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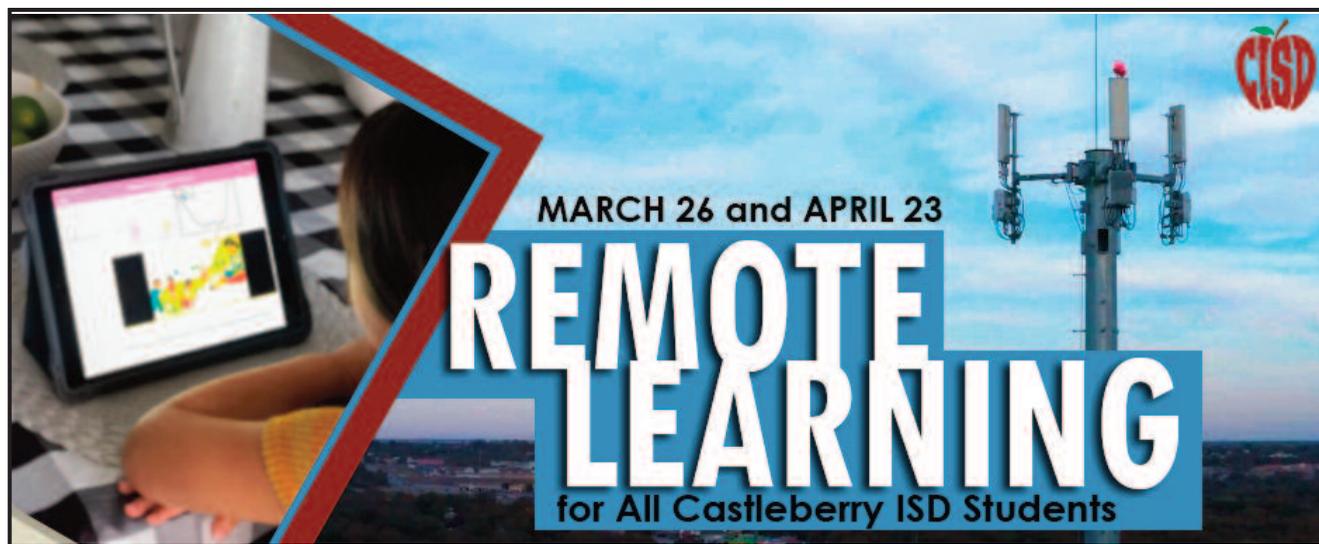
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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Remote Learning Friday, March 26



The 2020-2021 school year has brought many challenges, including teachers having to teach both in-person and online simultaneously. Considering these challenges, it is essential for teachers to have time to collaboratively plan for the best educational opportunities for their students.

Therefore, the Board of Education has approved planning days for teachers and staff as they continue to offer online learning for students. The approved dates are Friday, March 26 and Friday, April 23.

“This opportunity allows teachers to really dive into their data to plan engaging and individualized instruction for their students,” Secondary Math Coordinator, Scott

Hutchings, stated after hearing of the Board’s decision.

On these teacher planning days, students will work remotely from home at their own pace through course content provided by teachers. Students will receive attendance credit by completing the required course work by 11:59 p.m. that evening.

“Castleberry ISD appreciates each and every employee, student, and family member who has gone above and beyond during this unprecedented school year,” said Associate Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, Renee Smith-Faulkner.

From Castleberry ISD

CISD Virtual Job Fair Today



The 2021 Castleberry ISD Virtual Teacher Job Fair will be held Thursday, March 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. and will bring together CISD school representatives and prospective employees. Job seekers will interview and communicate via Google Hangout. The CISD Job Fair is open to fully certified teachers (standard certificate), student teachers receiving their standard certificate by June 2021, and probationary certified applicants with a statement of eligibility from an accredited teacher certification program.

To attend the Castleberry Job Fair, complete the **CISD Virtual Job Fair Google Form** and upload your resume then wait for a Google Hangout invite from one of our CISD School representatives and apply online [here](#).

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From the City of River Oaks

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Early voting for the May 1 General Election to elect Council members for River Oaks City Council Place 2 and Place 4 will begin on Monday, April 19 and run through Tuesday, April 27.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held Monday through Friday, April 19 through April 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, April 24 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, April 26 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, April 27 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at River Oaks Annex (old Library), located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks, or at

Tarrant County Elections Center, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, 76111.

