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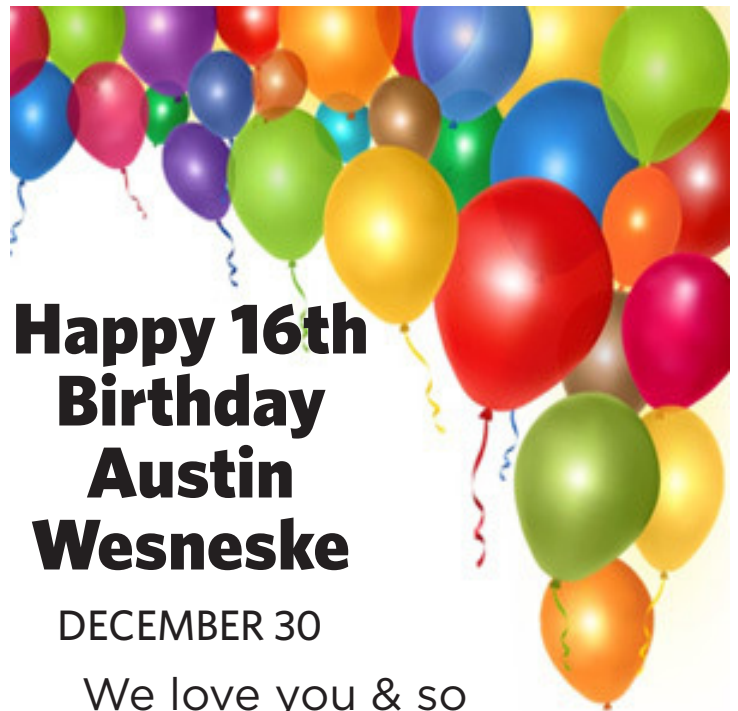
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The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation in partnership with Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Houston Methodist West Hospital will host the 8th Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational December 7, 8, & 9, 2017. Wainwright Dental & Associates, P.C., a longtime supporter of this elite high school basketball tournament, has joined with Underwood Orthodontics, Spradley Endodontics, and Spring Cypress Oral Surgery and Implant Center as premier sponsors. The Cy-Hoops tournament looks to engage the community, promote the sport of basketball, and foster community spirit, while raising funds for student scholarships and innovative staff development programs for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.

This year's Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational is loaded with talent including the 2017 6A State Champion Cypress Falls Golden Eagles and 2017 Class 4A State Champion Silsbee Tigers. The tournament showcases the 10 Cypress Fairbanks ISD boys' varsity basketball teams, along with 14 out of district teams. Preseason rankings by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches have five (5) out of district teams competing in this tournament ranked in the top 25. Dekaney High School is returning to defend their title as last year's Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational winner.

Join the community in cheering on our teams at the Berry Center, Cypress Falls High School, Cypress Woods High School and Cypress Ridge High School Thursday through Saturday, December 7-9, 2017. The tournament bracket will be posted on the Berry Center website after Thanksgiving.

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Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

At the December 21 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, members and guests will enjoy cheery festivities during the annual Holiday Luncheon and Gift Exchange Event. As always, guests are welcome and encouraged to join in and network. Please join us and be a part of the fun.

### **About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)**

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We generally meet once a month, usually at a member's home, or a local restaurant, and occasionally at Christ the Redeemer. Our meetings consist of food and drinks, prayer and fellowship! We occasionally have a speaker on topics that pertain to our faith, have fun craft nights, attend Christ the Redeemer events, try out new restaurants, and we also "give back" to the community and the church with some sort of charity or donation activity several times a year.

Our main goals are:

- To bring the CtR women of these two neighborhoods together to make social connections with each other,
- To support one another,
- To surround ourselves with women who share a common faith, and
- To bring those that are hesitant to attend CtR each weekend for Mass (due to the large size of the parish) back to Mass because there will be a friendly face in the crowd.

For more information, please contact Amy Wilkes at apw1974@juno.com, or search for our group on Facebook - Fair Ladies of

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I'm not going to lie. Living and dealing with emotional trauma is no cup of tea. You feel lost, beaten, broken, and very much alone. You frequently feel things will never get better. After all, how can they ever be as good as they were (or, at least, as good as you thought they were) when you're this broken shell of a person. Then, you watch and see the rest of the world passing, and think, "Why even try? It's hopeless."

With the passing of spring, I've been thinking about the significance of this particular season at this junction of my life. Spring is the season of rebirth and renewal; the time of fresh starts. So, as I sit & watch the renewal of everything around me, I wonder... What about me? Can I be renewed? Is there enough left of this broken person to put back together, fill the holes, and turn out a new person fresh and whole?

I've found that spending time with friends, both the human and equine variety, is a great healer. They have become my glue that pulls the shattered pieces back together. While spending quiet moments relaxing with my horse I hear God more clearly, telling me that I have purpose in this life. What came before was meant to happen, if only to prepare me for what is to come and to help me become the

person He means me to be. Learning God's plans for me not only helps reassemble the scattered pieces, but leads me to discover new pieces, more vibrant than the old ever were. Suddenly, I find myself renewed and, just like that, there it is--- Hope Resurrected

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**Where** – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Community Life Center  
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**When** – January 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm

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## TAPPS ONE ACT PLAY RESULTS



On November 6 and 7, high school drama students (cast and crew) traveled to Kerrville for the TAPPS Division III State One-Act Play contest held at the beautiful Callioux Theater. The state-level competition was extremely stiff, but the RCS team performed a stunning and flawless performance of "Sister, Sister". As a team, RCS placed fifth in the state. Additionally, the following students received individual all-state awards:

Paige Powers: All Star Cast

Allison Strange: All Star Cast Honorable Mention

We give all glory to God and were humbled and blessed to be able to represent Him and RCS for the fifth year in a row at the State Contest. It was an amazing time of teamwork, bonding, and unity and we are truly blessed.

Drama Director Teri Clark says: "This is always such an amazing experience for these kids. We have some fun and very meaningful group times and devotionals, as well as team building, and play rehearsals. Even the load-in and tech rehearsal ran like a well-oiled

machine. It has been so gratifying to see all of my students grow, learn and hone their skills and talents. Some of them I have worked with for four years; others were on cast or crew for the first time. They are all excellent young men and women both on and off the stage. They are avid learners, good listeners, supportive of each other, and respectful of authority. Each individual student is a true blessing to me, and represented the school and our Lord with talent and integrity.

We have learned so much as a cast and crew working on this play. We have looked at issues surrounding children and adults with intellectual disabilities, and their families. We see the compassion, frustrations, hardships, compromise, fun times, and self-doubt. But most of all, we see that love and grace can draw the family together.

The team will be performing "Sister, Sister" at RCS on Monday, November 13 at 6:30 PM on the Building H Stage. The entire RCS family is invited to attend this free performance. We look forward to performing this play for you and welcome you to come hear our story. We will also be honoring our seniors at that time. We hope to see you there!

Go Eagles!

Teri Clark & Shannon Strange

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