceremony. Parent University is taught in once-a-week

classes in which volunteer instructors lead parents through a curriculum designed to maximize parenting skills, which in turn, help build happy, healthy children. Parents who participate and graduate from Parent University are giving a wonderful gift to their children by helping them excel in school, family life, work, peer relationships, and ultimately becoming highly productive adult citizens. Parent University is a win for everyone in our community, and we all benefit from the increase of successful students, and strong families.

We have all heard the Dr. Anthony P. Witham quote, "Kids spell love with the letters, TIME." By giving up a few hours once a week for 13 weeks, parents not only learn how to better express their love and feelings toward their children, but they show their children they care by simply putting in the effort.

Laura Little, Director of Parent University, and also Castleberry ISD's Coordinator of Research, Evaluation and Accountability, said of Parent University, "Castleberry ISD's Parent University program continues to grow. Our first class in spring 2018 graduated 15 parents from the English and Spanish classes. This last class graduated 20 parents. I am overwhelmed with the appreciation our graduating parents express. Our graduates want to give their kids the best opportunities, and they realize providing a solid foundation in childhood increases the chance of raising highly capable kids. I am also incredibly grateful for our community partnership with One Faith Church. Every week, church volunteers attend Parent University to provide child care, activities and snacks. This allows our parents to attend class with complete focus on the curriculum. We really appreciate the support of our program."

This semester, Parent University 201 will be offered. Graduates from the first year of Parent University have the opportunity to continue learning ways to support their children. Classes for Parent University 101 and 201 begin Thursday, Jan. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at (continued on page 7)

City of River Oaks Administrator Marvin Gregory Recognized at January Board of Education Meeting



At the meeting were: (front row, l-r) **Herman Earwood**, Mayor; **JoAnn Butler**, City Council; **David Holder**, Board President; **Mary Lou Martinez**, Board Secretary; **Tanya Gregory**, **Cathy Gatica**, Board member; **John Ramos**, Superintendent; (back row) **Dewey Taliaferro**, Board member; **Joe Ashton**, City Council; **Kenneth Romo**, Board Vice President; **Marvin Gregory**, **Doug Lee**, Board member; **W.E. "Bill" Seybold**, Board member and **Gordon Smith**, Public Works.

City of River Oaks, was recognized for his commitment and dedication to Castleberry ISD during the January CISD Board of Education Meeting.

Gregory seems to have a desire to do whatever possible to assist in the vision of bringing the community into excellence. He works very closely with the school district to make the City of River Oaks the best place to live and raise families.

John Ramos, Superintendent of Schools, thanked Gregory for his vision and commitment to work with the school district. The vision Marvin brings leads the way for a bright future ahead for the children and citizens of the community.

Marvin Gregory, City Administrator for the

Obituaries



Harley (Mickey) Long

Harley (Mickey) Long passed away on Jan. 16, 2019 in Pensacola, Fla.

A memorial service for Mickey will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of White Settlement, located at 7801 White Settlement Road, White Settlement, TX 76108.

Mickey was born in 1940 in Rotan to Monte and Hazel Long. He grew up in White Settlement and graduated from Brewer High School. After high school, he joined the Army, where he served four years.

He worked most his life at General Dynamics (now Lockheed). Mickey loved being around people. His hobbies included playing dominoes, pool, bowling and fishing. He enjoyed being around family and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents Monte and Hazel Long; wife, Jeannie Taylor; sister, Erlene Hutchins; granddaughter, Bobbie Sue Shean; and step-son, Tim Taylor.

Survivors are: daughters, Kristie Shean and husband, Barry, of Pensacola, Fla. Kim Kenneson and husband, John, of Burleson; step-sons, Travis Taylor and Ty Taylor; step-daughters, Terry Mathis and Toni Hooten; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Donnie Loomer and husband, Wayne, of Hurst; brother Leo Long of Rotan; brother, Kenney Long and wife, Sandy, of Weatherford; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Victor S. Jones

Victor S. Jones, 85, of Benbrook, Texas, passed away Jan. 7, 2019 at home.