Election day is Saturday, May 1 and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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From Local Patriotic Societies

Patriotic Societies Awards Luncheon March 25

The Honorable Philip Livingston Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists, General Edward H. Tarrant Chapter United States Daughters of 1812, Governor Thomas Hinckley Chapter Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, and the Texas Society Daughters of Colonial Wars will meet Thursday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. at Ridglea Country Club located at 3700 Bernie Anderson Avenue in Fort Worth. Scholarships will be presented at this Annual Awards Luncheon.

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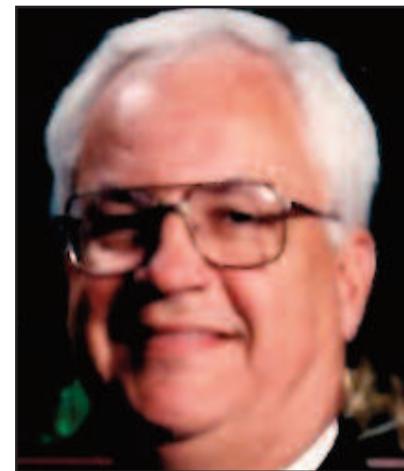
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Obituary



James D. "Jim" Fittz

James D. "Jim" Fittz, 78, went to be with his Savior on March 12, 2021.

Born in Dallas to Kline and Aline Fittz, Jim spent the majority of his life here in Fort Worth. In the spring of 1965, Jim married the love of his life, his Annie, and was faithful to her for 56 years. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1968 with ComServPac in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Jim was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal for his design of sophisticated computer systems that were critical to the war in SE Asia.

He was a successful businessman in the insurance industry for 48 years and was known for his integrity and impeccable service to his clients.

Jim had two daughters, Andrea and Jennifer. Out of all his accomplishments he was most proud of his family. They were always his top priority. Strong in his faith until his last breath, Jim was a great source of encouragement and strength to so many. He faithfully served the body of Christ in his local church community and was always looking for ways to serve others.

He loved his family, hunting and fishing with his grandkids, donuts, and a good burger! Most of all, he loved Jesus and his family takes great comfort knowing he is with his Heavenly Father!

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Olan Fittz, and his son, Jeffrey.

Survivors: He is survived by his wife, Ann; daughters, Andrea and Jennifer; sons-in-law, David Hendrix and Todd Gonzalez; grandchildren, Ryan, Taylor, Reid, Ali, Samantha and Max; brother, David Fittz; sister-in-law, Carol Fittz; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life was held at the First Baptist Church of Benbrook.

Memorials: Donations in his name may be sent to Beautiful Feet Ministries, in Fort Worth, where Jim spent many years serving.

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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Partners with BrightBytes, Requests Feedback with Survey

Castleberry ISD is partnering with BrightBytes, an educational research organization, to better understand our teaching and learning environments, both at school and from home.

The district is gathering feedback from school leaders, students and teachers using a digital survey.

The responses to this survey will help CISD form a more complete picture of how learning is taking place and will allow us to

create targeted initiatives to support our teachers and students.

If you have not already done so this school year, please support this initiative by completing the 10-minute Modern Learning questionnaire by Friday, March 26.

All of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy.

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From Tarrant County Clerk's Office

Birth and Death Certificates; Marriage Licenses

The Vital Records Division of the [County Clerk's office](#) is the registrar of birth and death records, issues and maintains all marriage licenses, and records assumed name certificates and military discharge records for 28 cities and eight precincts in Tarrant County.

Birth and death certificates are available to immediate family members. A valid government-issued picture ID is required.

The County Clerk issues and maintain all marriage licenses in Tarrant County. A marriage license requires a 72-hour waiting period and the marriage ceremony must take place within 90 days from date of issuance.

An assumed name/DBA (doing business as) should be filed with the Clerk's office in the county where business is to be conducted. An applicant may conduct business under multiple assumed names but each name must be filed separately.

Military discharge records or DD214s can be recorded and will be kept confidential for 75 years. This service is provided at no charge to our veterans.

Note All Vital Records services are available at our downtown location or seven neighborhood offices.*



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From Tarrant County

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The Tarrant County Commissioners Court approved an agreement to pay up to \$50,000 to support the complimentary rides.

The current vaccination sites are the Tarrant County Resource Connection, which is served by bus routes 3 and 25; the Hurst Conference Center, which is served by a modified route 23; and the Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex (505 W Felix St, Fort Worth, TX 76115), which is served by route 5a.

Customers may also use ACCESS paratransit to these sites or connect to these bus routes by riding another bus route, TEXRail, Trinity Railway Express (west zone only) or ZIPZONE.

