# Communities in Schools North Texas

## Did You Know?

LHS-Killough

October 2014



### Holiday Assistance

CIS has partnered with local churches and businesses to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance to families in need. Our goal is to empower parents to provide basic needs (coats, food, shoes, winter clothes) during the holidays to help their children achieve in school.

The CIS ANGEL TREE is now online. If you would like to commit to adopting a student or family from Killough, please e-mail me before November 14 and 1 will get you plugged in!

#### **Current Needs**

MENTORS
WINTER COATS

## The case load is growing!

I have 52 students on my caseload and hope to add another 28 by the new year. Now is the best time to send me your referrals!
I meet with these students 2-3 times a month to provide
supportive guidance, college &

supportive guidance, college & career assistance, social services, mentors, and a safe place to talk.

#### **How To Contact Me**

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#### October Highlights for CIS:

Field Trip-

We had a very successful field trip to AT&T in Farmer's Branch! The students were eager to participate in group discussions and loved taking a tour of the office building. It was great to see the light bulbs go off as students discovered new career possibilities. The students "interviewed" AT&T employees and talked to them about college majors, job interviews, challenges they face at their jobs, and what they enjoy about their careers. I will be taking an additional 30-40 students to AT&T in Dallas in January.

#### Goals-

Student on my caseload are completing goal sheets with short-term and long-term goals. Some goals so far are: pass all classes, join a new club, research 3 career possibilities, tour a college campus, get more sleep, and exercise more. I will be tracking progress and providing support throughout the remainder of the school year.



### What is CIS?

The mission of Communities In Schools of North Texas is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

CISNT dropout prevention programs provide solutions to keeping at-risk students in school and ultimately reduce the incidence of dropping out of school. We believe that dropping out is not just a school problem, but also a community problem. Therefore, we believe that coordination of community services is essential to meeting the needs of at-risk youth—youth not only at risk of dropping out of school, but also other at-risk social issues including substance abuse, teen pregnancy, involvement with juvenile justice system and other negative social outcomes.

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