Victor was born May 26, 1933 in Ballinger, Texas. He join the US Air Force and while serving, met and married his wife of 62 years, Gerda Dohm. They married Aug. 4, 1956. He served in the USAF for 21 years and upon retirement, worked for FAA for 18 years.

Victor and Gerda lived in Benbrook for over 40 years and attended the First Baptist Church of Benbrook. He is survived by his wife, Gerda Jones; four children, Carlos (Kim) Jones, Paul Jones, Victor Jr. (Tracy) Jones, and Carmen (Mike) Hobbs; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Victor was a loving husband and caring father.
"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for you with joy."
Phillippians 1:3-4
You will be missed. — Your loving family

YMCA Offers Free Service to Families Affected by Shutdown

The YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth, which includes the Benbrook Community Center YMCA, is hoping to ease a small amount of stress for local families on furlough during the current government shutdown.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth is waiving a month of membership dues for current members impacted through January, as well as offering free access to non-members who are also impacted. The Dallas and Arlington YMCAs will be honoring this offer as well.

For more information contact your local YMCA branch.

Weekly Scoreboard

Basketball				
Date	Team		Vs.	
Jan. 15	BMHS Boys	57	WHHS	64
	BMHS Girls	69	WHHS	19
	Brewer Boys	51	Grapevine	35
	Brewer Girls	31	Grapevine	54
	Castleberry Boys	34	Kennedale	77
	Castleberry Girls	18	Kennedale	49
Jan. 18	BMHS Boys	56	Lake Worth	34
	BMHS Girls	61	Lake Worth	44
	Brewer Boys	46	Saginaw	29
	Brewer Girls	31	Saginaw	45
	WHHS Boys	49	Kennedale	92

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- Announced locations include:
- Benbrook Public Library, 1065 Mercedes St., 817-249-6632
 - Lake Worth Senior Center, 7005 Charbonneau Rd., 817-237-3281
 - RD Evans Recreation Center, 3242 Lackland Rd., 817-731-8789
 - White Sttlement Library, 8215 White Settlement Rd., 817-367-0166

For more information on documents to bring to the tax site or to locate additional AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites, visit www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp or call 1-888-227-7669.

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Fort Worth Genealogical Society to Train Beginners

Have you been wanting to learn how to begin your genealogical quest to uncover your past? Well the Fort Worth Genealogical Society would like to help you! On Saturday, Jan. 26, the FWGS will be offering two classes to help you begin. The first 2-hour class is at 10:30 a.m. in the Chappell Room of the Central Branch Library in downtown Fort Worth. This class will introduce the participant to some of the basics of genealogy and how to get started.

FWGS also offers a second class for their Computer Users Group (CUG) on using computer-based technology to further their genealogical skills. This second two-hour class begins at 2 p.m. on the same Saturday, in the same library. This class does require that you know some basic computer skills and have an email account. This CUG January session will debut a new curriculum for the CUG as the class will be entitled "Beginning Use of Ancestry.com." It will be held in the Intel Lab of the Central Branch Library. Participation will be limited to the number of computer stations open in the lab so plan to get there on time to sign up.

Both of the FWGS sponsored January classes are just the beginning of an eight-month series of Beginning Genealogy and CUG classes. All classes are free and open to the public interested in genealogy. You can attend one or all, but they do run in sequential order and build in depth of knowledge.

The Library address is 500 W. Third Street 76102 (downtown). On Saturdays, parking is free at public meters. Also, the library does validate parking for 2.5 hours free if parking in the Sundance Square Garage with the entrance on Third Street.

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Rampant Porch Lizards to Play at White Settlement Historical Museum Jan. 26

The Rampant Porch Lizards return to play a free two-hour set of Celtic Music at the White Settlement Historical Museum on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to noon. The WSH Museum is located at 8320 Hanon Dr., one block south of White Settlement Rd., between Mirike and Meadow Park, just west of City Hall.