To obtain a free ride, passengers will need to show the operator or train conductor the appointment text or email from Tarrant County Public Health.

As part of this agreement, riders can also ride for free to vaccination appointments on Tarrant County Transportation Services (TCTS) and Northeast Transportation Services (NETS), both operated by Catholic Charities Fort Worth.

From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

Tarrant Area Food Bank Distribution Tomorrow at Herman Clark Stadium

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has resumed their Mega Mobile Markets with a market on Friday, March 26 at Herman Clark Stadium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TAFB will continue to hold Mega Mobile Markets every Friday at Herman Clark Stadium until further notice.

In addition, TAFB will once again have the help of the Army National Guard, which will be deployed to TAFB for at least the next 30 days. Now more than ever, TAFB is seeking volunteers to assist with registration, traffic control and food distribution. Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

These events are designed to serve any and all residents of the Tarrant area community who are in need of food assistance, and anyone whose access to nutritious food has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Friday, March 26 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Herman Clark Stadium, 5201 CA Roberson Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119.

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The House Fort Worth church is hosting a food drive and an ID/drivers license is required:

Saturday, March 27 - 9 a.m. to noon - former Toys-R-Us parking lot, 7606 West Fwy., White Settlement, TX 76108.

Texas Educator, Philosopher and Diplomat - Sidney Mezes

by Dr. Ken Bridges

The early 1900s was a formative time for education in Texas. Sidney Mezes, a one-time president of the University of Texas, rose to the forefront to serve as such a leader as well as a diplomat and a thinker. In the process, the son of a pioneer gold prospector in California became one of the most respected philosophers in the nation and a leader in Texas education.

Sidney Edward Mezes was born in September 1863 in Belmont, California, then a tiny village nestled between San Francisco and San Jose in the years after the Gold Rush. His parents were both immigrants, with his father having arrived from Spain and his mother from Italy. His father, Simon M. Mezes, was an attorney who arrived with the early wave of gold prospectors and other fortune-seekers and co-founded what is now Redwood City.

Mezes graduated from what was then the University of California in 1884 (now the University of California at Berkeley) with a degree in engineering. After his father's death that year, Mezes took a different path and began studying philosophy. He enrolled at Harvard University in 1889, receiving a second bachelors degree in 1890 and a masters degree in philosophy in 1891. While he was completing his doctorate, he spent the 1892-93 school year teaching philosophy at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. After finishing his Ph.D. in 1893, he spent a year teaching at the University of Chicago.

He was offered an adjunct teaching position at the University of Texas in 1894. In 1898, he wrote about ideas and perceptions of God with *The Conception of God*. He took on questions of spirituality and the existence of God. At the same time, he touched on ideas of time, memory, and reality. Mezes argued that God lives in an eternal state of the present, with all things happening in one everlasting moment and that time as mortal men understand it, is meaningless to God. "Time is no reality; things seem past and future, and, in a sense, non-existent to us, but in fact are just as genuinely real as the present is," Mezes wrote. "Every reality is eternally real, pastness and futurity are merely illusions."

He became a full-time professor in 1898. In 1901, he wrote an influential work on ethics, titled *Ethics, Descriptive and Explanatory*. He earned a promotion to dean in 1902, serving as a philosophy professor simultaneously. In 1908, Mezes was appointed president of the university, the fifth person to hold the position. He was widely respected for his work as a scholar and administrator. The college expanded steadily. He added a new library and a new Department of Economic Geology. Within five years, enrollment expanded 20 percent, from 2,500 students to 3,000.

In 1913, the newly-inaugurated President Woodrow Wilson asked him to become U. S. education commissioner, but he

declined. Instead, Mezes decided to take a new position as the fourth president of the City College of New York. He assumed his new post in 1914. He left the university on good terms, and the board of regents asked him his opinions on the direction of the university. He published this as *The Future of the University of Texas* in 1914, which helped form a blueprint for expansion.

The same spirit of innovation he brought to UT he brought to CCNY. Here, the college added schools of civil administration, business, education, and engineering, becoming a respected institution in New York.

At the request of Wilson, Mezes became the director of a committee of scholars informally called "The Inquiry" to investigate the causes of the war and to identify and evaluate possible solution to prevent a future war. These suggestions were later formulated into Wilson's Fourteen Points, which he outlined in a speech in January 1918. At the end of the war, Mezes served as a diplomat as part of the American delegation negotiating the Treaty of Versailles, the shape of the peace to come. He wrote a section from a 1921 series of recollections titled *What Really Happened at Paris*.

