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On August 24th, Alvin ISD teachers and staff welcomed back to school 21,383 students to the 25 campuses that make up the district. This was an increase of 1,109 students as compared to the first day of school the year prior.

As enrollment continues to soar,

district administrators, including Dr. Buck Gilcrease, superintendent of schools, could be seen around the district, partnering with principals and teachers, as students were welcomed back to class.

“This is an exciting time for our students, as well as our teachers and staff. It’s always a privilege to see the students return each school year, filled with excitement,” said Gilcrease.

At each of the campuses, students could be seen excitedly returning from summer break. When asked what he looked forward to this school year, Alvin Junior High student-athlete Kyler mentioned that he was excited to see all of his friends and to continue to do great things in the class and on the field.

Nolan Ryan Junior High sixth grade student Maddie mentioned that she is just excited to take on new challenges, and be the best that she can be. “I want to make my mother proud,” mentioned Maddie.

Junior high students weren’t the only ones with goals and aspirations for the 2015-16 school year. Second grade Wilder Elementary student Zavier mentioned that he, along with his mother and father worked on goals together before the school year began. Zavier is the son of past Alvin ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year, Ralph Presley.

“In the same way that I work with my son to set clear goals and expectations for each school year, I do so for every student who enters my doors. I want all of my students to experience success, and encourage them daily to be great,” said Presley. “This is going

to be a great school year!”

“Both of my daughters started new schools this year and received a warm welcome at both campuses. We really appreciated the opportunity to meet their teachers and familiarize ourselves with the campuses early on. Communication from the schools has been excellent, whether it’s via emails, text messages, or handouts sent home. Both of my daughters have come home from school excited to share about their day, which makes me happy,” said Sandy Luhrsen, Alvin ISD parent.

With each new school year comes new beginnings and new students who join the Alvin ISD family. As the district continues to grow, efforts continue to be made to ensure that every student is engaged in unique learning experiences in a supportive environment that allows for each student to excel and reach their maximum potential. With additional students, and tremendous growth, district leaders are continuing to put plans in place to ensure that students are provided safe and secure learning environments, as well as the educational resources needed for students to experience outstanding learning opportunities. The growth has led the Alvin ISD Board of Trustees to call a bond election that will allow the district to continue to serve the growing population of students.

This year Alvin ISD opened the new Manvel Junior High School, located at 7302 McCoy Rd., in Manvel. Students, parents and staff alike were excited for the opening of the new campus.

“The start of the school year is always a busy time, but we were excited to meet all of our new students, and ensure that they were enrolled in classes that best suit their needs,” said Manvel Junior High Counselor, Lakeisha Williams.

Other campuses in the works are Bill Hasse Elementary in Alvin, Meridiana Elementary in Iowa Colony, as well as Shadow Creek High School in Pearland. All of the mentioned campuses are set to open for the start of the 2016-17 school year. In addition renovations are underway at Alvin Junior High to expand the campus, and

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enhancements and additions to the Career & Technical Education program and facilities. Construction has also begun on the new Godwin Agricultural Facility at a site near Fairview Jr. High, which will provide a facility for district agricultural events.

“We are appreciative of the continued support of our parents, community members and stakeholders. It is because of this support that we are able to continue our efforts of ensuring that Alvin ISD is able to focus on providing excellence for each student we are entrusted to serve,” said Gilcrease.

To stay informed on all of the great things occurring in Alvin ISD visit [www.alvinisd.net](http://www.alvinisd.net).

Cutlines:

Pledge: Alvin ISD elementary students taking time to say the pledge on the first day of school. Thumbs up: Alvin ISD elementary student Reyansh gives two thumbs up when asked about his first day of school. 1st day at NRJH: Nolan Ryan Junior High students were excited upon entering the campus to return to classes on the first day of school.

IMG 3947: Fairview Junior High students during a class change on the first day of school. Zavier and Mrs. Holland: Wilder Elementary student with 3rd grade teacher Kara Holland, getting ready for the first day of class.

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In July, Symphonic Band I was named a class 3C State Honor Band Finalist in the Texas Music Educators Association State Honor Band Contest, after finishing first at the region and area levels of the contest. Both the TMEA State Honor Band Contest and the Mark of Excellence Competition require groups to submit their spring semester concert and contest recordings for evaluation by some of the most outstanding musicians in the country. It is an absolute honor to be recognized on a state and national level for the hard work and dedication of our students and staff.

Congratulations, Symphonic Band I, Nolan Ryan Junior High, and directors Josh Mooney, Freddy Patrick, Hannah Fry, and Lou Boldrighini.

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