Call 817-246-9719 or visit <http://www.wsmuseum.com> for more details.

Fort Worth Genealogical Society Begins a New Year of Meetings

The Fort Worth Genealogical Society will begin a new year of meetings devoted to learning about genealogy. The first meeting is on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tandy Auditorium of the Central Branch Library downtown. The meeting will be presided over by new President Carlene Johnson.

The program will be conducted by library personnel who will instruct patrons on how to use the new personal scanners in the genealogical department. FWGS helped to purchase these scanners and is excited to help patrons learn how to use them. Attendance at meetings is open to the general public, but membership is always welcome and appreciated. At 6 p.m. the parking meters are free, as is 2.5 hours in the parking garage with validation at the library circulation desk.

For more information visit www.TXFWGS.org.

January Regional Coordination Committee Meeting Moved to Feb. 7

The Regional Coordination Committee winter meeting will not be held on Jan. 28 due to scheduling conflicts. It has been rescheduled to Thursday, Feb. 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Westworth Village Community Room, 311 Burton Hill Rd., Westworth Village, TX 76114.

If you are interested in attending the Texas Military Summit in Austin on Jan. 28, visit <https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/military/TMS-Invite-2019.pdf> to find more information on how to RSVP for that event.

Benbrook Quilt Club - Project Linus Volunteers Needed

The Benbrook Quilt Club meets the last Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church of Benbrook, located at 1015 McKinley Street. This month's meeting is on Jan. 26. The members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus blanketeers creating handmade quilts and blankets that provide love, warmth, and comfort for local children who have suffered trauma, tragedy, or illness. Sadly, the need for these blankets increases each month. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

Regardless of your experience, there is a place for you. High school students can receive community service credits for participating. Donations of material or money to purchase material are greatly appreciated. Come join the fun and enjoy fellowship with the Quilt Club volunteers while making a difference in our community and being a blessing to others.

For more information about the mission of Project Linus, visit www.projectlinus.org. For more information on this group and meetings, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas Meeting

Frances Cooke Van Zandt Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet Monday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden Center, 3200 Botanic Garden Blvd. in Fort Worth. The guest speaker will be Texas historian and storyteller Jack Edmondson. He will portray Sam Houston speaking about the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas are descendants of men and women who lived in and/or fought for Texas independence from Mexico in the Republic period, 1835-1846.

For information please call Kelly Miller 817-366-2524.

Fridays are Senior Day at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

Seniors get half-price grounds admission every Friday of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. For \$5, anyone age 65 and older can take in all the stock show sights, sounds and smells. This does not include admission to rodeo performances.

The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo runs through Feb. 9. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.fwssr.com or call 817-877-2420.

One Minute Mind Opener

Dr. Mike’s Coaching Corner

by Michael Haro, Ph.D., CLC

“The great thing about getting older is that you don’t lose all the other ages you’ve been (Madeleine L’Engle).

Forgetting is not necessarily an “older” person’s challenge. It happens if you want to avoid or forget. One is called “excuse making” and the other “evasion.” As you reach “older” age, forgetting is just called life. In all, the challenge is to do whatever to keep yourself as attentive to happenings as your abilities allow. Start each morning by thanking God that you have another day to make an excuse, avoid an unpleasant situation, or simply accept life as it is with the biggest smile you can generate!

