

## Around the District



### Taft HS Quartet performs for Mayor.

The Taft HS Quartet Symphonia performed at a luncheon hosted by Mayor Phil Hardberger to launch The Cultural Collaborative on Tuesday, September 20, at the International Center. Due, in part, to their performance, the quartet was invited to perform at the

San Antonio Founders' Day Celebration in the recently restored band stand at San Pedro Springs Park on October 22. The Taft HS orchestra teacher is **Robert Jones**.

### Excel Academy relocates.

The Northside Excel Academy will relocate from its current location at the Northside Learning Center to the Holmes HS campus in January 2006. The school will continue to serve seniors who need an alternative method to complete required graduation credits. The phone will remain 397-8120; however the address will be 6500 Ingram Rd., Bldg F.

### Technology Services honors employees.

Each quarter, the Technology Services Division honors various employees in their Employee Recognition Program. Read about the fourth quarter 2005 individual and team award recipients at [HYPERLINK www.nisd.net/technology/recognition.htm](http://www.nisd.net/technology/recognition.htm). Honorees receive certificates and are recognized via the Technology Services website and on the "Wall of Fame" at NLC Building D.

### Best deals in town.

SeaWorld coupons worth \$9 off admission and good through November 27 are available in the Partnerships Office, 5617 Grissom. The Northside Education Foundation also gets a portion of each ticket sold using this postcard (coupon). The best-price-anywhere for a 2006 Season Pass to Six Flags is \$46.99 at Partnerships Office now through February 5, 2006. Parking passes for 2006 are also available for \$20.

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## RAVES

**Jeff Anderson**, an English and Reading teacher at **Rayburn MS**, has a book coming out in November titled *Mechanically Inclined*, explaining how to incorporate grammar instruction into writing in context. Anderson is the third NISD teacher to publish in the field of English language arts. **Jodi Ramos**, music teacher at **Steubing ES**, wrote *Elementary Mini Lessons*, and **Gretchen Bernabei**, English teacher at **O'Connor HS**, wrote *Why We Must Run with Scissors* and *Revising the Essay*.

**Sam Harris**, World History teacher at **Communications Arts HS** has been selected by Aramco and the Institute of International Education to participate in the Aramco Educators to Saudi Arabia Program for a 10-day visit as a guest of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during the Thanksgiving holidays. Only 20 teachers from around the nation were selected. While there, he will visit high schools, meet with other educators, and "better understand the Arabian culture."

**Patience McGuire**, the librarian at **Glenn ES**, is doing a series of articles for *School Library Media Activities Monthly*. The first one is in the October issue titled, *3 Strategies for Intensifying Student Involvement in the Teaching/Learning Process*.

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