By the mid-1920s, Mezes began experiencing serious health problems. The situation became so bad that he retired as the CCNY president in 1927 at the age of 64, having seen enrollment quadruple from 5,200 to more than 20,000. He returned to California; and when his health permitted, he traveled to Europe and different parts of the U. S. The University of Texas honored him with the special title of president emeritus in 1929. He died at his home in Pasadena, California, in 1931.

The university remembered his many contributions and dedicated a new building in his memory in 1953. Mezes Hall today is a multi-use classroom building used by various departments and organizations on campus, including the Texas Politics Project, the Spanish Department, the Government Department, and the European Studies Department.

From the City of River Oaks

City Council Meetings

The City Council of River Oaks meets on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month. Agendas for the meetings are available as soon as they are posted on the City's website. Minutes of each meeting will also be available once they are completed and posted.

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Friday, March 26:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 74. South wind 10-15mph increasing to 15-20mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25mph.

PM - Clear, low around 52.



Saturday, March 27:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 81.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 53.



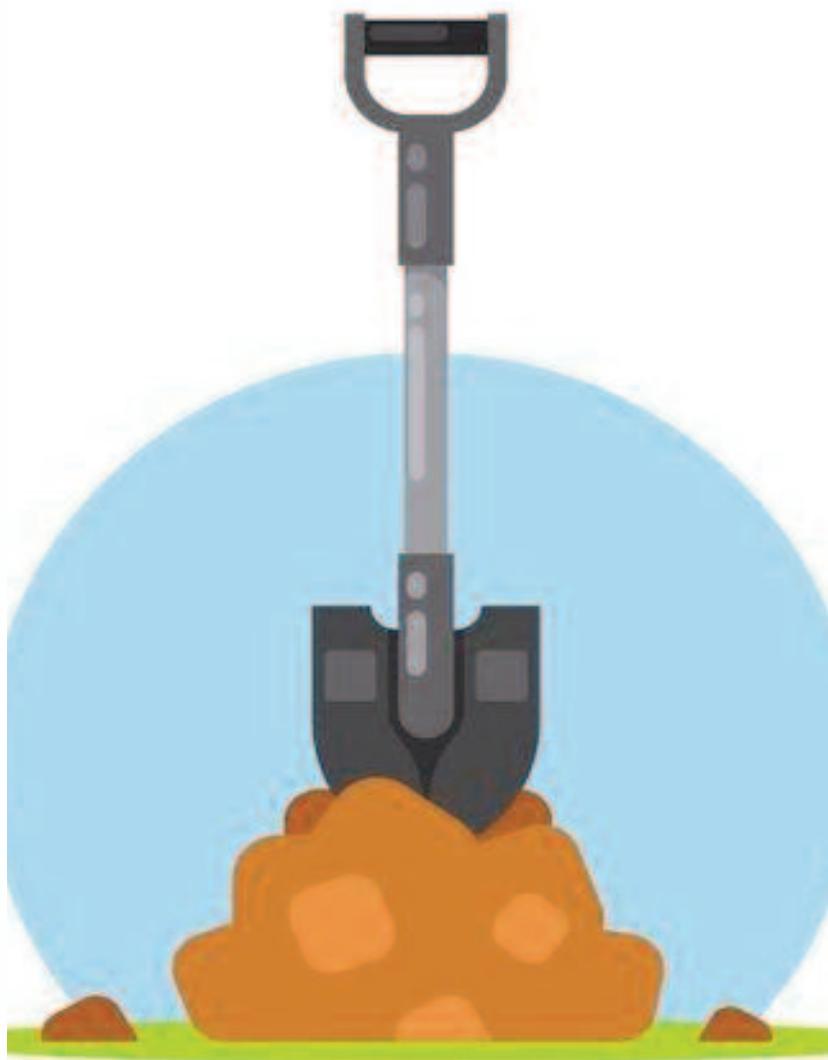
Sunday, March 28:

AM - Sunny, with a high around 74.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)

Community Garden Workday!




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Date: March 27th, 2021

Time: 9:00am

Place: Heritage Park

You're Invited!

The Community Garden will be at Heritage Park. Our project for the day will be rearranging the bricks that are already there and filling them with fresh dirt so we can plant vegetables in a few weeks. In order to participate you must fill out the Volunteer Form with The City of River Oaks. If you do not have access to print or scan it don't worry, I will have some the day of!

What to Bring?

- Large and Small Shovels
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We are asking that everyone does wear a mask and social distance when able to so we can continue to stay safe and healthy.

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River Oaks Community Garden