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Sweetheart-grams for Feb. 14 Newspaper

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On This Date in History: Jan. 24

- 1848
- The California Gold Rush begins.
Approximately 300,000 people traveled to California after James W. Marshall had found gold at Sutter's Mill in Coloma.
- 1933
- The 20th Amendment to the United States Constitution is ratified, changing the beginning and end of terms for all elected federal offices.
- 1941
- Neil Diamond is born. Diamond is an American singer-songwriter and guitarist and one of the best-selling musicians of all time with over 100 million records sold worldwide. He has had 38 songs in the Top 10 on the Billboard Adult Contemporary charts, including “Sweet Caroline” and “You Don’t Bring Me Flowers.”
- 1965
- Winston Churchill passes away. Churchill was an English politician, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Nobel Prize laureate.
- 1984
- The first Apple Macintosh computer goes on sale.
The Mac was the first commercially successful personal computer using a graphical user interface and a mouse.
- 2003
- The United States Department of Homeland Security officially begins operation. The DHS is a cabinet department of the U.S. federal government created in response to the Sept. 11 attacks and is the youngest U.S. cabinet department. Its stated missions involve anti-terrorism, border security, immigration and customs, cyber security, and disaster prevention and management.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled before the **River Oaks Planning & Zoning Commission** on **Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.** and a final public hearing before the River Oaks City Council on **Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.** in the City Council Chambers located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas in order to receive citizen comments on the proposed plat application for Block 1, Lot 11, of The Park Addition amending the south property line 2.4 feet pursuant to Ordinance 1145-2017 that permits a 7½ foot second side yard setback only for the property located in Block 1, Lot 11 of The Park Addition.
Owner: The Jackson Living Trust
Address: 5237 Park Dr.
Legal Description: Block 1, Lot 11, The Park Addition
For more info please contact the River Oaks Zoning Administrator at 817-626-5421, ext. 324.

From the City of River Oaks

Street Improvement Detour for Roberts Cut Off

Tarrant County and the City of River Oaks started street improvements involving a new four inch asphalt overlay.

However, it comes with a price that involves a road detour for southbound traffic to Yale Street then south on Yale to Meandering Road and then back east on Meandering Rd. to Roberts Cut Off Rd.

The project could take up to 30 days to complete.

Vehicle traffic traveling on Roberts Cut Off from the north to the south on Roberts Cut Off Rd. from Skyline to Baylor will have to use a detour due to the southbound road closure for ongoing street improvements to Roberts Cut Off Rd.

From the Texas Department of Transportation

Don't Mess With Texas Scholarship Contest Accepting Applications for 2019

The application process for the 2019 Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest is now open. Any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school, and planning to attend an accredited Texas college or university in the coming year, is eligible to apply.

The 2019 Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest is presented in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful and the Moody Foundation. The contest will award one \$6,000 scholarship and two \$2,000 scholarships in May.

The scholarships recognize the achievements of high school seniors who are taking an active role in preventing litter in their schools and communities while working to build awareness for the Don't mess with Texas initiative.

"We are looking forward to hearing about the creative ways students are taking the Don't mess with Texas message into their schools and their communities," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas campaign. "Over the years, the scholarship

Castleberry ISD Gifted and Talented Student Nominations

Nominations for the Castleberry ISD Gifted and Talented (GT) Program will be accepted Jan. 21 through Feb. 1. Parents who have a student currently enrolled in kindergarten or in grades first through 12th that enrolled after Oct. 22, 2018, may nominate their child. Nomination packets are available online on the district's Gifted and Talented page and in the main office of your child's school. Eligibility is determined by several factors: teacher observations, samples of student work, and age appropriate assessments administered to all nominated students.

For more information, visit the Castleberry ISD website: www.castleberryisd.net/departments/tli/advancedacademics/gt/gtforms or contact your campus counselor. All nominations packets must be returned to your child's campus by Friday, Feb. 1.

contest has proven to be a catalyst for jumpstarting innovative litter prevention programs across the state, thanks to the efforts and leadership of Texas students."

TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas program has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful as well as spring "Trash-Off" community outreach events.

To apply for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship, visit dontmesswithtexas.org.

Applications must be received via online submission by 5 p.m. (CST) March 29.

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January is School Board Recognition Month



During the January CISD Board of Education meeting, June Ritchlin, Executive Director of Elementary Education, headed the recognition of the Castleberry ISD Board of Education for School Board Recognition Month.

Herman Earwood, Mayor of River Oaks presented a proclamation to the Board of Education.

The CISD Board works tirelessly and devotes countless hours to help lead Castleberry students to success. These seven men and women roll up their sleeves and get involved with the aim to improve the schools. With the work they do, they are "Planting the Seeds of Success".

School Board members are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children. January has been set aside as a special time for communities to celebrate their contributions and say thanks to board members for dedicating themselves to every child enrolled in the Castleberry Independent School District.

Pictured are: (back row) **Lenny Lasher**, Executive Director; **Dewey Taliaferro**, Board member; **Kenneth Romo**, Board Vice President; **Doug Lee**, Board member; **W.E. "Bill" Seybold**, Board member; **Ken Casarez**, Executive Director; **David Rodriguez**, Director; and **John Ramos**, Superintendent of Schools; (front row) **Renee Smith-Faulkner**, Associate Superintendent; **David Holder**, Board President; **Mary Lou Martinez**, Board Secretary; **Cathy Gatica**, Board member, **DeAnne Page**, Executive Director; **June Ritchline**, Executive Director.

Kennedale Bounces Castleberry *by John Loven*



Junior Lady Lion **Andrea Rodriguez** (#23) dribbles by a couple of Lady Wildcats.



Senior Lion **Luis Hernandez** (#2) scores against Kennedale.

The Castleberry boys and girls basketball teams tangled with the Wildcats from Kennedale on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Kennedale came to CHS with both teams sitting in first place in district. It became evident why both teams were undefeated in district play as they both soundly defeated our boys and girls teams.

Girls Lose 49-18

The Lady Lions hung tough through most of the first quarter. After Jasmine Ortiz's bucket with a little more than two minutes left in the quarter, the girls trailed by just four (4-8). But the Lady Wildcats closed the quarter on an 11-2 run to lead 19-6 as they headed into the second.

The second quarter also began rather slowly for both teams. And again, with just over a couple of minutes left until halftime, the Lady Lions had only been outscored 5-2 in the quarter. But once again Kennedale closed strong and led at halftime

31-10.

The girls scoring woes continued in the second half. They only could muster 8 points. Kennedale played a tough, aggressive defense. They constantly pressured the Lady Lions all over the court. The result was a high number of turnovers (23) for CHS and some easy baskets for Kennedale. Leading scorers for the girls were Jasmine Ortiz (5 points) and Emilee Ashkar (5 points).

The Lady Lions (9-13/2-5 district) sit in fifth place in district. They played at Western Hills on Jan. 22 and return home to play arch rival Lake Worth on Jan. 25.

Boys Toppled 77-34

This battle brought two teams with very impressive records. The Wildcats came in 22-2 (4-0 in district) and the Lions 18-5 (3-2 in district). Unfortunately, the game did not turn out to be as competitive as it looked to (continued on page 8)

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Around the Town (continued from page 1)

Castleberry Elementary School. Parents can register for classes at their child's school."

Courtney De La Cruz, class leader of the English class said, "I enjoyed getting to know the parents of students in our district and hearing their journeys and why they wanted to go through Parent University. The parents were an inspiration and committed to making life choices that would benefit their family and ensure their children are "armed" with the tools needed to be successful as they grow."

Castleberry ISD School Board member, Mary Lou Martinez, who has

also been an instructor for Parent University shared these thoughts, "Parent University is data based and community driven. it is an enrichment program that benefits the parents as well as the entire family. Our parents are requesting information on Part Two of Parent University before they have even completed part one!"

Parent University graduate, Iriana Martinez, said "Parent University helped me to understand my son's personality better. I now understand how to help him better, support him better and guide him to be successful in life."

Graduate Miriam Rodriguez said, "I am very (continued on page 8)

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Bernabe Salazar, Blanca Guerrero, Suliema Guerrero and Maria Carpenter were awarded certificates for their volunteer help during Parent University. Parent University Instructor **Ilse Cepeda** is pictured with the volunteers.



Instructors (front row and top row), along with the newly graduated 2018 Parent University Class, wrap up graduation.



Some of the One Faith Church Members who graciously volunteered to make a special meal for the Castleberry Parent University Graduation.

Around the Town (continued from page 7)

grateful how Parent University helped me grow as a person and as a mother. It was very helpful to be able to share my situation with other parents who understand.”

Graduate Adriadna Vera shared, “This is a wonderful program with resources to strengthen the relationship between parents and children. I celebrate Parent University for how it will help my children achieve.”

Graduate Azucena Najera said “Sometimes it was hard to find the time to attend class, but attending was so important because it showed our children how much we love them and how we want to be the best parent possible.”

More and more school districts are catching on and beginning to realize that by empowering parents, families and communities, and by giving each of them the tools to help children be successful in school and in life, we all reap the life-long benefits.

Parent University is one more example of the dedication and commitment Castleberry ISD has to student, family and community excellence.

See you next week!



Parent University Instructors **Jennifer Castillo, Elizabeth Menchaca** and **Ilse Cepeda**, sit onstage graduation.



A.V. Cato Student Council Members, **Stephanie Gonzalez** and **Melany Gallardo** led the Pledge to the American and Texas Flags at the Parent University Graduation. Here they are pictured with Castleberry's **Courtney De La Cruz**, who also served as a Parent University Instructor.



Parent University graduate, **Azucena Najera**, shares her experience as a student of Parent University. Pictured with her is Parent University Instructor **Guadalupe Perez**.



Adriadna Vera, Parent University graduate, speaks about how Parent University has helped her be a better parent. Pictured with her is Instructor **Ilse Cepeda**.

Parent University Director, **Laura Little**, and Castleberry School Board member, **Mary Lou Martinez** (pictured left) share in the joy of seeing parents excited about helping their children have better lives.

CISD Basketball

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be coming in.

Early in the game Senior Edgar Espitia helped keep the Lions close. He scored the first 5 points for the team. His traditional 3-point play (a made basketball and one foul shot) at the 4:27 mark brought the Lions within two points (5-7). But the Wildcats closed the quarter on a 12-4 run to lead by ten (19-9) as they entered the second quarter.

The Lions did make a run to get back in the game during the second quarter. Castleberry's leading scorer, Luis Hernandez, had been limited to just 2 points in the first quarter. But he found his groove in the second quarter. He scored the Lions first 8 points of the quarter and brought them to within 5 points (17-22). Alex Cumberledge's layup with 1:39 left until halftime brought the home crowd to its feet, and closed the gap to just two (23-25). With the crowd very much into the game and the momentum shifting, Kennedale called a timeout. It proved to be effective as the Wildcats closed out the quarter on a 7-2 run. This gave Kennedale a 32-26 halftime lead.

The third quarter was an absolute nightmare for the Lions. They looked like a completely different team. Castleberry committed 8 turnovers and were outscored 23-2 in the third quarter. This essentially ended any chance the Lions had of an upset. They trailed 55-28 at the end of the quarter. Unfortunately, the fourth quarter was not much different. The final score of 77-34 was quite unexpected and should be considered an anomaly.

Look for them to bounce back and play much better against arch rival Lake Worth at home on Friday, Jan. 25.



One Faith Church Pastor, **Andy Salazar**, (right) and "DJ" **Javier Hernandez**, work in the sound booth during Castleberry ISD's Parent University.



Parent University Director, Castleberry Coordinator of Research, Evaluation and Accountability, **Laura Little**, and Castleberry ISD Teacher and Parent University Instructor **Guadalupe Perez**, greet the guests at the graduation.

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by River Oaks Police Chief Christopher Spieldenner

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Wednesday, Jan. 16

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